

INTEGRATING YOUTH-LED RESEARCH INTO COMMUNITY-BASED CHANGE EFFORTS



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Introduction to YLI

The **Youth Leadership Institute** builds communities where youth and their adult allies come together to create positive social change.

Building on real world program experience, YLI creates evidence-based curricula and training programs that reveal young people's leadership skills in the area of prevention, civic engagement and youth philanthropy.



Teen subdued with Stun gun after high school campus altercation

LA TIMES

Teen convicted in driving death

September 1, 2009

SoCal teen pleads not guilty in student's slaying

Published online on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009

The Associated Press

Monday, May 12, 2008

Woman's beating prompts call for teen drinking fines

Laguna Hills court
underage parties.

By ERIKA I. RIT
The Orange Coun

LAGUNA HILLS
woman in Nellie
neighborhood outrage
officials to look at
control teen party
In mid-April, the
outside her house
with a baseball bat
parents believe w
a nearby home. S
injuries.

The injuries drew
Councilwoman M
now asking her co
City Council mee
social-host ordina
underage drinking

The ordinance would hold adults ac-
countable for providing a location for
teen drinking and could result in a fine
of \$1,000.

stance Abuse at Columbia University,
or CASA, which issued the report.
"Alcohol is the fatal attraction for many
teens, a major factor in the three lead-
ing causes of teen death -- accidents,
homicide and suicide," said Califano,
the former head of the U.S. Department
of Health, Education and Welfare.

graders.
-- Most teens who experiment with
alcohol continue using it. Among high
school seniors who had tried alcohol,
91.3 percent still were drinking in the
12th grade.
-- Those who begin drinking before the
age of 15 are four times more likely to

Second arrest in party death of Orinda teen

the party, authorities said.
on Hillcrest Drive was thrown
old Patrick "P.J." Gabrielli
es a few
from the Loudon home and
ball and rugby with him.
g men attended Miramonte
ol in Orinda.
as booked into county jail
suspicion of furnishing al-
nors and contributing to the
y of a minor. He was released
bail.

Young people are often
cast as the problem...

They must also be engaged
in crafting the solutions!



By the end of this first presentation, participants will:

- Receive an Overview of MYEEP project
- Learn More About Engaging Young People in Youth-led Research
- Learn About Project Outcomes and Findings
- Understand More about the links Between Supporting Youth Researchers & Evaluators and Youth Labor Participation

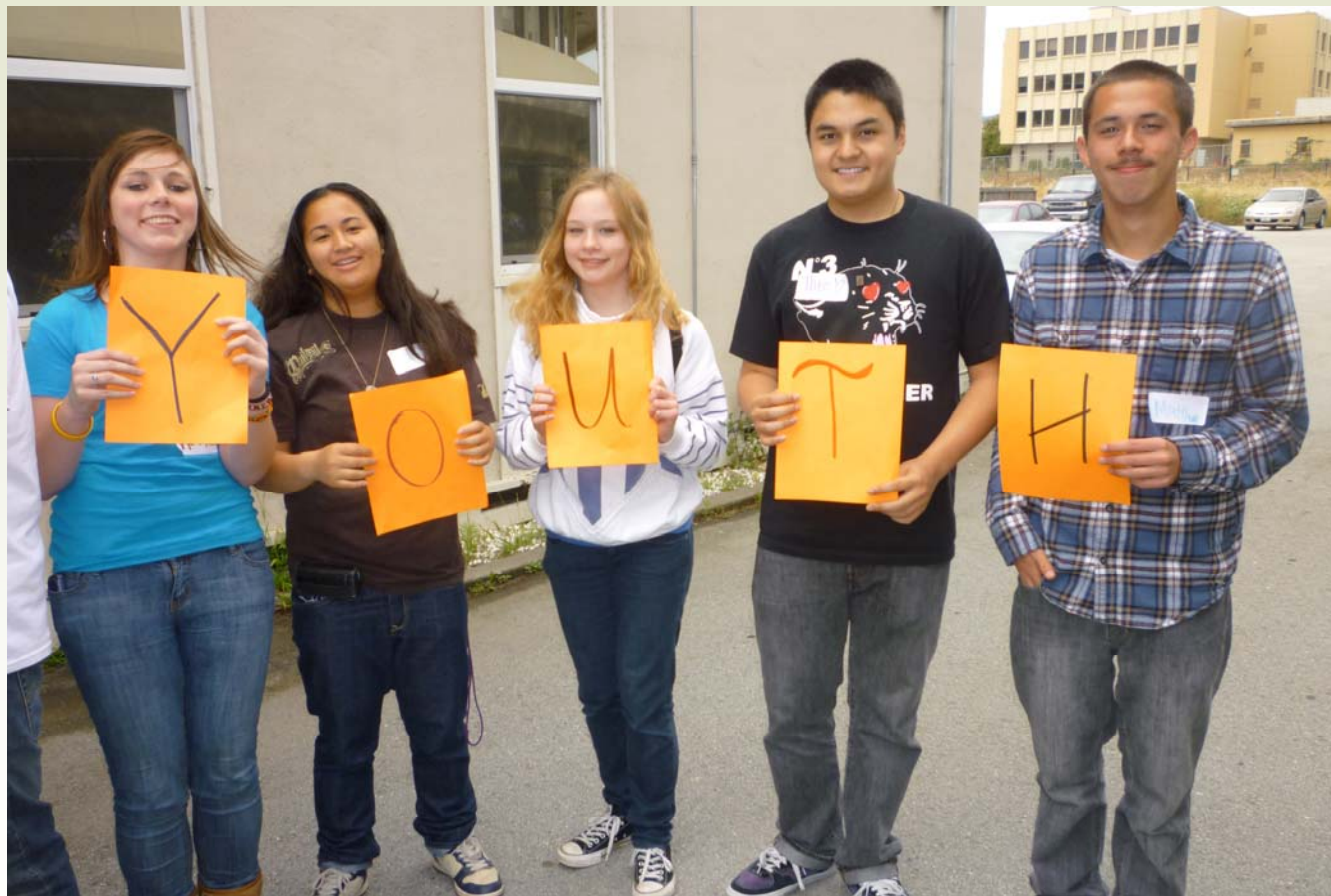
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO DO THIS?

Research skills - YLI uses 7 Steps of Research and Evaluation:

1. Define goal
2. Determine how to measure it
3. Design research/evaluation process
4. Collect data
5. Analyze & interpret data
6. Develop recommendations
7. Review and evaluate



Skill Building Exercise



WHAT DID YOU DO ?

7 Steps of Research and Evaluation:

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

YOUTH TEAM

- 8 youth from across San Francisco
- Age range 14-19
- High School students
- Different social and economic backgrounds



PROJECT OVERVIEW

MAYOR'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (MYEEP)

- 1400 youth per year
- 71% 14-16 years old
- 98% youth of color
- 38% receive public assistance

Largest youth employer in the City of San Francisco



WHAT HAPPENED?

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- ASSESSMENT
- TRAINING
- WORK PLANNING
- DATA COLLECTION
- ANALYSIS
- REPORT



KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Lessons Learned from research
- b. What Does It Take to Do This Well?



KEY FINDINGS

- Inconsistent approach to addressing educational component of MYEEP
- Paperwork unmanageable, unclear and often prevents youth from planned participation
- No clear standard for administration, objectives and outcomes



KEY RECCOMENDATIONS

- CLARIFY EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT OF PROGRAM
- PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT TO COMPLETE AND MANAGE PAPERWORK
- CENTRALIZE OR DECENTRALIZE



NEXT STEPS: A CALL TO THE FIELD



OVERVIEW

- Engaging young people has positive outcomes for:
 - ✓ Youth
 - ✓ Organizations
 - ✓ Institutions
 - ✓ Communities



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