



Oakland Fund for Children and Youth



5.15 POC Input Session Notes

Date: May 15, 2024

Location: Youth Employment Partnership

Note Taker: Allie Hu-Nguyen

Key Themes:

- Youth needs and experiences have change due to the pandemic, and transition back to in-person work and school; increase need for socioemotional support, ability to work in person.
- Jobs availability for youth in City has decreased, while there is an increased need for job opportunities and career pathways.
- Youth homelessness has increase leading to critical needs for housing, basic needs, education tied to job (learn and earn).
- **Critical supports/What Oakland can do to help your children/family thrive** (notes from POC session and wall activity): mental and behavioral health, wellness centers on school sites, housing, job opportunities/career pathways, funded- creative/fun opportunities (arts, design, music), increase access to summer programs/activities/lunches.

Est. # Attendees: 4- staff from youth community development, safe passages, youth community opportunity and a city of Oakland staff.

A few folks on Zoom.

5 POC leaders: Meg, Jorge D-5, Letitia, Pecolia, Hassan

(POC should have sign in sheet- please take a pic!)

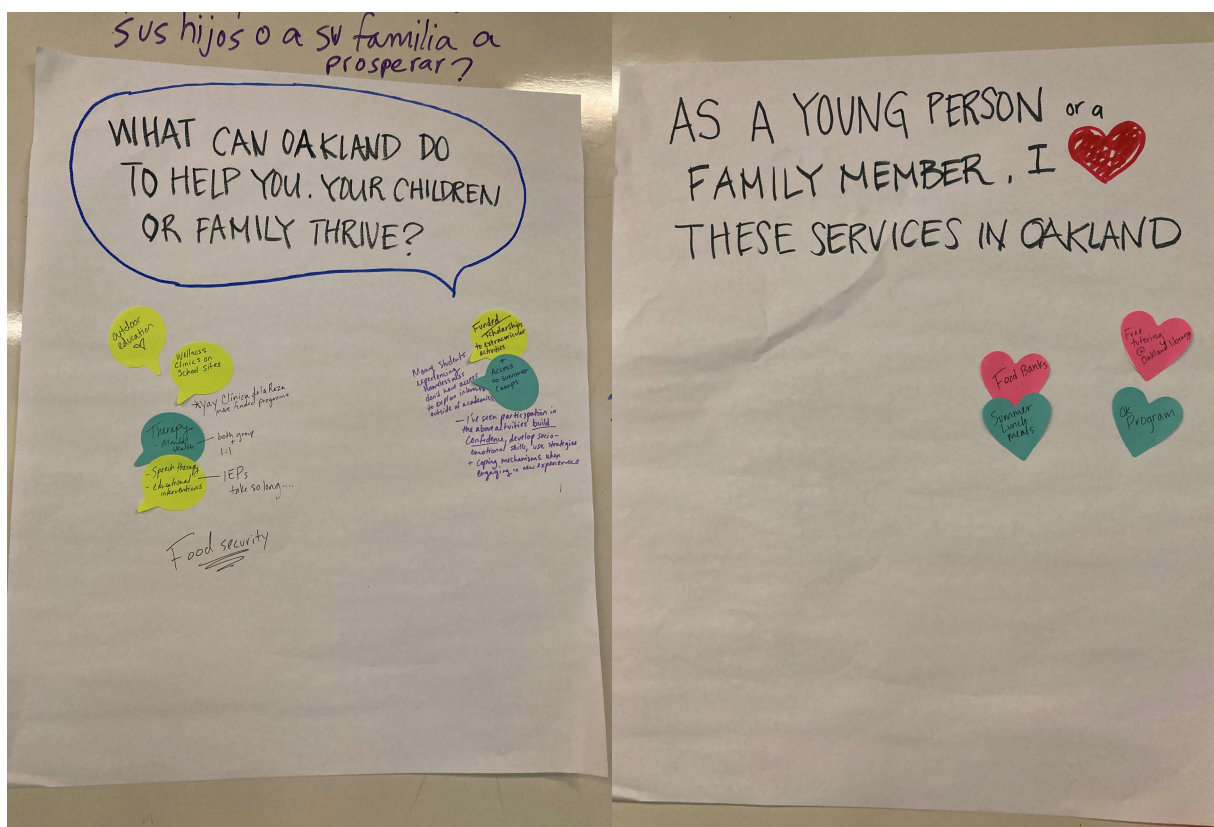
POC wants to find way to engage and outreach to young people so they can provide input to the OFCY strategic plan, and what they want in Oakland. (ex. Incentives, making things fun, videos) How to reach and appeal to range of youth (engaged and disengaged).

Feeling positive about doing an in-person in neighborhood sessions.



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Wall Activity





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Question	Notes
What has changed for children and youth in Oakland over the last three years?	• Transition back from physical to virtual programming, switching to in person work big change. Youth work remotely. They do not have experience that allow them to work remotely effectively. • Transitioning from zoom to in-person; not the same; after being inside for 2 years, a lot to go back in school. Some have energy some “are we really okay” Parents concern that youth are not the way they were back in 2020 (pre-pandemic); kids are not the same before • Impact of pandemic change lives of youth; concern for social emotional development of children. Babies doing zoom—transitioning and managing relationships in person. While our measure is enhancement and expansion—what does quality of development in classroom. Concern about deficit in locally and state. (City of Oakland staff for • Community education partnership- [providing services for homelessness. Statistic on brain 63% don’t grad from high school more likely to experience homelessness. • POC asked questions about shift of demographics and impact on young people and families relocating.
What supports are critical to you, your children, or the children and family that you work with?	• It’s good to keep young people occupied. • It’s expensive and boring in Oakland; more real-life training/art/creativity, different cultures and people • (City of Oakland) Opportunities to engage youth, internship (skill building), mental health supports. Funding is taken away in mental health at state side; deficit will lead to less funding. Want alignment and identify gaps that isn’t being supported apprenticeship and pathways for young people. They are doing an evaluation and engagement through videos (tick tock). • Job training and summer job grants at YEP, YEP offers 360 jobs every summer, workforce program for students who drop out with high graduation rate (80%)—pair school with work which move things forward. Tiny home communities through YEP. Homelessness has been long term effect on young people. Now it is our lane to provide—emergency tiny house shelters; dorms for 1-3 years for young people for college degrees to move out of homelessness. Push OFCY to fund. Mental health has become extreme; funding on that is needed hard to fund that. Job training. Work. Enrichment for 14 years to high school for transitioning; English, Math one day and then summer job programming.
How can OFCY advance equity for children and youth in the City?	