

*RYSE creates safe spaces grounded in social justice that build youth power for young people to love, learn, educate, heal and transform the lives and communities.*

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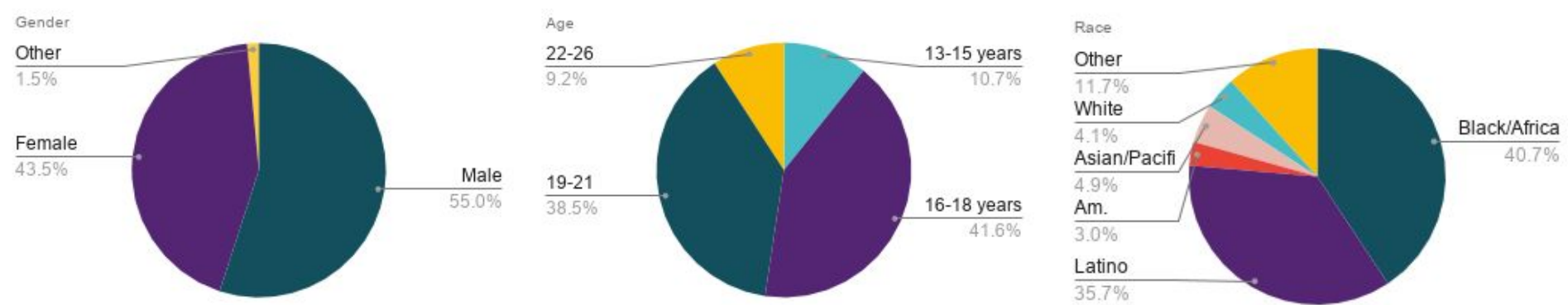
- ✓ Home
- ✓ 'Beloved Community'
- ✓ Movement
- ✓ *RYSE Commons...coming soon!*

**RYSE provides:**

- Sanctuary and safe space
- Opportunities to connect, heal, learn, and lead
- Programs in Community Health, Youth Leadership, Media, Arts & Culture, Education & Justice
- Trauma response and triage



# RYSE's Membership



- **700+** members engage in programming each year;
- **5,000** members since 2008
- **10,000+** additional youth through schools, community outreach, public events, etc.

# Liberation Impact Tools

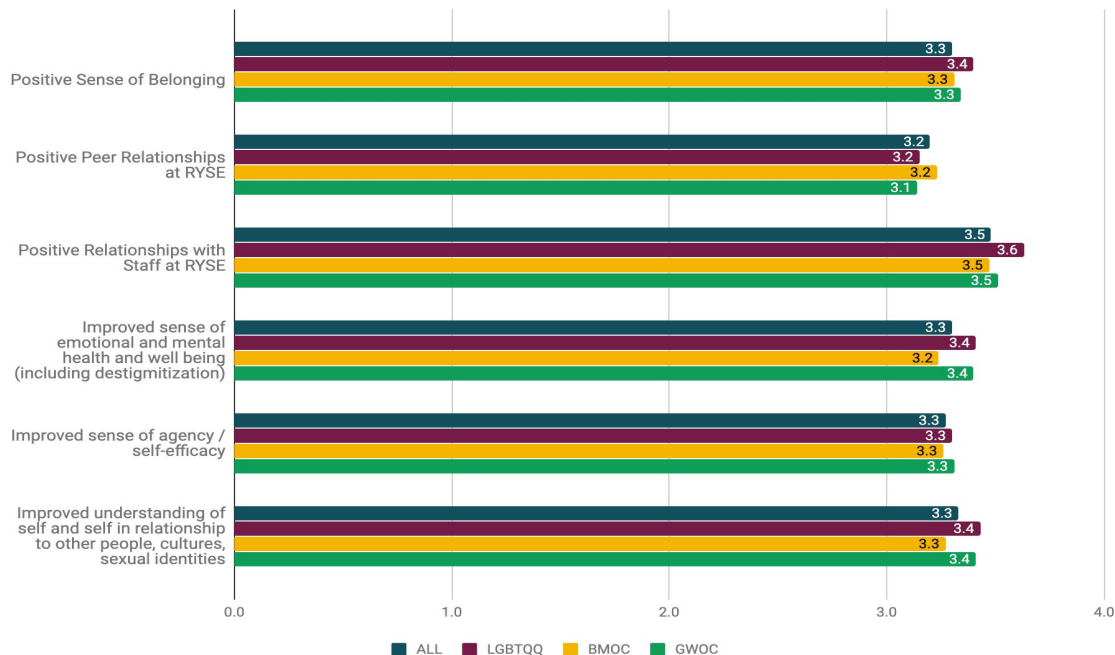
Inquiry tools measure RYSE Values, Principles, and Outcomes experienced by Young People

**98%** feel a sense of safety, respect, and community with RYSE staff and young people

**98%** feel a better understanding of their self and community and pay more attention to their emotions and feelings

**91%** feel a better understanding of different races & cultures, and could speak up or make a positive difference

**97%** reported that counseling or case management is space of safety, mutual trust, and helping with emotional and navigation goals.



# Conditions



**Young people treated as problem, risk, threat**

**BIYOC adultified by systems  
(Black, Indigenous, Youth of Color)**

**Overly focused on individual behavior change; metrics of  
compliance**

**COVID/State Violence has revealed and escalated harm**

*In light of and in spite of these conditions, young people continue to show up for each other, for us, for our communities, for the generations that follow.*





# Investing in young people's humanity - holistic mental health

**Eliminate diagnosis threshold**

**Support Multiple modalities of care - creative and expressive outlets**

**Invest in culturally-responsive, attuned to racialized distress**

**Fund play, joy, celebration**





# Investing in young people's lives and livelihood

**Guaranteed Basic Income/Guaranteed Material Needs**

**Regional Hubs: Continuum of Care and Belonging**

**County Fund for Children and Youth**

**Restorative and Transformative Justice Investments**



# Investing in Adult Development, Mutual Support and Accountability



**Healing-centered approaches in all youth-serving programs**  
(asset/affirmation-centered, racial and gender justice, harm reduction)

**Culture-building, training, and ongoing support for provider ecosystem**

**(Re)allocate resources to BIPOC providers and partners; invest in professional pathways for BIPOC**

**Shift our accountability to young people, not the systems**  
(did we meet the needs, or just address the behaviors?)

