

Youth and Education

Community and Partner Feedback

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Strengths:

Our youth are very diverse. Youth and their families make up strong pockets of neighbors, often anchoring certain blocks. There are many young people adding to the vibrancy of our neighborhood. We have a robust collection of local schools and organizations that support our young people.

Focus Area	Identified Challenges	Suggested Activities	Partner Feedback
1. Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lack of connection between neighborhood and schools● Lack of afterschool programs for youth● Parent involvement in their children's school● Low graduation rates● Access to early childhood education● Neighbors all go to different schools, breaking up community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tutoring programs● Youth-to-youth mentorship	
2. Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Youth-led crime in neighborhoods● Lack of activities or things to do leads to negative behavior● Young people of color are denied access to spaces, face discrimination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Summer Sports● Community Activities● Cultural Competency Courses● Make children's journey to school walkable	
3. Leadership and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Youth are not represented in neighborhood leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Summer Sports● Cultural Competency	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We need to focus on youth development in addition to recreation activities ● Lack of understanding about what youth want to do, what their needs are 	<p>Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Block Parties ○ Clean Ups and BBQs ○ National Night Out ● Establish a clearinghouse for social and employment opportunities 	
4. Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High rates of asthma among youth ● Vacant buildings and dumping contribute to negative youth outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer Sports ● Increase cross-cultural understanding 	
5. Job Training and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of job opportunities for youth ● Lack of employment training for youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local hiring from local businesses ● Employment/job training events 	
6. Values		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration and partnership among organizations ● Reach out to Latinx and immigrant communities 	