



Building a future for youth by youth - Youth Speak Collective



Hi. My name is Sarah Ortiz.

Before working with Youth Speak Collective I wasn't really doing the "right" things. I would get into trouble a lot, wasn't focused in school and was heading in the wrong direction.

But after getting involved with Youth Speak I started doing a lot better. I started acting way more responsible. I was thinking less about going out and getting in trouble, and was more focused on what I needed to get done during that day and for my future.

Youth Speak helped me change my life, and I wanted to thank everyone who supports our programs and my future.

-Sarah Ortiz, age 14 - Youth member at YSC

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“What is Youth Speak Collective and what does it do?”

I get this question a lot. A quick answer is that we help young people, ages 11 to 19, build their academic, creative, and leadership skills. **In reality, what YSC does – for more than 500 youth each day – is change lives.**

Students are inspired to take charge of their learning and plan out their futures. Youth that used to spend their afternoons doing nothing are now directing films and organizing community fairs.

And along the way, incredible things happen.

- 95% of YSC students graduate with their class, from schools where on average, half of their peers will end up dropping out.
- 60% of our youth become more connected to their family and are better prepared for their future.
- This summer over 300 students completed our SAT & CAHSEE prep classes, online college courses and academic tutoring programs.



Our youth transformed four acres of forgotten park land into Project Youth Green, a community garden, created Futbolito Pacoima, a free soccer program for hundreds of hard to reach youth and developed a summer peace campaign to help end violence on our streets. **Youth tell us how to improve the community around them, and we listen.**

This work is especially important at a time when resources are stretched thin and the reason why I need your support. We simply cannot keep our programs alive without the help from people like you, who believe in our work.

I know there are a lot of programs worthy of your support, particularly in today's harsh economic climate. My promise is that your investment will be put to use in helping make a real, visible, and lasting difference in the lives of these youth. **Please consider joining our “Youth Speak Network” and donate just \$5 a month. Help give youth a voice every day of the year.**

Sincerely,

David Andrés Kietzman, Co-Founder & Executive Director

“They empower young people to be active and committed leaders of their community utilizing the essential tools of training and education. I strongly encourage all of us to support the continued efforts and growth of Youth Speak Collective.”

-Michael Gluckman, Chemical Engineer

