

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATES 2025



About Us

The Youth Engagement Project (YEP) is a partnership between CFPIC and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to improve Child Welfare policies, programs and practices by building capacity for youth engagement at the state and local level.

Demographics

- ✓ 21 counties
- ✓ 40 Youth Ambassadors

County Projects

Butte

- Presentations and brochure development to county representatives regarding mental health, LGBTQ+, homeless population, etc.
- Development of SILP video

Fresno

- College tours for ILP students
- Foster youth advisory board development and recruitment board
- Graduation planning

Glenn

- Ensuring youth attend ILP classes
- Increase graduation rates by assessing and addressing barriers to graduation

Los Angeles

- Youth participation in graduation events
- Providing assistance to youth to obtain their REAL IDs
- Building relationships with post-secondary institutions and child welfare

Marin

- Participation in Interagency Leadership Team meetings and Foster & Homeless Executive Advisory Council (EAC)
- Youth developed survey to identify on barriers to educational success

Mendocino

- Review and implementation of ILP curriculum
- Statewide information gathering regarding contact information and out of county process.

Nevada

- Collaboration with local organizations to raise awareness and funds to support youth attendance at the foster youth education summit
- Media participation
- Interagency Leadership Team participation

Riverside

- Video of youths' stories to share with caregivers and social workers
- Legislative advocacy regarding placement
- QPI work to provide youth feedback including comfort call process.
- Attending QPI meetings

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County Projects

San Bernardino

- Development of Independent City event
- Development of pro-social activities for STRTP programs
- Proposal for REAL ID
- Graduation keynote address

San Luis Obispo

- Outreach activities to post human trafficking posters in gas stations and other locations and resources to unsheltered individuals
- Contribute articles to Parent Engagement Newsletters
- Hosts Friendsgiving and care bags for the homeless

San Diego

- Assistance with development of ILP website to include youth voice
- Youth provided keynote address at countywide graduation event
- Youth focus groups to provide feedback on current ILP processes

Santa Clara

- Project to develop road map for youth to achieve independence by completing milestones
- Development and facilitation of focus groups to gather feedback on milestone project

Sonoma

- Developed a tech application/repository for documents for Transitional Age Youth
- Developed curricular for new STRTP, participated in hiring of clinical staff.
- Created and shared training for child welfare staff

Stanislaus

- Creation of education presentation shared with county educators
- Participation in LGBTQ+ MDT meetings and support in the development of LGBTQ+ youth/adult supporter survey around the needs of LGBTQ+ youth in the county

Sacramento

- Planning and facilitation of monthly ILP classes and events to increase youth engagement

San Joaquin

- Field trips to universities with ILP youth
- ILP curriculum and presentations on financial literacy
- Create sexual health education resource bags for youth

Tulare

- Video presentations to be shared with Tulare leadership
- Attendance at the Interagency Leadership Team and Prevention Cabinet Meetings

Yolo

- Field trips to universities with ILP youth
- ILP curriculum and presentations on financial literacy
- Mentorship of ILP youth

