

Elevate Youth California Logic Model



Elevate Youth California (EYC) is a statewide program addressing substance use disorder by investing in the leadership development and civic engagement of youth of color and 2S/LGBTQ+ youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.

Logic Model Assumptions

The following assumptions and external factors ground the EYC work and approach.

1.

The war on drugs disproportionately affected Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color and low-income communities

2.

Youth of color and 2S/LGBTQ+ youth across California face persistent challenges due to systematic and systemic underinvestment in their communities

3.

Youth are leaders, decision-makers, and drivers of community change

External Factors. Level of support from decision-makers to implement proposed recommendations for policy, systems, and environmental change; private and public infrastructure to support and sustain the work past the grant cycle.

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Inputs

- Department of Health Care Services staff and resources
- The Center staff
- Youth Education Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account (YEPEITA) funding
- Evidence-based, innovative, and community-defined prevention practices
- Cohort-based support model with three tracks (Standard 36 months, Innovation 33 months, and Capacity Building 30 months)

Activities

Social Justice Youth Programming

- Civic engagement related to substance use issues or their root causes
- Leadership development through youth-led community programming
- Mentorship/relationship-building between peers and adults

Substance Use Prevention Education, Services, and Supports

- Substance use prevention and early intervention, outreach, and training
- Providing and/or expanding access to resources, supports, or services that meet youths' individual needs

Outputs

The number of youth ...

- Participating in civic engagement program activities
- Leading cultural or community program activities
- Connected to a formal mentor or supportive relationship within the program
- Participating in substance use prevention and early intervention programmatic activities
- Connected to basic needs or other resources, supports, or services provided by the program or program partners

Outcomes

Short-term

- Increased participation of youth in EYC programming
- Increased knowledge in civic engagement, policymaking process and public officials among youth
- Increased number of youth who perceived themselves as being more empowered and confident
- Increased number of youth who have at least one stable, caring relationship with an adult/older youth mentor or peer
- Increased number of youth who understand that substance use is harmful
- Decreased number of youth who report a favorable attitude toward substance use

Intermediate

- Sustained engagement of youth in EYC programming
- Increased demonstrated ability to present on and engage in justice and equity issues—locally and beyond
- Increased demonstration of personal and collective agency through connection to the community
- Increased agency in determining future pathways
- Increased ability to develop and sustain positive relationships
- Increased healthy behaviors among youth

Long-term impacts

Community- and policy-level

- Sustained community capacity for civic engagement and organizing amongst youth and communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs
- Sustained policy support for continuous funding



- Policy, system, and environmental changes to increase protective factors (e.g., safe spaces, resources, support systems, community belonging) or reduce harms and risk associated with substance use
- Reduced substance use disorder and substance use initiation among youth
- Reduced substance use disparities among Black, Indigenous, and youth of color
- Positive shifts in narratives about youth most impacted by the war on drugs



Grassroots-level

- Sustained capacity of grassroots and emerging organizations to implement substance use prevention programs

Participant level

Funded partner level

- Organizational capacity-building activities by funded partners
- Training and technical assistance that supports the key areas of EYC programming by The Center and subcontractors (e.g., webinar on civic engagement, narrative change)

- Number of staff trainings or resources on relevant topics by funded partners
- Number of training and technical assistance hours partners participated in

- Increased knowledge among staff of funded partners of relevant topics regarding organization capacity and sustainability

- Enhanced finance operations; staff development, retention, and capacity; youth voice programming; and data skills among funded partner staff
- Increased amount of EYC partners receiving funding from a variety of sources

Community level

- Develop, enhance and/or expand key partnerships that contribute to EYC's collective goals and objectives

- Number of new organizational partnerships that contribute towards the collective goals of EYC and promote narrative change

- Increased awareness of substance use issues and youth-led solutions among organizations, decision-makers, or community members
- Increased level of collaboration among partners to address substance use, its root causes, and harmful narratives

- Increased number of organizations, decision-makers or community members who seek to address substance use, its root causes, and harmful narratives

Definitions. Assumptions – Beliefs, groundings, and contextual factors on which the work is premised; **External Factors** – Contextual factors that could influence the program; **Inputs** – investments into the program; **Activities** – Actions undertaken by funded partners; **Outputs** – Direct products/results of activities; **Short-term outcomes** – Changes expected to occur in a 1-year timeframe, including change in knowledge or attitudes; **Intermediate outcomes** – Changes expected to occur in a 2- to 3-year timeframe, including change in skills or behavior; **Long-term impact** – Results expected after the conclusion of project funding.



Elevate Youth California Logic Model | Examples of Funded Partner Activities

As part of the Elevate Youth California model, funded partners implement a variety of activities that incorporate social justice youth programming and include education, services, and supports. Specifically, funded partners: 1) implement culturally responsive activities grounded in harm reduction trauma-informed care, 2) have competencies and/or receive training and technical assistance to support building relevant competencies around key areas of EYC programming, and 3) use listening sessions to modify the program based on youth experiences. Examples of program activities undertaken by Elevate Youth California funded partners in both social justice youth programming and education, services, and supports follow below.

Social Justice Youth Programming

- **Civic engagement** related to substance use issues or their root causes such as: *participation in local youth advisory boards or coalitions; engagement and substance use prevention education of public officials.*
- **Leadership development** through youth-led community programming such as: *public speaking, developing multi-media campaigns for community action, or training sessions.*
- **Mentorship/relationship-building between peers and adults** that support *establishing at least one stable, caring relationship with an adult/older youth mentor; cultural peers engaging with youth to foster an environment of inclusiveness and belonging.*



Substance Use Prevention Education, Services and Supports

- **Substance use prevention and early intervention outreach, education, and training activities**, such as *substance use prevention education campaigns or programs, outreach, alcohol and drug free social and recreational events.*
- **Providing and/or expanding access to resources, supports, or services that meet youths' individual needs**, such as *providing comprehensive support with resources and referrals for wraparound services (e.g., health care, housing, food, transportation, behavioral health services, education, job training) to help youth meet their basic needs.*