

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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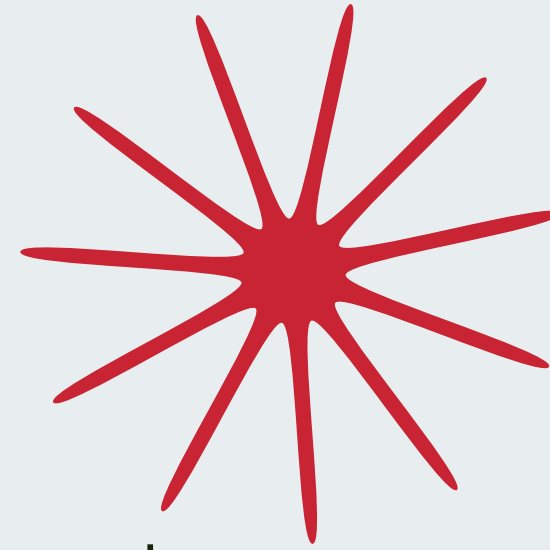


SOUTH MERCED

PARK SPACE



YLI MERCED



yli Merced engages over 120 youth in programming every year and served an additional 900+ youth through drop-in services at our Healing Generation Center last year. These young people are overwhelmingly from South Merced and low income neighborhoods and communities and we collected this data through sign-in sheets at the Healing Generation Center and our intake and exit surveys that participants take.

Ages served: 14-24

Race/Ethnicities served:

- 50%+ Latino
- 14% Black
- 10% Asian
- 7% Multiracial or Indigenous





HEALING GENERATION CENTER

The Healing Generation Center provides a restorative environment for youth whose lives have been severely disrupted because of inequitable access to behavioral healthcare services. Services include, but are not limited to:

- suicide prevention
- housing navigation
- linkage to vocational training and educational support services
- peer support services
- linkage to treatment for substance use disorders



HGCC & WELLNESS



The goal of the wellness center is to provide youth across Merced County with the resources and services on mental health barriers and wellbeing.

The center partnered with 5 local organizations in order to bring comprehensive, holistic resources to the youth of Merced County for the duration of the contract.

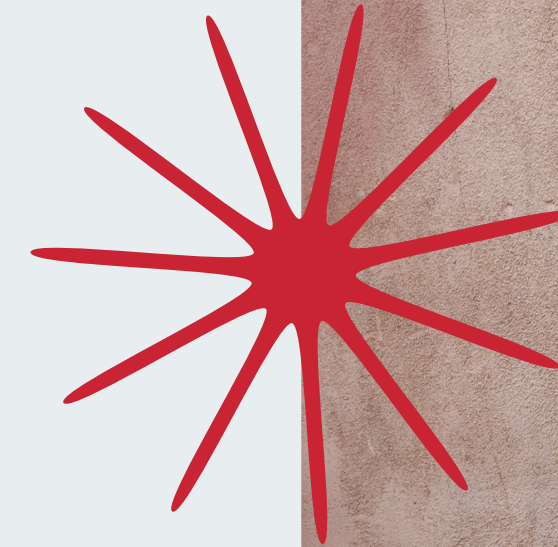
This provides a space for youth to access expansive mental health services, resources and youth opportunities.

COSTS

YLI MERCED'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO COVER FACILITY-RELATED COSTS

yli is a financially stable organization, with a budget built on diverse revenue sources that practices strong fiscal oversight with:

- Eight offices across California
- Budget of over \$9M annually
- Manages more than 35 government contracts each year (45% of income)
- More than 60 contracts with private foundations and organizations (35% of income)
- Remainder of income
 - Other fundraising activities (5%)
 - yli's Training and Consulting Services (TCS) arm (15%)



yli Merced overview:

- Second largest yli office
- Annual budget of over \$1.2M this fiscal year
- 18 contracts managed

This means that there is significant room for covering facility-related costs and many grants have lines for rent, which can be used for facility costs.



YLI MERCEDES

COMMUNITY NEEDS



yli's work aligns with known and anticipated community needs and interests:

yli's program participants surveyed over 250 Merced youth, most from South Merced and the findings demonstrate the gaps in services for Merced young people:

- 50% never have received help from county resources
- 57% reported that they experienced stigma about mental health
- 60% said that they do not seek mental health help despite having mental health challenges.





COMMUNITY YOUTH NEEDS

Stephen Leonard Youth Center Location

- In a neighborhood in South Merced that yli Merced already serves.
- yli Merced has programs at Tenaya Middle School.
 - half a mile away
 - makes it more accessible for them to get to programs if there is no reliable transportation
- A significant number of youth that yli Merced serves reside in the neighborhoods that surround Stephen Leonard Park
 - Youth are part of populations that are not provided as many resources as those in other parts of the city.
- South Merced does not have youth services for ages 12+.



IMPROVEMENTS



Anticipated tenant improvements:

- Furnishing the kitchen to be a more fully operational kitchen for programming and events
- Adding carpeting/rugs to the general spaces of the youth center
- Possibly signage on the exterior of the building