



CHAMPIONING A CULTURE OF QUALITY FOR YOUTH



Youth Development
Resource Center

IMPACT REPORT (2014 - 2019)



Advancing Quality Together

The Youth Development Resource Center (YDRC) and its network of afterschool and summer learning providers champion access to equitable and dynamic out-of-school-time opportunities essential for all young people. These data-driven programs are delivered by passionate youth development professionals who are rooted in social-emotional learning and a strengths-based approach. **Youth experience holistic, meaningful development when they are given experiences to Belong, Learn, and Lead.**

“Thanks to the YDRC training, our out-of-school arts program has evolved to become youth-led. We have become successful at combining elements of social-emotional learning with traditional dance training.”

— Marianne Brass, Dance Program Director, Living Arts



During the last five years, hundreds of providers across Detroit created a culture of quality through shared standards, monthly network meetings, and professional development.

1,258
PROFESSIONALS
FROM
298
ORGANIZATIONS

139
WORKSHOPS
OFFERED

94% OF ATTENDEES
WILL USE WHAT THEY LEARN
IN WORKSHOPS IN THE NEXT
60 days



“YDRC activities positively impacted Racquet Up Detroit by not only identifying areas in need of growth, but by giving us the tools to better our programming for our students.”

— Rosemary O'Connor, Program Manager, Racquet Up Detroit

Programs participating in the 2018-2019 Acting with Data cohorts **served more than 13,000 youth.**



Driving Quality Improvement

From 2014 to 2019, 50 provider organizations have completed 138 cycles in Acting with Data, a months-long learning cohort designed to enhance their afterschool and summer programming. Providers use data-driven continuous quality improvement planning and validated national measurement tools to improve program instruction and strengthen youth's social-emotional skills.

Through Acting with Data, providers improved their **quality scores** to be higher than the national average.



Building the Skills Youth Need

Afterschool and summer learning programs develop social-emotional skills that youth need to succeed in life, along with an interest in learning and academic motivation. During the last five years, nearly 3,000 youth have been surveyed in these skills. In turn, youth development programs use this information to tailor their services. This leads to youth maintaining or — importantly — improving skills they need.

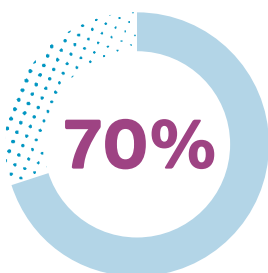
The following data highlights the percentage of youth who initially scored low that **saw significant skills improvement through participation in quality youth development programs.**



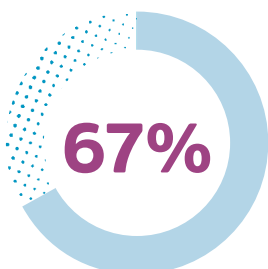
BELONGING

Youth benefit when they have opportunities to belong. Safe and supportive places and people help them feel connected as they grow.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULTS



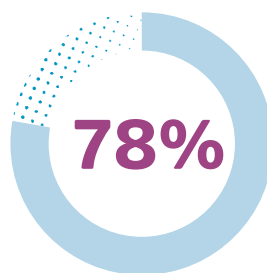
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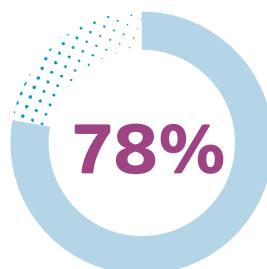
LEARNING

Youth benefit when they have a variety of learning experiences — inside and outside of school — as they develop their own skills, interests, and capacities.

INTEREST IN LEARNING



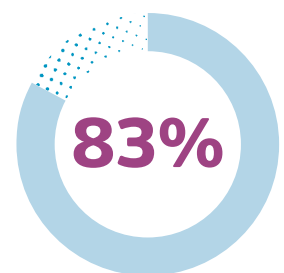
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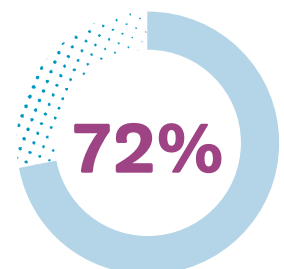
LEADING

Youth benefit when they can lead themselves and others, as they navigate their daily lives and futures.

ASSERTIVENESS



PERSEVERANCE



What The Future Looks Like

We envision growth in key areas of our work.

STRENGTHENING PROGRAM LOCATOR AND ATTENDANCE TRACKING SYSTEMS

to provide a better understanding of the program landscape, including gaps in access, and youth engagement with development opportunities.

EXPANDING ACTING WITH DATA AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

to grow the network of providers that is measuring and improving program quality and youth's social-emotional growth.

By DEEPENING COLLABORATION ACROSS PROVIDERS AND IDENTIFYING CRITICAL AREAS FOR ADVOCACY,

YDRC and its partner organizations will drive systems change to advance program quality and create more equitable opportunities for Detroit area youth and their families.

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Additionally, the YDRC network has identified three advocacy priorities to ensure access to opportunities within Detroit communities:

- ▶ Dedicated funding for program transportation
- ▶ Cultivating the “best and brightest” adults to engage with youth
- ▶ Authentically engaging youth in advocacy efforts

“Thanks to the YDRC’s capacity building and learning opportunities, we have deepened our commitment to quality and youth are now leading our quality improvement efforts across the organization.”

— Alicia McCormick, Youth Development Leader,
Urban Neighborhood Initiatives



Parents search programs to find a fit for their child’s interest and their schedule.
(see www.discoveryourspark.org)





The Youth Development Resource Center champions a culture of quality with youth-serving providers in the Detroit area. **We are grateful for the partnership of the Acting with Data cohort members that have completed two or more improvement cycles in the past five years:**

Accelerate4KIDS • Alternatives for Girls • American Indian Health and Family Services • Atlantic Impact • Boys Hope Girls Hope • Center for Success • Central Detroit Christian CDC • College for Creative Studies - Community Arts Partnerships • Detroit Food Academy • Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation • Detroit Horse Power • Detroit Parks and Recreation Department • Developing KIDS • Downtown Boxing Gym • InsideOut Literary Arts • Life Directions • Living Arts • Matrix Theatre • Midnight Golf • Mosaic Youth Theatre • Neighborhood Service Organization • Peoples Community Services • Playworks • Urban Neighborhood Initiatives • VIP Mentoring • Wellspring • YMCA •

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