



Enhancing The Capacity of Community Partners

Community Learning Partnership (CLP)/California Youth Leadership Corps (CYLC) is a national nonprofit organization focused on building a workforce of credentialed, knowledgeable, and skilled leaders to lead and organize for change in their local communities. CYLC’s Community-Based Partners are essential to the overall successes of our students and communities at large. In June-July of 2024, we conducted online surveys of our CBO partners to learn more about their experiences with the CYLC program and how CYLC Fellows are contributing to their organizations and communities. This Impact Spotlight highlights findings from that survey.

CYLC Fellows Have a Positive Impact on CBO Partners and their Communities

CYLC Fellows applied the community change concepts and skills to have a positive impact on the community-based partner organizations and the communities they serve. CYLC Fellows brought needed capacity to CBO partners by:

- Reaching out to, building relationships with, and engaging more community members in the issues, programs, or other work of the organization.
- Providing information and education (e.g., about the environment, food systems, public resources) to the community.
- Researching community issues.
- Organizing community meetings and events.
- Developing communications tools (e.g., newsletter articles, marketing materials).
- Bringing expertise in the issue areas addressed by the organization (e.g., restoration ecology).



Examples of How Fellows Contributed to CBOs and the Community

Engaged students in learning about the food access issues in Fresno County, along with widening their understanding of how food gets to their table.

Informed community members about the Rent Stabilization Ordinance in the city of Los Angeles.

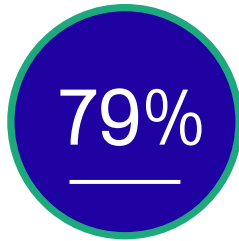
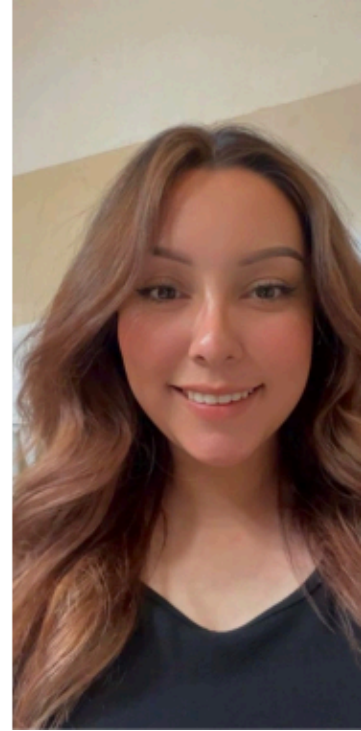
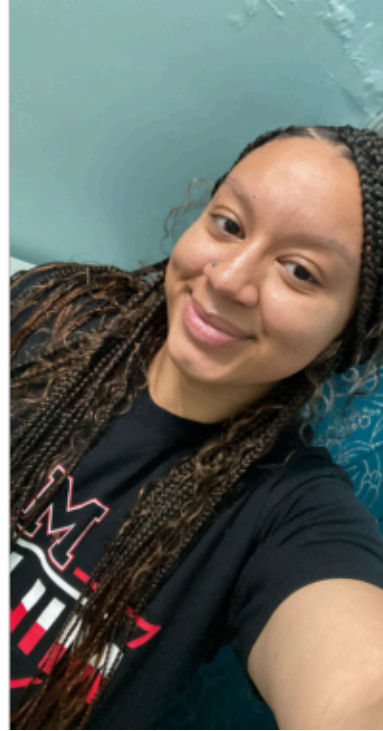
Used artistic skills to engage community members in beautifying a community garden with a mural and played a significant role in teaching students to build a school garden, learn about growing food, and increasing access to healthy food in Fresno.

Engaged with community members through our events, made connections, and facilitated access to impactful resources.

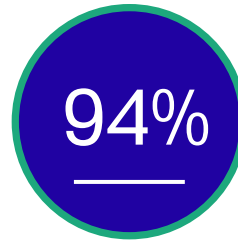
Helped the pilot stage of an oral history project and was actively involved in planning, communicating, and interviewing.

Followed up with opt-ins, organized house meetings, and helped facilitate volunteer events related to social and economic justice issues in South LA.

Assisted with preparing agendas for monthly meetings and scheduling one-on-one meetings with students.



of supervisors from CBO partners were *very* satisfied overall with the performance of their CYLC Fellow.



of CBO partners were *very* satisfied with their partnership with the CYLC Fellowship Program.

CBO Partners Are Satisfied With CYLC Fellows & Their Partnership With CYLC

CBO partners most frequently noted their CYLC Fellow(s) had a positive attitude; were motivated and always willing to learn and help; worked well with and were a positive influence on others; and brought a commitment to and passion for the community. Several supervisors also commented that the Fellow came in with strong knowledge and experience in their issue area.

Quotes About CYLC Fellows

M. was hard-working, enthusiastic, professional, and mature. He was a wonderful, committed partner to us in our work together.

A. already had experience working with our street action team and organizing team. Needless to say, she completed all task to our expectations.

V. used her photography skills to document some of the kids' programs, along with the grand opening of the St. Rest Food to Share Hub.

All three fellows were excellent supports and a pleasure to workTwo of them we have hired on as staff.



CYLC Stipends Contribute to Community Partner Capacity, Mission, and Impact

CYLC stipends for CBO partners contributed to their organizational capacity, mission, and impact. Quotes from CBO partners about how the stipends contributed to their capacity included:

- Made an immense impact on our Internship Program as we now have an increased capacity to provide need-based scholarships to interns.
- Allowed us to bring our voice to the community and open cases for those who have been wronged by the criminal justice system.
- Helped us invest in creating curriculum that will be instrumental in our organization achieving our mission.
- Crucial toward supporting our organization's operating capacity and mission! We have very little regular income, and rely mostly on donations and community partners.
- It makes workforce development and professional development possible for these young professionals!

Several CBOs also commented on how partnering with CYLC advanced their own mission of developing leaders from marginalized communities.



100% of CBO partners surveys said they would like to partner with CYLC again in the future.



Based on a total of 22 surveys from 17 unique individual CBO staff representing 11 unique CBO partners.