

Empowering a Generation



ABOUT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

YEP was founded in 2004 to support formerly incarcerated young people as they transitioned back into their communities. Since then, YEP has expanded to engage young people who live in poverty, are out of school or work, or have experienced trauma.

Today, YEP's mission is to engage young people through community-based education, mentoring, employment readiness, and enrichment programs to help them develop skills and strengthen ties to family and community.

Our core purpose is to empower young people to improve their lives and the lives of others.

1000

youth participants
annually

450

high school equivalency
diplomas earned

2100

youth paired with
an adult mentor

16

years serving
the community



YEP EDUCATES

An adult education program that provides high school equivalency test preparation and basic instruction to out-of-school youth ages 16 and up.



YEP MENTORS

A community-based mentoring program for system-involved young people, ages 8 to 21, who are referred to YEP by our juvenile justice partners.



YEP ENRICHES

An out-of-school time enrichment program for young people, ages 7 to 18, including an afterschool program and summer camp in Central City.



YEP WORKS

A work-based learning program for youth, ages 16 to 24, during which participants earn stipends while gaining skills in customer service and social emotional learning.