

Spring 2023

City YOUTH Now

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring has officially sprung! It is a time for new beginnings, and we, at City Youth Now, are excited for what we have planned over the next few months! From in-person events and new programming, to welcoming new youth and partners in our current programs and services, we are so excited to share this with our community!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During Black History Month, youth and their families had the opportunity to choose from a list of culturally inclusive books that celebrate Black history. The list of books ranged from children's books to autobiographies for teens and adults. Thank you to the families and youth advocates that registered for this special program.



LEAPFROG

City Youth Now is excited to have been selected as the receiving nonprofit for Leapfrog's Holiday Charity Raffle! CYN was the recipient of a total of \$65,000. A huge thank you to the Leapfrog team for selecting CYN and hosting us at your office to receive the check. We are excited to utilize this to continue providing programs and services to youth experiencing the juvenile justice and foster care systems.



GARDEN CLASS SUPPORT IN JJC

Through our Inside Out Program, we have volunteer opportunities available with the Garden Class in Juvenile Hall - a class initiated and developed by the Hall's English teachers. Once a week, youth meet in the Garden to prepare and share a meal together. If you are interested in volunteering for our Inside Out Program, reach out to info@cityyouthnow.org

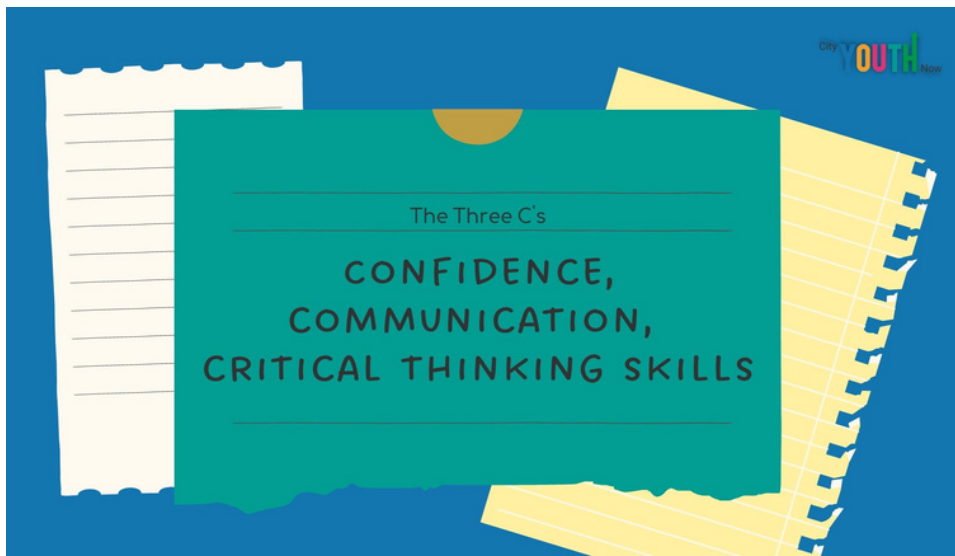


YOUTH PARTNERING FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

College Tours

This year, we were able to host our very first hybrid college tours! During Spring Break, youth participated in two days of virtual college tours. Over zoom, we toured four schools and met with representatives, current students and even alumni from Sacramento State, Chico State, UCSC, and UCLA. We ended the tours with an in-person campus visit to USF and Skyline College. Special thanks to our wonderful USF interns for joining the USF tour and sharing personal experience and insight to life and study on campus!





WINTER LIFE SKILLS RECAP

In the month of February, CYN hosted its Winter Life Skills Program Youth. 15 youth participated in a total of 5 sessions on skills ranging from money management, employment search, and personal care! Here are a couple of quotes shared from our youth participants about the program:

PEP Program

"I learned how to write a good quality resume. I spent some hours working on my resume the day after that meeting!"

"I thought that the program was pretty well laid out for us to be able to get good information and life skills that we can apply to our lives."

-Winter Life Skills Participants



2023 Rise Awards

City Youth Now is excited to host our annual Rise Awards Benefit in person for the first time in 3 years! We are excited to bring our community together to honor our youth scholarship recipients, our community service award recipient, and raise critical funds for youth experiencing the juvenile justice and foster care systems. This event will take place at the Fort Mason Firehouse on Thursday, May 18th at 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased online [via our eventbrite page.](#)