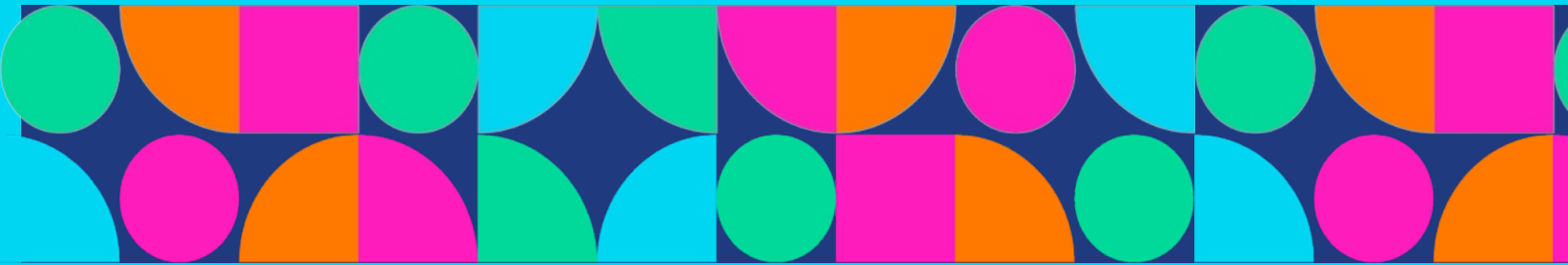




STRONGER TOGETHER



2024-2025

IMPACT REPORT

BUILDING A MOVEMENT TOGETHER FOR LA'S YOUTH

1736 Family Crisis Center, 24th Street Theatre Company, 826LA, 9 Dots, ACCESS U Foundation, Adelante Youth Alliance, African American Youth Network, African Communities Public Health Coalition, After-School All-Stars Los Angeles, Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center, All For Kids, All Peoples Community Center, All Star Code, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Alliance for a Better Community, Alliance for Community Empowerment, Alma Family Services, AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles, Alternatives to Violence Project, Amara Family, Amazing Grace Conservatory, America On Tech, America Scores LA, Amplifier, Angelica Center for Art and Music, Antelope Valley Partners for Health, Antelope Valley YouthBuild, Apple Pi Education, Aquarium of the Pacific, arc, The Arc of California, Armory Center for the Arts, Art of Problem Solving, Arts for Healing and Justice Network, artworxLA, Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Asian Youth Center, Aspire Public Schools, Assistance League of Pomona Valley, Audubon Center at Debs Park, Aviva Family and Children's Services, The B-RELYT Organization, B-Unbound, Barnabas Robotics, Barrio Action Youth & Family Center, Beat the Streets Los Angeles, Benton Museum of Art Pomona College, Better Learning for All Students Today, Better Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater LA, The Big Dogg Academy, Black Math Collective, Boundless Brilliance, Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley, Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley, Boys & Girls Club of the Antelope Valley, Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills, Boys & Girls Club of Whittier & Pico Rivera, Boys & Girls Clubs of Carson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Los Angeles, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley, Boyle Heights Arts Conservatory, Brave Trails, Breese Youth Center, Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics, Bright Star Schools, Brotherhood Crusade, Brothers Against Banging Youth, Building Beats, Burbank Unified School District, C5 Association, California Botanic Garden, California Science Center, California Youth Connection, Californians For Justice, CALSOAP LA, Caltech Y, The Campaign for College Opportunity, Camp Wildcraft, CASA of Los Angeles, CDTech, Central City Neighborhood Partners, Cesar Chavez Foundation, A Change in Trajectory, Change the Tune, Chicxs Rockerxs South East Los Angeles, Child Development Department at East Los Angeles College, Children Youth and Family Collaborative, The Children's Defense Fund- California, The Children's Collective, Inc., Children's Partnership, Chinese American Museum, Chosen Generation Fellowship Church, City Garage Theatre, City of Huntington Park, City of Los Angeles Youth Development Department, City Year, Claremont Unified School District, The Closers Group, The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), The Coalition for Responsible Community Development, Coalition of Engaged Education, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, CodeREV Kids, codeSpark, Collaborate PASadena, College Access Plan, College Bound 4 Kids, College Bridge, College Track, Columbia Memorial Space Center, Communities In Schools of Los Angeles, The Community Action League, Community Build, Community Coalition of South Los Angeles, Community Development Technologies, Community Health Councils, Inc., Community Investment for Families Department, Community Nature Connection, A Community of Friends, Compton Girls Club, Conga Kids, CORE A Community Collaboration, County of Los Angeles Probation Information Center, Coursemojo, Craft Contemporary, Create Now, Creative Arts Group, Creative Brain Learning, Creative Healing for Youth in Pain, Creative Learning Place, Designated Exceptional Services for Independence, Design Hive, DIY Girls, Discovery Cube, Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum, Downey Unified School District, Drama Education Network, Dream A World Education, Drumming for Your Life Institute, Dynasty's United Youth Association, E & E Love Foundation, East Los Angeles College, East Side, Riders Bike Club, East West Players, Eat Move Meditate, Ebony's Safe Space, Edgeworks Entertainment, EduCare Foundation, Education Growth Group, Education Through Music LA, The Education Trust-West, Edwards Air Force Base, El Centro de Ayuda, El Centro del Pueblo, El Monte Promise Foundation, El Nido Family Centers, El Nido Family Source Center in Pacoima, El Proyecto del Barrio, Elemental Music, Elevate Your Game, Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy, Empowered PI, Empowerment of Families, Inc, Empowering Pacific Islander, Communities, The Engineer Factory, Exploring the Arts, Family Crisis Center, Family Promise of the South Bay, Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center, Film Independent, First Star, Five Acres, Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre, Foothill AIDS Project, Foothill Family, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, FosterAll, Foundation for New American Musicals, Fowler Museum at UCLA, The Free Shop, Friends of the Children LA, Friends of the Los Angeles River, Fulfillment Fund, Fun Zone Fundamentals, Funding the Next Generation, Future Transitions, Gabriella Charter Schools, Galileo Learning, Game Gen, Gang Alternatives Program, Garvey School District, Geffen Playhouse, GENESIS, Get Lit - Words Ignite, Getty Museum, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Girls IN Focus, Girls Learn International, GO Campaign, Good City Mentors, Good Human Music Movement, Goodwill Southern California, The Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, Hammer Museum, Hands 4 Hope LA, Hard 2 Rise, Harlem Lacrosse Los Angeles, Heal the Bay, Heart of Los Angeles, Helpline Youth Counseling, Hidden Genius Project, Hispanic Heritage Foundation, Hollenbeck Police Activities League, Home Field Advantage, Homies Unidos, Hospitality Training Academy, Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary, School District, Hunters Heart Foundation, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, Immersive Art Collective, In a Perfect World, Inner City Education Foundation, InnerCity Struggle, InsideOUT Writers, InspireFlow Arts, Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics, Institute of Contemporary Art LA, ISANA Academies, Japanese American National Museum, Junior Achievement of Southern California, Junior Board of the Bay Area, K9 Youth Alliance, Kadima Conservatory of Music, Keep Youth Doing Something, Kid City Hope Place, kid-grit, Kids 4 College, Kidspace Children's Museum, kidZgen, KinFlow, KIPP SoCal Public Schools, Kizuna Little Tokyo Inc....

DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,



I'm proud to share *Stronger Together*, our 2024–2025 Year in Action Impact Report, which highlights our continued growth and commitment to the expanded learning community and LA's youth. Now in our third year, ExpandLA has shifted from launch to lasting momentum—solidifying our foundation, deepening our reach, and advancing meaningful impact across Los Angeles County.

Together, we've developed a community-informed Quality and Impact Framework, launched a cross-sector Workforce Development Initiative, and expanded our coalition to more than 500 organizations—all united in a shared vision: equitable, high-quality expanded learning opportunities for every young person, in every neighborhood.

This year also reminded us of the vital role expanded learning programs play during times of crisis. From wildfire recovery efforts to community responses during ICE raids, our partners mobilized with urgency and care—distributing resources, offering safe spaces, and showing up for youth and families when it mattered most. The sector has proven, time and again, that it is not only a cornerstone of youth development, but also of community resilience.

Looking ahead, our focus is on building lasting systems change. In the coming year, we will:

- Activate and grow the Expanded Learning Advocacy Alliance to advance policy and funding equity;
- Launch additional Youth Hubs to support youth voice and leadership in under-resourced areas; and
- Deepen collaboration across sectors to secure sustainable public funding and expand access to quality programs.

Thank you to every coalition member, youth leader, funder, and community partner who powers this movement. Your continued commitment fuels our momentum and deepens our collective impact. As we build on this foundation, we remain focused, united, and more determined than ever. The work is far from over—and the path ahead is full of promise.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lou".

Lou Calanche,
Executive Director

FROM OUR COALITION

We love building connections with other community-based organizations and love to see more spaces being youth led... My experience working with ExpandLA has been great.

Cinthia Alvarado, Youth Diversion and Development Program Manager, Asian Youth Center



We're all so busy keeping our lights on and doors open! The fact that we've got a group like ExpandLA—that's doing advocacy, connecting us to resources, and putting us all together into a common voice—is fantastic!

Seth Eklund, Executive Director, Bresee Foundation



Being able to share ideas is something that I was really excited about... I'm looking forward to getting to know more and more members of ExpandLA and to helping each other get to the levels that we're trying to get to.

Jesse Moore, Deputy Director, The Urban Scholar Academy



The work you all do in collaboration with the efforts from organizations involved is really inspiring... Thanks so much, and keep up the amazing work.

Jacob Ockwood, Director of Marketing and Sales, Parker-Anderson Enrichment



VISION

The Expanded Learning Alliance (ExpandLA) is a countywide effort to create an equitable system of access for children and youth in the LA area by reimagining where and when joyful learning happens by making the most of the time youth have beyond the school day.

MISSION

ExpandLA is a countywide intermediary organization that supports, connects, and advocates for expanded learning opportunities that provide equitable access for all children and youth in the LA area. By working collaboratively with school- and community-based organizations, we will build systems, pathways, and processes that strengthen the field to nurture a young person's natural curiosity, empower their self-development, and cultivate the value they bring to making the world a better place.

EXPANDLA'S 3 KEY ROLES



SUPPORT

We equip expanded learning providers with resources, knowledge, and capacity building to strengthen programs that yield positive outcomes for youth.



CONNECT

We build systems and provider capacity to create a strong collaborative network of program providers and to effectively connect families and youth to expanded learning programs.



ADVOCATE

We represent the collective voice of program providers and will strengthen advocacy efforts of the expanded learning sector to address gaps in the field, ensure equitable access to funding, and ignite widespread support for expanded learning.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Data & Impact

In partnership with providers, develop criteria and shared understanding for a “gold standard” high-quality program and co-construct shared metrics to measure impact and positive youth outcomes.

2. Coordination & Resource Development

Create a network of providers and foster coordination within the sector to increase access to expanded learning opportunities for youth from historically marginalized communities.

3. Advocacy and Narrative Change

Lead strategic communications to shift the narrative and public perception about the importance of expanded learning in youth development. Help systems leaders and funders to understand the needs of the expanded learning sector and what resources and policies would be most impactful.

4. Increase Funding & Improve Systems

Assess the true cost of high-quality programming and support providers to leverage private and public funding opportunities from school districts, city, state, and federal sources. Coordinate and lead advocacy efforts to ensure public investments and systems meet the needs of LA's youth.

5. Capacity Building

Support program providers, particularly community-based nonprofit organizations, to strengthen organization and program infrastructure. Lead staffing and workforce development initiatives to recruit, retain, and support a strong expanded learning workforce.

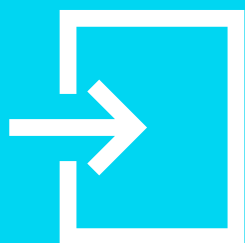


EXPANDLA IMPACT MEASUREMENT PLAN

We are proud to share ExpandLA's internal impact framework—an approach that connects **measures of our work** and efforts to **meaningful change** in the expanded learning sector. This framework reinforces our belief in data-informed decision-making to evaluate and refine our organizational practices and work on behalf of the sector. By implementing this measurement plan, we ensure our strategies remain focused, adaptive, and aligned with our goals. The data we gather from the coalition is crucial—it **keeps us accountable** to our community and to the outcomes we strive for, while ensuring our work stays grounded in our theory of change. It is a vital tool to help keep us on target, refine our approach, and drive the meaningful impact we seek.

MEASURES OF EFFORT

We know how much and how well we play our role by looking at...



COALITION MEMBERSHIP



COALITION CONVENINGS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING



INDIVIDUALIZED AND TARGETTED SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS



INNOVATION FOR QUALITY, ACCESS, AND EQUITY



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION



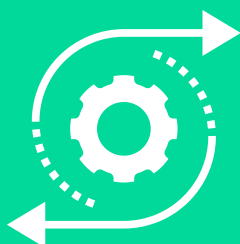
ADVOCACY FOR THE SECTOR



CONNECTING YOUTH TO EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

MEASURES OF CHANGE

We know we're having an impact when we see...



STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIPS, COLLABORATION, AND RESOURCE SHARING



UNIFIED AND POWERFUL EXPANDED LEARNING COALITION IN LA COUNTY



STRENGTHENED FUNDING, POLICIES, AND SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT EXPANDED LEARNING ACCESS, EQUITY, AND QUALITY



INCREASED QUALITY OF EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS



SKILLED, STABLE EXPANDED LEARNING WORKFORCE

...ALL TO ACHIEVE



INCREASED EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS

ANCHORED IN COMMUNITY

EXPANDED LEARNING AND CRISIS RESPONSE

Expanded learning programs have long been more than just out-of-school support—they are **trusted anchors** in their communities. In times of crisis, they respond swiftly and with care, providing safety, connection, and stability. This year, as Los Angeles faced devastating wildfires and escalating ICE activity, the sector once again **mobilized** with heart and urgency.

Across LA County, providers **delivered** emergency supplies, **secured** housing, **created** safe spaces, and **offered** trauma-informed support during the wildfires. Community efforts like Together We Rebuild and The Fuerza Fund distributed critical aid, while the ExpandLA Mutual Aid Network coordinated resources and outreach across the region.

As ICE raids spread fear among immigrant families, the sector again stepped up. ExpandLA hosted sessions focused on legal rights, staff readiness, mental health strategies, and best practices for program response. Meanwhile, coalition members **organized public actions** like the July 1st “Reclaim Our Streets” rallies, and adapted programming in real time to protect and support youth and staff.

In every moment—from daily challenges to large-scale emergencies—the expanded learning sector stands ready. It continues to lead with empathy, act with urgency, and **serve as a vital lifeline** for LA’s youth and families.



“

We know that this is only the beginning of the many things that will come, but we are ready to serve our families.

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Laura Zapata, Director of Family and Youth Services
Central City Neighborhood Partners



From left to right: 1) YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles organized supplies distribution after the fires. 2) Alliance for a Better Community at immigrant solidarity press conference. 3) Taking the Reins brings air purifiers to fire relief distribution efforts. 4) A World Fit for Kids at Reclaim Our Streets Rally.

SUPPORT

Elevating Quality, Empowering Practitioners, Transforming Outcomes for Youth

We strengthen the expanded learning workforce through professional learning and shared quality standards, equipping practitioners to deliver high-impact experiences that spark curiosity, ignite passion, and help every young person succeed.



ExpandLA's Q&I Task Force (top L to bottom R): Anell Tercero (The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health), Areli Zagal Barrera (Boys & Girls Clubs of Carson), Bonnie Landry (Woodcraft Rangers), Darin Gray (USC Viterbi STEM Center), Dianne Chaves (YMCA of Metro LA), Laura Mills (A Place Called Home), Laura Zapata (Central City Neighborhood Partners), Lina Calderón-Morin (SoCal CAN), Loren Rubin (Heart of Los Angeles), Mike Levin (Harlem Lacrosse), Mónica Vega (InsideOUT Writers), Sacha van der Most van Spijk (Home Field Advantage), Stefanie Lahbil (Coalition for Engaged Education), Trent Lira (Los Angeles LGBT Center), Yukako Kawakatsu (LA STEM Collective)

EXPANDED LEARNING QUALITY AND IMPACT FRAMEWORK INITIATIVE

We know that expanded learning programs play a vital role in preparing young people to thrive in school, career, and life. But until now, the sector has lacked a unified, **community-driven** framework to meaningfully measure their impact. That's why ExpandLA partnered with Fractal Strategies and 15 trailblazing organizational leaders—spanning diverse regions, program models, and organization sizes—to co-create the Quality and Impact Framework. This groundbreaking effort **uplifts the voices** and priorities of LA's youth, caregivers, providers and systems leaders to ensure programs are safe, accessible, and equitable. With the framework now in place, ExpandLA is preparing to **pilot a new measurement system**—featuring evaluation tools and a data dashboard—that will redefine how we track success and accelerate impact in the year ahead and beyond.

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I feel great about the outcome and I think it captures the diverse perspectives and work happening in LA. It will be an effective way to measure expanded learning and I enjoy how it is a flexible model that can fit to different organizations and programs.

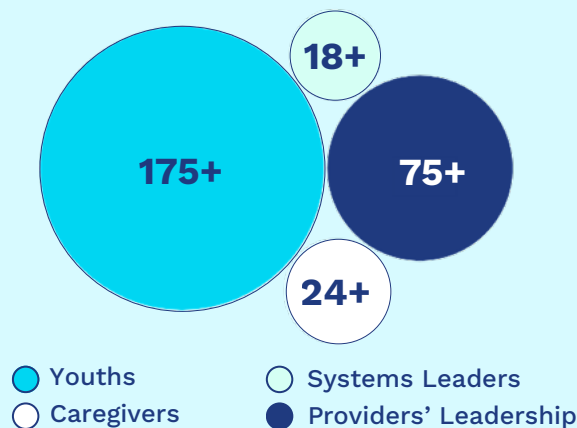
Q&I Task Force Member

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The Task Force Engaged with



...To Identify 7 Quality Pillars

Youth-Centered, Inclusive Program Design

Staff Development and Support Systems

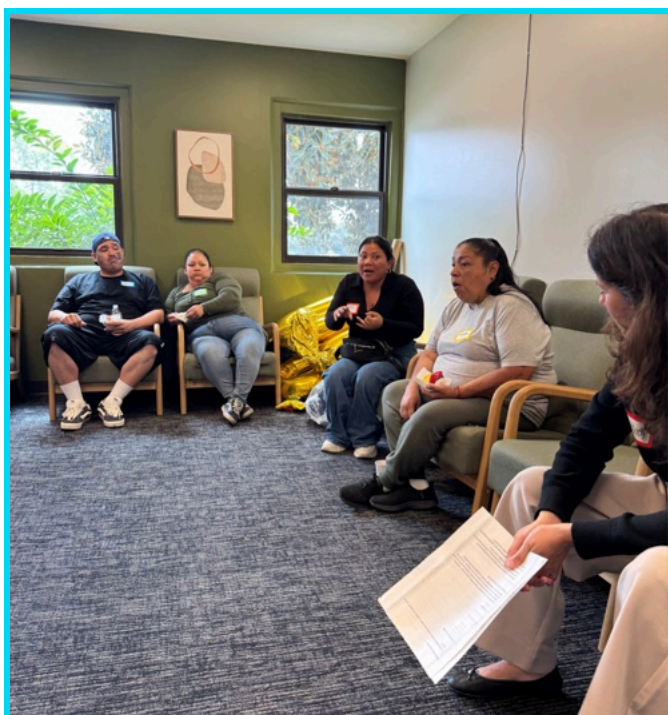
Safe, Stable, and Equitable Program Environments

Caregiver and Community Involvement

Cross Systems Integration and Collaboration

Data Driven Decision-Making and Accountability

Equitable Access to Opportunities and Resources



...Supporting 3 Areas of Priority Impacts



INDIVIDUAL YOUTH

- Increased confidence agency, and resilience
- Improved academic engagement and achievement
- Development of life skills and diverse career skills
- Enhanced sense of belonging and civic engagement



PROGRAMS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Enhanced program quality and staff stability
- Stronger community partnerships and funding stability
- Alignment with community values and equity priorities



COMMUNITY & SYSTEMS

- Strengthened family and community engagement
- Equitable access to resources and opportunities
- Integrated support systems
- Healthy, safe, and engaged communities

SUPPORT

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES

ExpandLA launched its Professional Learning Series to strengthen the expanded learning workforce by **increasing access** to meaningful, provider-informed development opportunities. Powered by our inaugural Professional Trainer Network (PTN), this year's series—Building Resilient Communities: Safe, Supportive, and Engaging Programs—was shaped by community needs and field feedback. Sessions on topics such as Incorporating Practices to Support Healing, Cultivating Community Partnerships, and Empowering Youth to Take Action equipped participants to **better respond to the challenges** facing youth and families. Providers have reported stronger program impact, while PTN trainers have shared how the series has supported their own professional growth and visibility. As we continue **building capacity** across LA County, ExpandLA remains committed to offering responsive and relevant learning opportunities that support high-quality, youth-centered programming.



“One of the most beautiful parts has been the connections formed with others; relationships that continue well beyond training and only deepen the sense of community, support, and shared purpose in each person's mission. What I've gained through PTN hasn't just impacted me, it's influenced how I lead, how I show up for others, and how I create space for those around me to grow.”

Tiffany Carvajal, PTN Trainer

6 Professional Learning opportunities to the network

12 Hours of training

170+ Participants trained



Training the future workforce

ExpandLA partnered with East Los Angeles College's College Corps program to place Fellows with coalition members, deliver PTN-led professional development, and strengthen ties between colleges, providers, and future expanded learning professionals.

93.9% of participants reported that the professional learning opportunities provided relevant information and useful tools they can apply in their work



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOTCAMP

By popular demand, ExpandLA **launched a new cohort** of its Professional Development Bootcamp for program staff and supervisors. Led by Dr. Anne Larson, Cal State LA kinesiology professor and founder of **AIYDA®** (Activating Intentional Youth Development Activities), the training equips youth professionals with tools to intentionally design, deliver and assess programming that fosters core social-emotional skills that foster youth thriving. Twenty diverse youth-serving organizations participated, representing sectors like sports, museums, the arts, and outdoor education. The series concluded with personalized on-site coaching from Dr. Larson to support summer and back-to-school planning. Participants will receive two Cal State LA certifications in AIYDA and AIMs (Activating Intentional Moments), joining an alumni network of 30 organizations committed to youth thriving.



20
Organizations



40
Participants



80
Certifications



New Initiative: Expanded Learning Workforce Development

To ensure a strong, diverse, and well-prepared workforce for the future, ExpandLA launched the Expanded Learning Workforce Development Initiative—a cross-sector partnership with local colleges, youth-serving organizations, workforce development boards and other government agencies. Together, we are building a sustainable talented and well-

trained pipeline through mentorship, career pathways, and aligned policy strategies that support the next generation of expanded learning leaders. Convenings held in May and June laid a strong foundation, and we're moving forward with renewed momentum to grow an equitable, thriving workforce that reflects the communities we serve.

CONNECT

Building a Movement for Youth Success in Los Angeles

We are forming a coalition of expanded learning organizations that share a vision, embrace a common agenda, leverage resources, and align actions to achieve systems change and elevate the sector.

YOUTH HUBS IN ACTION

ExpandLA is **developing a countywide Youth Hub model** grounded in regional leadership, youth voice, and cross-sector collaboration. In 2024–2025, we deepened our efforts in Southeast LA (SELA) and the Antelope Valley (AV), establishing Core Committees and formalizing partnerships. The Southeast Community Development Corporation became the anchor organization for the SELA Youth Hub. **Ten youth leaders**—five from SELA and five from the AV—joined Youth Executive Boards (YEB) and were trained in youth-adult

partnerships and asset mapping to help guide the work. In response to growing needs, including those amplified by wildfires, we **launched two new Youth Hubs** in Altadena/Pasadena (DENA) and Historic South Central (SLA), bringing in new YEB members in the process. In both regions, we are building networks, engaging youth, and forming key partnerships. A Place Called Home now anchors the SLA Youth Hub, partnering with ExpandLA to lead this critical initiative.



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Regions



119

Partner Organizations

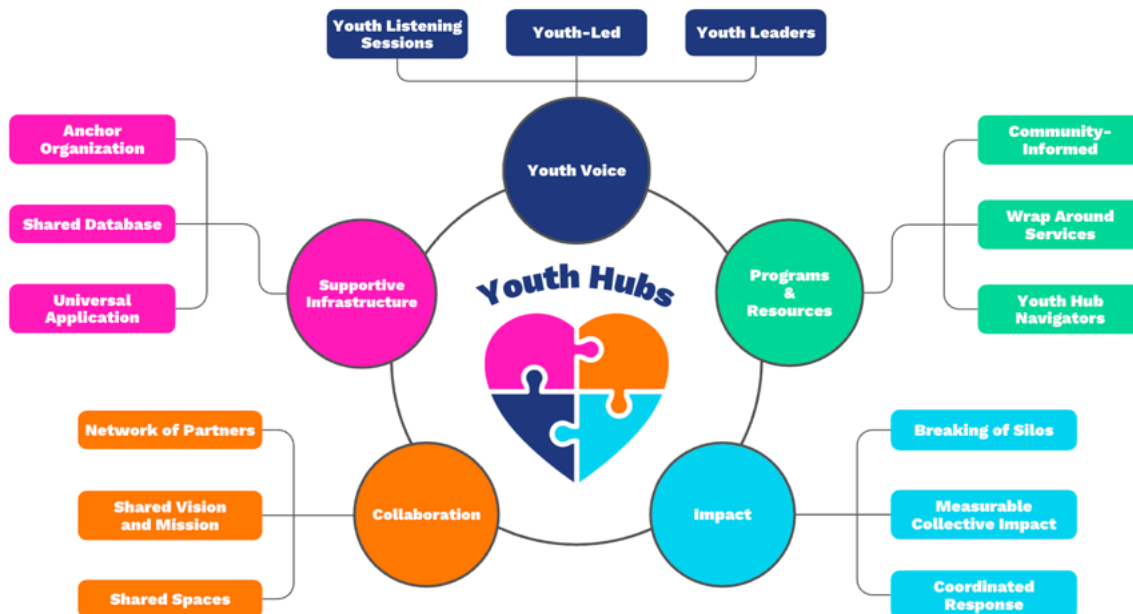


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Convenings

\$250K

Secured for Youth Hub Efforts



CONNECT

MEET OUR YOUTH EXECUTIVE BOARD (YEB)

Youth Executive Boards are shaping Youth Hubs
in their communities through...



Community
Asset Mapping



Participating in Youth-
Adult Partnership Models

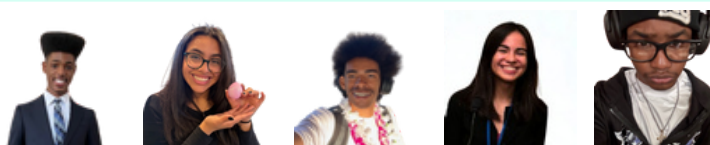


Creating Social Media
Campaigns



AV

Belinda Murillo, César Cruz,
Estephania Escobar, Erwyn
Murillo, Ángel Velasco



SELA

Lonya Flowers, Beebe Pérez,
Abigail Soto, Stephen
Stewart, Michael Yusef



DENA

Aiden Cannady



SLA

Jennifer García,
Caroline Varela



100%

YEB participants reported
that they felt truly heard
through youth-adult
partnerships



89%

YEB participants expressed
interest in returning to
serve on the board for
another year, if given the
opportunity

“

Being a part of the YEB was a great opportunity for me to give back to my community...
it created a space where I could connect with others, share ideas, and be heard.

Lonyah Flowers, Youth Executive Board Member, Antelope Valley

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CONNECT

CRISIS RESPONSE

In response to recent crises in Los Angeles County—from devastating wildfires to rising fears of immigration raids—ExpandLA mobilized its coalition to provide immediate support and long-term coordination. Following the fires, we **convened emergency meetings** and **partnered with on-the-ground groups** in Altadena/Pasadena, including the Partnership for Children, Youth & Families and the Eaton Fire Collaborative, who were addressing basic needs like housing, food, and clothing. To support this work, ExpandLA **secured funding** to launch a Youth Hub in the region and hired a coordinator to build a foundation for ongoing youth support. Simultaneously, in light of increased ICE activity, we **hosted two immigration webinars** and created a resource page for providers. With expert speakers and a dedicated space for peer dialogue, our coalition came together to protect youth, share strategies, and foster resilience across communities.

LOS ANGELES FIRES



3

Mutual Aid Convenings



400+

Attendees



1

Relief Coordination Website



2

New Youth Hubs



IMMIGRATION SUPPORT



2

Immigrant Rights Webinars



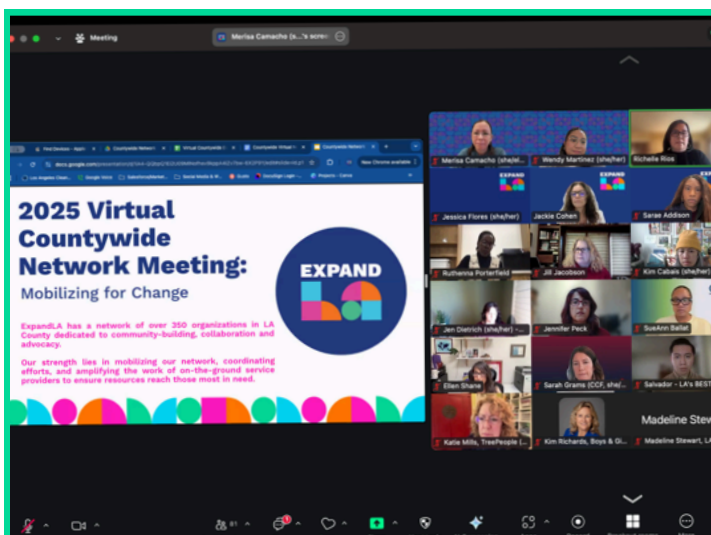
565+

Attendees



1

Resource Sharing Website



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Getting **CONNECTed**

IN THE NUMBERS

500+



Organizations in the ExpandLA Coalition

9



Countywide **Coalition Convenings** hosted by ExpandLA

1400+



Participants at the Countywide Coalition Convenings

9



Meetings with LAUSD expanded learning providers

21



LAUSD expanded learning **organizations** represented at the meetings

135+



Volunteer leadership roles across 22 ExpandLA committees



New Initiative:

Formalizing the ExpandLA Coalition

ExpandLA is transitioning from a grassroots network into a formal coalition of youth-serving organizations across Los Angeles County. With a new membership process, we are establishing clear structures, shared priorities, and aligned advocacy strategies to amplify our collective voice. This next chapter will deepen collaboration, strengthen

our impact, and help ensure that every young person has access to high-quality expanded learning opportunities. Together, we can shape policy, secure lasting investment, and elevate the sector as essential to youth development and community well-being. Learn more and join us at: expandla.org/involved.html.



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ADVOCATE

Catalyzing Change Through Advocacy, Data and Collective Power

We increase access to expanded learning by shaping policy, securing funding, building collective power, and driving narrative and systems change that elevates the vital role youth-serving organizations play in helping Los Angeles youth thrive.

OUR ADVOCACY STRATEGIES

STRATEGY 1: NARRATIVE CHANGE

ExpandLA is leading a narrative change initiative to elevate the visibility, value, and impact of the expanded learning sector across Los Angeles County. In partnership with a prominent social change communications firm, we developed strategic messaging and storytelling that center the voices of youth, families, and providers—aimed at shifting public perception, influencing policy, and securing long-term investment. As part of this work, our *Back to After School* campaign and *Lights On Afterschool* celebration—including a **press conference** and the **lighting of Los Angeles City Hall**—highlighted the essential role expanded learning programs play in supporting academic success, safety, and opportunities beyond the school day. These efforts are deeply interconnected: storytelling, public engagement, and media strategy together elevate expanded learning as a vital part of our community’s educational infrastructure. When we shape the narrative, we shape the future of the field.



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STRATEGY 2: BUILDING POWER



ExpandLA is **building power** across the expanded learning sector to **drive** systems change and **ensure** all young people have access to high-quality programs beyond the school day. Advocacy is essential to **securing** better policies, sustained investment, and recognition of expanded learning as critical to youth development and educational success. Through **collective action**—including coalition building, meetings with legislators, and coordinated letter-writing campaigns—we are ensuring that decision-makers hear directly from those who live and lead this work. We are also **equipping** the field with data and storytelling tools to make the case for investment and impact. By **uniting** providers, families, youth, and partners, ExpandLA is **mobilizing** a powerful, informed movement to **influence** policy and funding at the local, state, and federal levels—and to ensure the expanded learning sector has a seat at every table where decisions about youth are made.

STRATEGY 3: CREATING SUSTAINABILITY



ExpandLA is **advancing long-term sustainability** for expanded learning through policy advocacy and youth leadership. This year, we met with five LAUSD Board Members to **strengthen implementation** of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)—discussions later echoed in public meetings recognizing ExpandLA as a key partner. We **elevated youth voice** by bringing Legacy LA students to the 21st Annual California Afterschool & Summer Challenge,

joining **475** advocates in **101** legislative visits. At the Capitol rally, Legacy LA's Layla Parada delivered a powerful keynote calling for sustainable funding. In partnership with CA3, our advocacy helped secure an **additional \$525M** for ELO-P, raising its **annual investment** to over **\$4.5B**. We also mobilized L.A. County partners to urge Congress to protect and expand 21st Century Community Learning Centers. These wins demonstrate the power of **unified advocacy** and the **collective voice** of expanded learning champions driving change for youth and families.



ADVOCATE

ADVOCACY BY THE NUMBERS



761

Expanded Learning Leaders joined 5 advocacy convenings to address immigration impacts and advance policy and systems change.

Legislative Meetings & Briefings educated policymakers on Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and other expanded learning priorities.

24



16

Advocacy Letters issued by ExpandLA—some independently, others co-signed with allies—to protect and increase funding for expanded learning.

Organizations joined our letter urging Congress to increase 21st CCLC funding and support for the Youth Workforce Readiness Act.

63



9

New Tools and Resources created to strengthen advocacy efforts and help organizations amplify their voice.

Cross-Sector Collaboratives were joined to advance advocacy efforts, align strategies, and drive policy changes that strengthen expanded learning.

8



101

Youth Leaders trained, supported, and given platforms to elevate youth voice in local and statewide advocacy.



New Initiative:

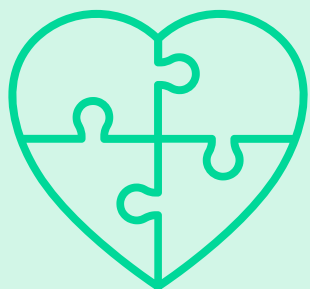
ExpandLA Advocacy Alliance (EXLAA)

ExpandLA recently launched the Expanded Learning Advocacy Alliance (EXLAA)—a countywide action network focused on strengthening the collective voice of the expanded learning field and driving systems-level change. Organized and supported by ExpandLA, the Alliance unites providers, advocates, and cross-sector partners to

advance policies that increase equitable access to high-quality expanded learning programs. This year, EXLAA is prioritizing efforts to broaden ELO-P eligibility and leverage the 2028 Summer Olympics to increase investment in youth programs, infrastructure, and opportunities across Los Angeles County.

BRINGING RESOURCES TOGETHER FOR LA

This year, we've created several impactful web pages to support our community and our shared work. These online resources aim to connect, inform, and empower the expanded learning sector across LA County. To learn more, scan the QR codes below!



YOUTH HUBS

Initiative Descriptions
Regional Events Calendars
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Regional Committee Details

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