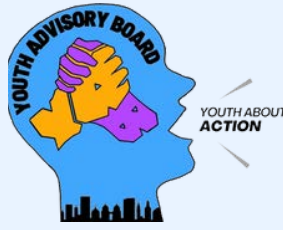


ALAMEDA COUNTY'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD



WINTER'S NEWSLETTER

November-January 2024

Oakland, CA

YOUTH VOLUME

Street Sheet Youth Volume Piece



Covenant House by Ray Corona

Artwork from the Alameda County Youth Advisory Board

by Contributing Author



In honor of National Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness and Prevention Month



Long Way Home by Tammy Nguyen



How Are We To Live (Haiku) by Isaac Lira

Foster Care Advocacy

YAB member, Sabrina Abong, has been a fierce advocate for foster care youth in CA for over 4 years. She's been involved in many state and federal projects and initiatives to advocate for tailored supportive services for foster youth to prevent them from becoming homeless after transitioning out of their programs. Sabrina kicked off the new year with a new federal contract to redesign the surveys administered by the Children's Bureau National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), ensuring data is captured equitably and reported accurately. Additionally, Sabrina is expanding her advocacy to Colorado through her role as a federal NYTD reviewer where she evaluates the state's performance in conducting these surveys.

"I am excited to visit the state and help the foster youth in the state of Colorado." - Sabrina A.



Flip It! by Anonymous



November



To honor our young people who have endured many challenges to be here today, the YAB hosted a celebration for all community members to commemorate the approval of Alameda County's Proclamation in dedicating the month of November to recognize National Runaway and Youth Homeless Prevention and Awareness month. This proclamation is important to continue raising every year to promote awareness on the challenges both youth and advocates face in trying to end homelessness.

ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS COLLABORATIVE

AT THE UNION CITY FAMILY CENTER

The Office of Homeless Care and Coordination facilitated a fireside chat of panelists who represent adults and YYA with lived experience, service providers, advocates and community organizations to discuss rapid re-housing programs for youth and young adults. This event was hosted by the Union City Family Center who gave a welcoming environment for all. Staff members from the family center spoke on their work in the local community and school district, and how they provide care to anyone that walks into their facility. We toured their innovative all-ages clothing center located on their facility and learned about the different resources provided such as food giveaways, housing referrals, welfare benefits, childcare and more. Youth also spoke about their own experiences in transitional housing and how they felt about the support that was available to them leading into their new housing.



December

The YAB's First Onboarding Retreat



After building out the Youth Homeless Response System in Alameda County for the past three years, the YAB is happy to finally seat a full board of 11 young leaders. We embarked on a two-day retreat to a beautiful beachside villa in Monterey for an onboarding orientation that included personal and team bonding development to honor our values of youth authenticity and meaningful engagement.

Welcoming New YAB Members!



Dylan O.
They/them

- Art
- Dance
- Crochet



Ariana N.
She/her

- Singing
- Dancing
- Spending time with friends and family



Khantane J.
He/him

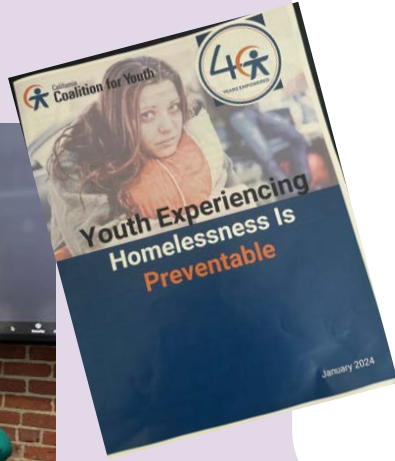
- Growing
- Spreading love
- Apprentice at Restorative Justice for Youth



Carmel E.
She/her

- Cooking
- Exploring natural beauty
- Art

January



Executive Advocacy Days

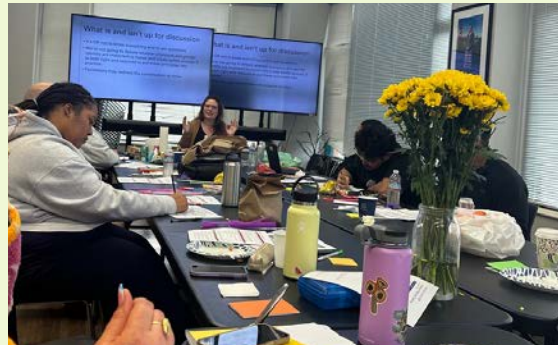
California Coalition for Youth (CCY) sponsored YAB Leaders, Sahra, Tammy, and Marisol to attend their Executive Advocacy Days in Sacramento to advocate directly to our state representatives on youth funding allocations in future state budgets.

- Additional funding for the CA Youth Crisis line.
- Ongoing investments in the (HHAP) and the youth set aside to be increased by 25%.

More info @ <https://calyouth.org>

YHDP "Equity In Practice Training"

We kicked off the new year with a two-day YHDP training on Equity in Practice, a working model that addresses the intersecting identities of our youth population in a respectful, client-centered, and trauma-informed way.



2024 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

HUD's biannual unsheltered PIT Count that happens in every county across the U.S. is completed in Alameda County (with an additional Youth Addendum advised by the YAB)!



YAB member Ray at the Oakland PIT Count



WHAT'S NEW?

NEW GOALS

Alameda County is applying for the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement Grant! We are aiming to redesign our Coordinated Community Plan and developing procedures to imbed racial equity practices for our service providers.

YAB SUBCOMMITTEES

Our subcommittees are revamped and active! In addition to Communications, our newest subcommittees are Data and Recruitment, Retention & Outreach. Each group operates a crucial piece of the YAB's functions and we're excited to launch our newest committees' first year of operation!

What's Coming Up:

RECRUITING NOW FOR PAID WORK-BASED LEARNING

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER Apprenticeship program

APPRENTICESHIP

A dynamic blend of hands-on experience and classroom learning.

Industry-recognized Community Health Worker credential.

LAUNCH
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

DETAILS

- Learn how to be a Community Health Worker
- Dates: June 2024-May 2025
- Get paid on Day 1
- Starts at \$20 per hour w/ health insurance
- 30+ paid hours per week
- Classes and OJT
- Wrap-around support services
- Multiple East Bay Locations
- Professional Mentorship and approachable faculty

REQUIREMENTS

- Authorized to work in the U.S.
- 18 years or older
- Empathetic & passionate about serving your community
- NO HS Diploma required

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The California Abundant Birth Project (CA ABP) is a guaranteed income program that provides unconditional cash and additional physical and emotional supports to pregnant mothers. It was developed by Expecting Justice to make birthing healthier and safer for people facing greater risks to stressful, pre-mature or prolonged pregnancies. This ensures at-risk mothers and families are receiving the care they deserve for their babies to have a chance at a healthy start.

The YAB and Covenant House youth will be attending California Collation for Youth 2024 Youth Empowerment Summit in late April to advocate for local and state level investments for policy development and change!

The **Ending Youth Homelessness Collaborative** is resuming on **Wednesday May 29 2024 from 10am-2pm** and will be held in-person for the community to come together and share best practices and policy recommendations to address and prevent youth homelessness. The meeting address is **Newcomer Navigation Center; Eden United Church of Christ; 21455 Birch St. Hayward, CA 94541. We hope to see you there!**

Are you passionate about helping others and experienced in navigating social, medical, or housing services? Consider applying to this PAID apprenticeship program offered through Berkeley City College. As a Community Health Worker Apprentice, you'll learn on the job, shadow seasoned professionals and receive classroom training with access to on-campus supportive services. Pay is \$20/hr. Scan the QR Code to attend an info session for application details!

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