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Youth Services Report

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Youth Services Overview

Youth = Age 14-24

- Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)
- Cal-Learn
- Helping Youth Participate in Employment (HYPE) Summer Youth Program
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs
- Youth Centers

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Youth Served on August 30, 2022

36.5%

Approximate percent of the youth population, age 14-24 in Contra Costa County*

56,624

Number of unduplicated youth age 14-24 served

- Medi-Cal: **96.5%** (54,631)
- CalFresh: **24.4%** (13,811)
- CalWORKs: **5.7%** (3,239)
- Received supportive services such as Adoption Assistance, Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP), Foster Care, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs, and KinGAP: **3.5%** (1,965) **



Data Sources: CalWIN Tables MR0007E and INDV for benefits program participant list and ad-hoc ILSP, Summer Youth Program, CalLearn, and WIOA Youth participant lists

* Estimate obtained from 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Table S0101; added the number of age 15-19 individuals, age 20-24 individuals, and 20% of age 10-14 individuals = ~155,314

** Programs are described in subsequent slides

Youth Served in August 2022

Program	% of Contra Costa Age 14-24 Youth Served*	Investment (Estimated August 2022 expenses)	Investment per Youth Served (Estimated August 2022 expenses per youth)
Medi-Cal	35.1% (54,631)	-	-
CalFresh	8.9% (13,811)	-	-
CalWORKs	2.1% (3,239)	-	-
Independent Living Skills Program	<1% (520)	\$52,011	\$100
Cal-Learn	<1% (21)	\$44,083	\$2,099
Helping Youth Participate in Employment (HYPE) Summer Youth Program	<1% (14)	\$19,320	\$1,380
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs	<1% (178)	\$142,058	\$798

* ~155,314 individuals; estimate obtained from 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Table S0101 by adding the number of age 15-19 individuals, age 20-24 individuals, and 20% of age 10-14 individuals



Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)

Youth Served (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

ILSP provides services to youth who are in care or recently transitioned from Foster Care.

Highlights

Education

- 39 foster youth received \$200 high school graduation stipends in partnership with the Office of Education.
- \$75,000 in scholarships awarded to 29 foster youth, 1 adopted youth, 1 reunified youth, 1 probation youth, and 1 Kin-GAP youth.
- 22 youth attended Foster Youth Success workshops provided by local Contra Costa community colleges.
- 41 youth completed Federal Student Aid applications.
- 23 foster youth received laptops from the Bridging Tech Charitable Fund.

Employment

- 15 referrals to Job Corps and Civic Corps
- 27 referrals to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) case managers for employment services
- 81 workshops by financial institutions
- 9 paid internship positions through Family Harvest Farm

Well-Being

- 43 youth attended the Healthy Relationship curriculum provided by Shores of Hope.
- 182 Transitional Independent Living Plans (TILPs) were developed.
- Average of 141 youth per month received one-on-one services.
- 59 youth with time-sensitive needs received financial support from the ILSP Fund (managed by VESTIA, Inc.). To date, \$14,670 has been spent.

Housing

- 76 youth housed

Cal-Learn

Cal-Learn helps youth, who are pregnant or parenting, age 19 or younger, and receiving CalWORKs, graduate from high school, obtain their GED, or equivalent.

Highlights

- 21** Number of youth served by Cal-Learn in August 2022
- 3** Number of teens who obtained their GED



HYPE Summer Youth Program

Helping Youth Participate in Employment (HYPE) is a pilot Summer Youth Program with Pittsburg High School to serve youth ages 14 and 15 whose parents are receiving CalWORKs.

Highlights

14 Number of youth attended Pittsburg High School's Credit Recovery Program and earn pay for attendance and progress. These youth attended various workshops, such as resume writing, money management, mock interviews, etc. They learned soft skills and obtained job readiness education.



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program

provides comprehensive career & educational planning, including paid work-experience/internships, GED or high school completion, dollars for training, work readiness, job search assistance, and post-secondary education preparation.

- **WIOA Out of School Youth Program** – Services for out-of-school youth with barriers or challenges to employment, including unhoused or disabled, and current or former foster youth.
- **WIOA In-School Youth Program** – Services to low-income youth who are in school.

Highlights

178 Number of youth served by WIOA in August 2022



Youth Centers

EHSD is administering the development and operations of at least two **Youth Centers** to be established in East and Central County.

A Request for Interest (RFI) was issued seeking qualified contractor(s) to lead the planning process.

RFI Details

- Project management and public engagement
- Steering committee formation, survey instruments, interviews, focus groups, and public engagement workshops to solicit input from local communities
- Deliver a youth-centered program design, implementation plan and proposed budget for each youth center
- The deadline to submit proposals was September 20, 2022
 - Two (2) bids received

