

Community Voices for Health

Bringing people together to solve problems, build networks, and contribute to health policy decisions.

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How did we get here?



Creation of the Youth Advisory Council in response to Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) HUD application.



Revisit Youth Advisory Council and rebrand as Youth Action Board aka Young Adults in Charge (YAC). YAC begins strong advocacy work and strengthens their voice and impact.



YAC has designated spot on SNH CoC Board and remains a small group of youth making a big impact without compensation and Nevada as a whole is not aware of the powerful presence YAC is making in the community.



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What were we missing?

Stipends for Youth



Statewide Infrastructure



Social Media Presence



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What is the mission of this project?

Our Nevada multi-sector, multi-organizational team seeks to collaborate with youth to build a statewide youth engagement infrastructure and expand capacity that will result in better health outcomes for youth and greater youth voice in the decision-making processes that affect youth.

This project, **Building Blocks**, leverages existing efforts among youth, social service agencies, nonprofits, and service providers in Nevada to build youth boards and improve social service systems (social determinants of health) that address the needs of youth (e.g., child welfare & juvenile justice).



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What are the objectives of this project?

Building Blocks has four objectives:

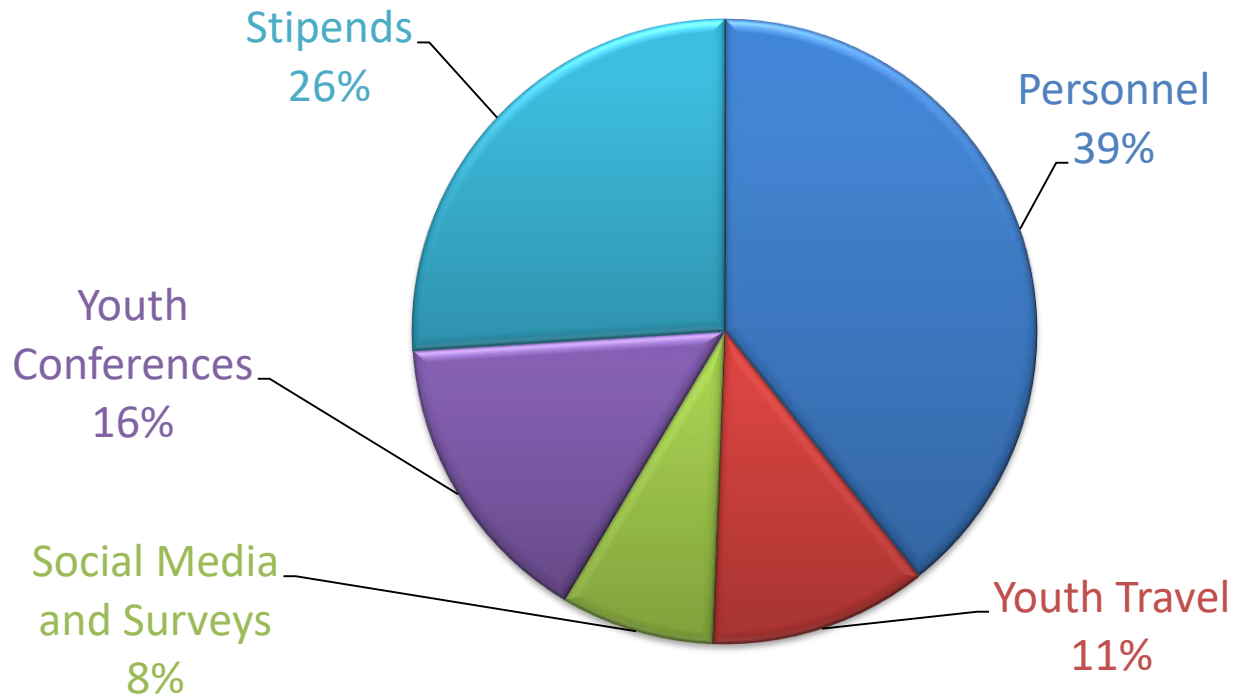
1. Connect existing youth (engagement programs & service providers) in Nevada by establishing a formal network of youth leaders/advocates.
2. Build stronger connections between service providers and youth end-users to improve specific health outcomes. These are:
 1. Decrease in teen homelessness,
 2. Decrease in teen suicide rate,
 3. Increased access to mental health services, and
 4. Decrease in rate of uninsured youth.
3. Build youth leadership and advocacy capacity with a focus on health/social determinants of health, and
4. Strengthen youth representation on existing public/private boards and projects, especially those that are related to health/social determinants of health.



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How will these goals be met?



Community Voices for Health – approximately \$660,000



Next Steps

- Collaborating with our Technical Advisors from Public Agenda and Altarum
 - Engagement scan of Nevada
 - Digital engagement strategies
 - Virtual summit(s)
- Convening Steering Committee and other working groups
- Recruiting a program manager
- Inviting youth to participate



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