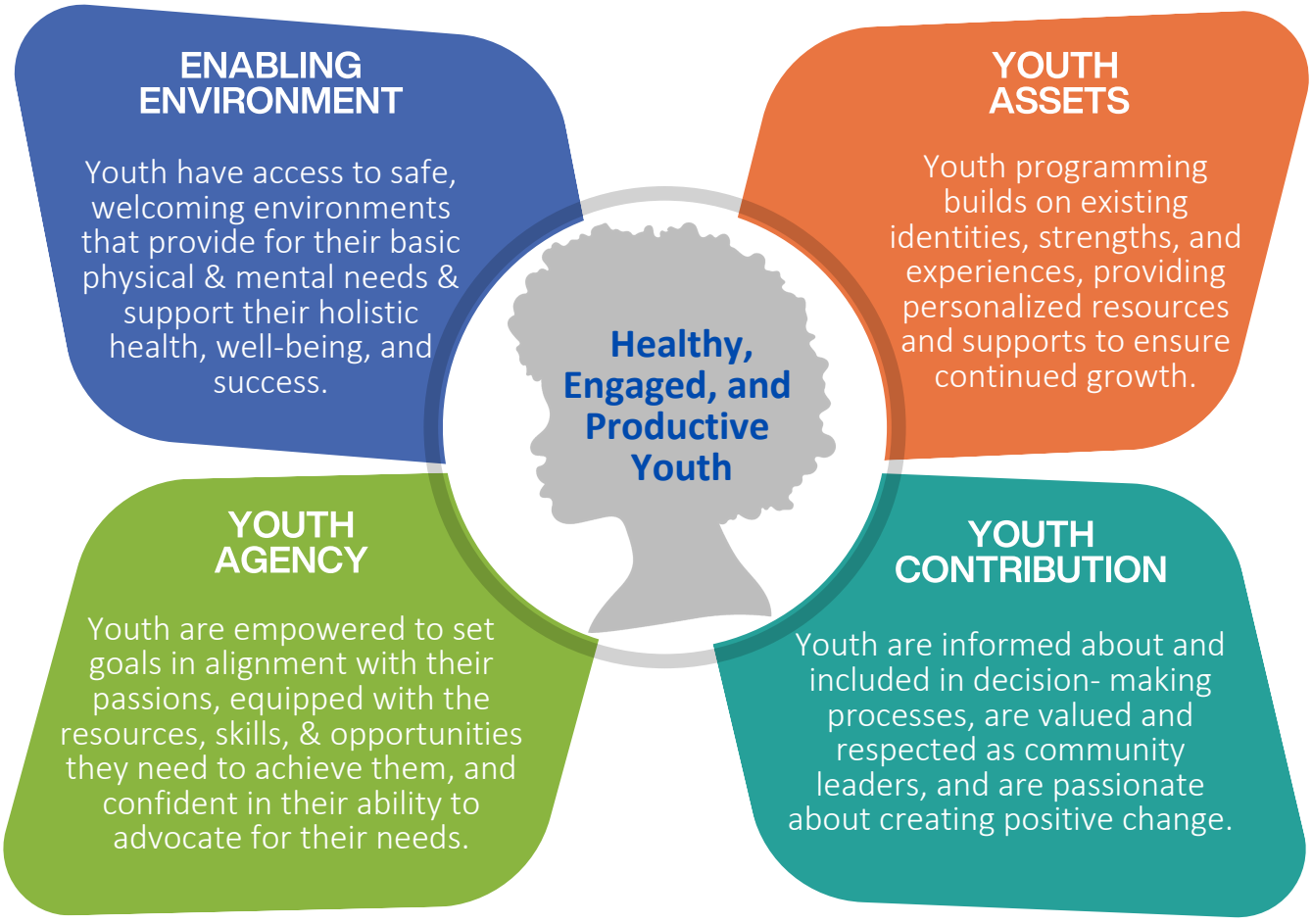
DEFINING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

in Los Angeles

Los Angeles defines youth development through a holistic **Positive Youth Development (PYD)** approach. PYD is a strengths-based approach that sees youth as essential assets to their communities. Traditional PYD models often overlook environmental challenges and assume youth have their basic needs met. To address this, L.A. adopted and expanded the YouthPower PYD Framework, which emphasizes holistic, strength-based, and equitable support through four domains.



The framework accounts for diverse lived experiences and meaningfully engages youth, families, and communities to empower all young people to thrive and lead.