



City of Oakland, Human Services Department
Oakland Fund for Children and Youth

Planning and Oversight Commission (POC) 06.12.2024 Meeting Notes:

Pecolia (Excused), Jasmine (Present), Jorge (Present), Letitia (Present), Jasmine (Absent), Meg (Present), Ahnoki (Absent), Selina (Absent), Hassan (Absent)

No quorum: no action taken.

Needs Assessment Input Session:

Question 1: What has changed for children and youth in Oakland over the last three years?

Question 2: What supports are critical to your children and family?

Question 3: How can OFCY advance equity in funding supports for children and youth in the city?

- Speaker 1: Staff from Safe Passages; A lot more services and support available for youth and family that weren't there, but youth are getting in trouble more and growing up faster. Young people are learning from past generations as well and are trying to do better. The way things are shown to and transmitted to people to show a more realistic view of what is really going on in the communities.
- Speaker 2: Staff from Safe Passages; A lot of good has happened; more opportunities for the youth to get paid, internship, family engagements. These programs that allow the youth to be exposed to different things and get out of their communities. Continuing to involve a lot of the programs that are here and keep them going because the youth really rely on these programs; the skills they learn from these programs can be used within their families which bridges that communication gap.
- Speaker 3: Safe Passages intern; graduated in 2022. Enjoying being a kid is a hard thing to do, technology is affecting how kids are being raised. Having a life coach and summer programs are needed and great are support to youth. Keeping the programs that allow youth to be able to make money, having a life coach and family engagement in necessary.
- Speaker 4: Life coach at Safe Passages; getting used to being back in school after COVID and being around people (issues with being social). Life coaches are essential to help with basic life skills. There are not enough life coaches to provide services to the youth. Family engagement is important too.
- Speaker 5: Citizen of the community; Kids have no social skills since COVID; social media is making it hard for them to socialize. Their ability to dream & hope is hard now; a lot of kids don't believe they deserve more out of life. A lot of the organizations are suffering in their numbers because COVID has affected how family's function; families are just now getting back to using these services and programs. These programs and services have to meet people where they are (closer to the schools/home), broaden the range of to allow families to qualify for these programs. There needs to be programs that empower the youth (basic life skills). OFCY is trying to fund as much as they can; I appreciate the work and the stress OFCY goes through; POC Input is great, outreach is needed.
- Speaker 6: Staff from Change to Come; After COVID it's been a big switch and the youth are behind in school. There's no place for youth to go to; a lot of programs are not available, or people don't know about them. Advocate for history for black and brown people; it is empowering for the head of the households to know this information because they will teach the kids and so on. The last question needs to be brought to the community and then the right people need to figure out who and where the money is going to make it happen.



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- Speaker 7: Student from McClymond's HS; uses services from SCRATT; kids want to do what they see adults are doing. After school programs are needed because family work a lot and they aren't around. SCRAAT allowed me to do a lot of things and interact with other people. Getting children more programs when they are young.
- Speaker 8: Staff from SPAAT; our communities don't have access to services that were here previously; a lot of kids don't want to participate because they aren't getting paid at all or right away; the education system need to be up to date and relevant as well as the programs and support (housing, food, opportunities to be exposed to the youth, leadership opportunities). Making sure our African American families get wrap around support, academic and life coach, positive adult outside of the family unit. Contract issue (waiting a year to get money and the processes that are in place to get the funds).

Sara Tiras and Selina Xue: YPAR Presentation

- Phase 1 allowed YPAR has gathered all the data and information from their research at four High Schools (Oakland Tech, Oakland High, Madison Academy and McClymond's).
- The timeline of Phase 1 was from January 2024-June 2024; Phase 2 will begin from July 2024-December 2024.
- The focus was Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in School
- Now the youth will analyze the data and summarize the findings; this data will be presented to City Council
- If funding is available, YPAR will happen again in four new High Schools.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm