

# Solano Youth Voices

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A Program of the Children's  
Network of Solano County

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# Mission

## TO ELEVATE THE VOICES OF YOUTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

- ▶ Ages 10-25
- ▶ Including those with barriers to engagement
- ▶ 6 current Council Members
- ▶ 1 Project Associate
- ▶ Several Visiting Council Members and Project Associates
- ▶ Diverse backgrounds



# Funders/Partners



## Private

Famous Creations  
The Wednesday Club  
Timeline Media  
productions

## Public

Children's Alliance  
City of Fairfield  
SCOE Youth Coalition  
Solano Partners Against  
Violence  
Vacaville REACH  
Vallejo Unified School  
District

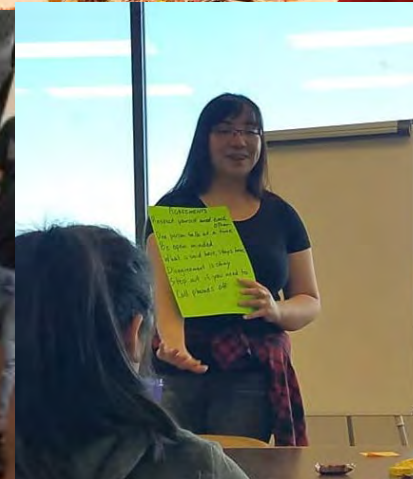
## Non-Profit

CASA of Solano County  
Club Stride  
First Place for Youth  
SafeQuest Solano  
Vallejo Fighting Back  
Partnership  
Vallejo Together  
YouthForward



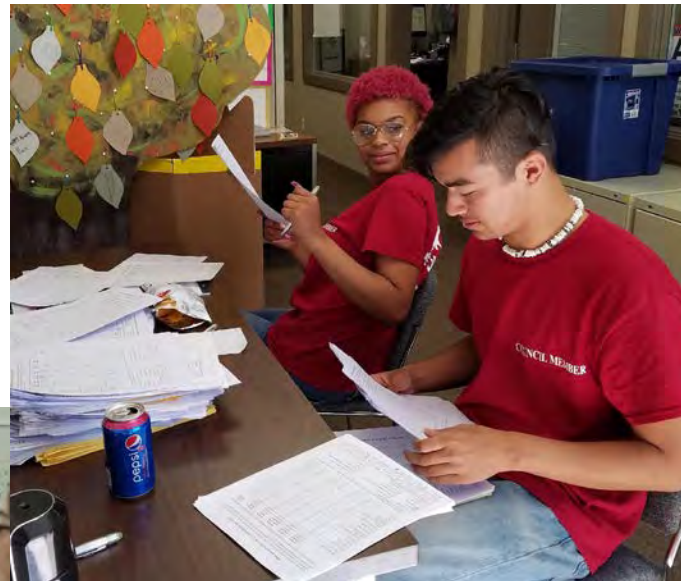
# Engagement Opportunities

- ▶ Rising Leaders
- ▶ Focus Groups
- ▶ Events
- ▶ Public Presentations



# Methods

- ▶ 704 Surveys
- ▶ 17 Youth Focus Groups
- ▶ 21 Research Meetings with Issue Experts



What are the top issues for youth in Solano County?

Education	307
Mental Health	257
Bullying	251
Homelessness	179
Drugs/Alcohol	171
Gun Violence	156
Recreation	135
LGBTQ+	110
Youth Employment	102

# Recommendations and Next Steps

## Recommendations

- ▶ Mental Health: Expand the availability and accessibility of school-based mental health services for students.
- ▶ Bullying Prevention: Equip and empower the school community to prevent bullying, including cyber-bullying.
- ▶ Youth Homelessness: Ensure that school campuses are safe spaces where homeless youth are supported and treated with dignity and respect without being required to identify that they are homeless.

## Next Steps

- ▶ Statement of Support:
  - ▶ online [www.solanoyouthvoices.org](http://www.solanoyouthvoices.org)
  - ▶ email [amaguire@gmail.com](mailto:amaguire@gmail.com) for Word Doc to print on your letterhead
- ▶ Ongoing Input from Strategic Thinkers
  - ▶ If you are interested in serving on a committee to address these issues, contact Alyssum Maguire 530-520-1676
- ▶ Presentation Opportunities Welcome!



# Thank You

For more information, contact **Alyssum Maguire**

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