Overview of the Citywide Youth Development

STRATEGIC PLAN

Adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in 2024, the Citywide Youth Development Strategic Plan serves as a bold, shared blueprint for the future of youth programming in Los Angeles. The plan establishes clear goals, objectives, metrics, and outcomes, along with timelines to meet them.

PURPOSE

To create a unified vision and structure for youth development in the City of Los Angeles, shifting from fragmented services to a coordinated, inclusive, and data-driven system.

VISION

All Los Angeles youth should be informed, engaged decision-makers with equitable opportunities to pursue their ambitions and transition successfully into adulthood.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Collectively, these six strategic priorities aim to build a citywide ecosystem that empowers Los Angeles youth to thrive by ensuring access to economic opportunity, mental health support, leadership development, safe spaces, streamlined services, and stable housing within safe communities.

1. Economic Wellbeing
2. Mental Health
3. Youth Leadership
4. Youth Spaces
5. Service Navigation
6. Housing & Public Safety

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The plan was developed through a year-long collaborative effort involving over 1,500 youth, more than 100 City staff members, community organizations, educators, and other stakeholders.

EQUITY FOCUS

The strategy prioritizes support for vulnerable youth, including low-income, foster, undocumented, LGBTQIA+, and justice-involved populations, ensuring culturally competent and accessible services.