



ANNUAL REPORT

COMMUNITY BASED AGENCY CONTRACT

Contract Period: 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2023

Executive Summary

Agency Name: City of Riviera Beach

Program Name: Youth Empowerment Center (YEC), Summer Youth Internship

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Methods: Effectively evaluating youth programs mean assessing both program implementation and outcomes. While effective assessments should be anchored to outcomes, identifying key metrics and collecting data surrounding program implementation i.e. process evaluation, connecting the specific efforts you are making to the desired outcomes for individual youth.

Outcomes: Outcome evaluations focus on capturing data that relate to specific changes in the target population. Outcome evaluations take a deeper dive into how those changes reflect the programs. They also seek to identify whether those changes are a result of the specific program activities and services. Quality impactful services were provided to 138 students this year.

Conclusion: Youth Empowerment Riviera Beach effectively achieved its stated goals for the year. Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment served 138 students this year, and 14 interns were hired in career based positions within the City. These services required staff of Riviera Beach to focus more on coupling interns in positions they were currently majoring in college or preparing to go to college to major.

Recommendations:

The City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment summary from program surveys, youth/parent communications that there is a significant need within the community to continually service youth in the areas of education (prep the students in the areas of math/reading for the new test), college readiness, job readiness, financial literacy to include money management, retirement, credit worthiness, life skills, and communication. Surveys show that more youth are in need of MH groups/individual therapy services, alternative learning, and engaging youth that has been diagnosed to be on the autism spectrum. Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment will continue research on expansion of services to reach various populations to strengthen families and provide engagement to students of different races. In 2024 Riviera Beach will focus more attention on career mentoring, independent living skills, verbal communication (person to person life skills), linking students to vocational programs i.e. IT, CDL, medical, etc. Riviera Beach YEP will work to prepare 9-12 grade students with test taking strategies to increase scores on the ACT/SAT college test.

Report approved and submitted by:

Title of signatory:

Date: 10/16/2023

Annual Report

Introduction:

The City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment functions under the City's guidance to provide prevention, intervention, strengthen programming for youth, young adults ages 11 to 22; while providing supportive programming to enhance the whole family.

Scope of Work:

The City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment is in the commission District 1 & 7. Youth Empowerment Riviera Beach provides educational enhancement programs by way of individual, group tutorial, career pathway preapprenticeship certifications, virtual classes, GED/ACT/SAT/ASVAB test strategies, summer remediation, summer STEM, mentoring programming for young men, reading and math tutorial/remediation for youth K-12, and job placement & workplace training through the Riviera Beach Cafe. Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment provides educational transitional activities to students in 5th grade; and middle/high school students. These programs are provided after school, during school, and weekends. The YEP focuses on empowering youth, promoting education, promoting health awareness, promoting leadership and community involvement. The City provides the following services to youth, young adults, and families during out of school, weekends, and summer: transportation, program activities aligned with designated schools and organizational policy.

Services:

- Risk Assessment for each youth by utilizing a Risk Assessment Tool
- Targeted Recruitment of youth (including juvenile probation office, youth court, school personnel, parents/guardians, law enforcement, diversion programs)
- Registration and Intake for each youth
- Tutoring and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) skill building
- Transportation Options for YEC program activities - aligned with designated schools and organizational policy
- Teen Center (educational and recreational programming 5 days a week minimum with 10 interest-based programs/pro-social activities per week excluding recreation)
- Youth/Teen Advisory Council meetings (every other month minimally) to recommend programs, activities, and policy of the YEC
- Mentoring Support
- Life Skills, Financial Literacy, Leadership Skills Training
- Function as Evening Reporting Center for DJJ involved youth, as appropriate
- College Readiness & Tours
- Career Exploration/Readiness, Employability Skills Training, and Job Placement Assistance
- Community Service Projects incorporating Reflective Learning
- Connectivity to Resources
- Collaborative Partnerships (leadership participation in a minimum of 10 County/Youth Services Department and/or School District collaborative meetings and/or events throughout the year)

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- Life Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Career Exploration/Readiness, Employability Skills Training, and Job Shadowing
- Summer Internship Job Placement
- Connectivity to Resources

Demographics:

The City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment generally serves a greater number of males but has made an extra effort to increase the number of female students. 72.46% of the students are African American 15.22% are Hispanic, 9.42% white, and 4.00% was multi-racial. Riviera Beach YEP has made and will continually make a calculated effort in providing services that will attack all races, genders, income levels that to ensure all students have an opportunity for advancement. Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment has made a concerted effort to increase student demographics.

Gender	(#)	(%)
Female	69	50%
Male	69	50%
FTM		0%
MTF		0%
Other		0%
Non-binary		0%
Not Applicable		0%
Unknown		0%
Age	(#)	(%)
0-4		0%
5-10		0%
11-13	34	25%
14-18	64	46%
19-22	40	29%
>22		0%
Unknown		0%
Not Applicable		0%
Race	(#)	(%)
Asian/Pacific Islander		0%

Black or African American	100	72%
Hispanic or Latino/a	21	15%
Native American or American Indian		0%
White	13	9%
Other		0%
Multiracial	4	3%
Not Applicable		0%
Unknown		0%
Family Type	(#)	(%)
Two Parent Household	46	33%
Single Parent Female Head of Household	75	54%
Single Parent Male Head of Household	9	7%
Grandparents	4	3%
Other	2	1%
Unknown	2	1%
Not Applicable		0%
Household Income	(#)	(%)
\$0.00		0%
<\$19,999	12	9%
\$20-29,999	23	17%
\$30-39,999	27	20%
\$40-49,999	35	25%
\$50-59,999	29	21%
>\$60,000	12	9%
Unknown		0%
Not Applicable		0%

Methodology:

Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment utilize an assessment tool, student/parent survey, YEP application whereby parents' information i.e. income, # of persons in the home, education background, etc. is request at the time of student admission. There surveys are developed with the assistance of the YEP Youth Council. In addition, information is gathered from the parents, community volunteers, stakeholders, and providers who service the students.

Outcomes:

Target: of program participants served will demonstrate improvement in student academics

Actual for the grant year: 138 of 138 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by Student Progress Reports and Report Cards will be collected to access improvement in student academics.

Target: of program participants served will advance to next grade level or attain high school graduation

Actual for the grant year: 138 of 138 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by Copies of Student Progress Reports, Report Cards, standardized testing scores and high school Diploma's will be collected to access academic progress.

Target: of program participants served will attain post-graduate success (college/vocational enrollment, employment, industry certification, military enlistment)

Actual for the grant year: 90 of 90 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by Copies of documentation supporting college enrollment, industry certification, employment, military enlistment will be collected.

Target: of program participants served will remain or become crime free.

Actual for the grant year: 138 of 138 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by JJIS face-sheet data from DJJ

Target: of program participants served will demonstrate increase in employability skills

Actual for the grant year: 92 of 92 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by Pre and Post Survey

Target: of program participants served will obtain employment/internship experience.

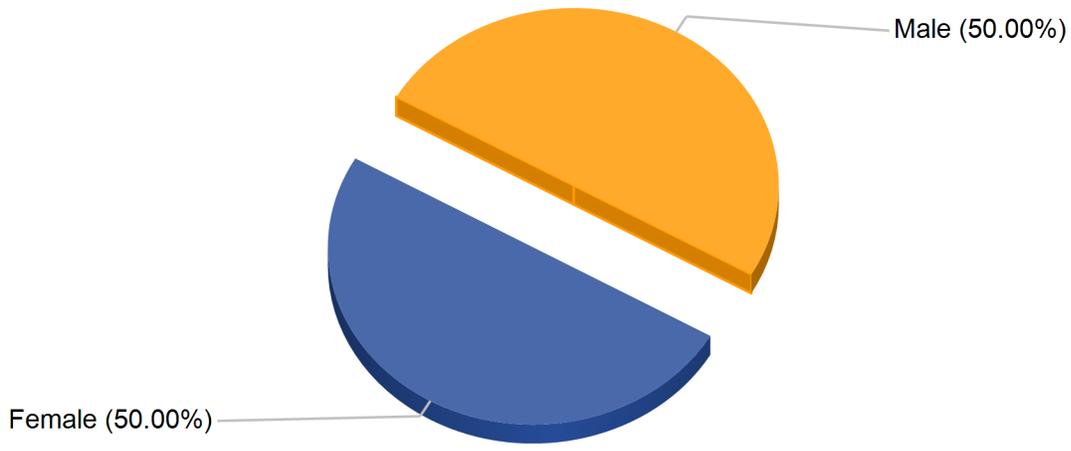
Actual for the grant year: 92 of 92 (%) achieved outcome, as evidence by Placement log, final site evaluations and youth essays.

Charts:

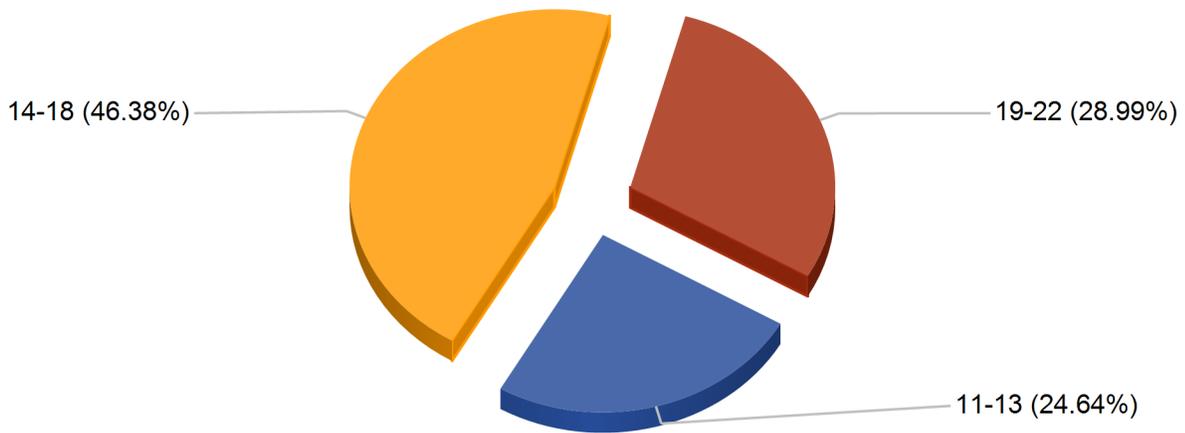
Total population served: **138**

Program Demographics

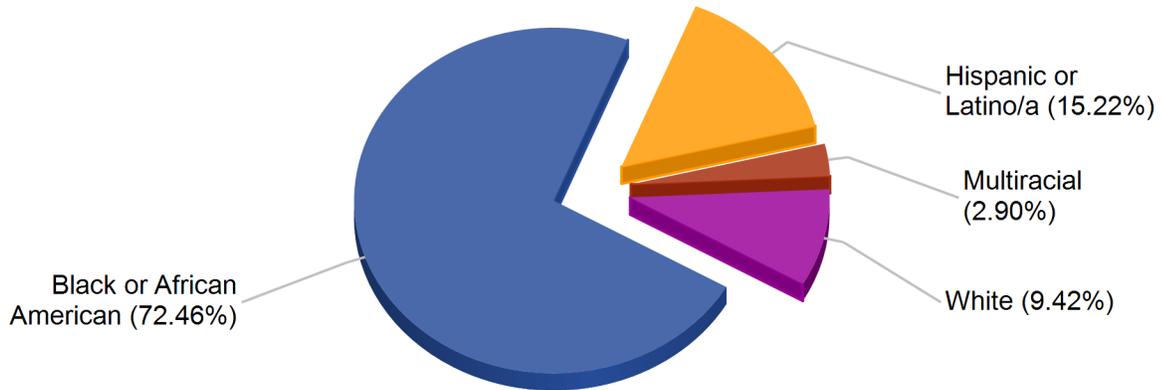
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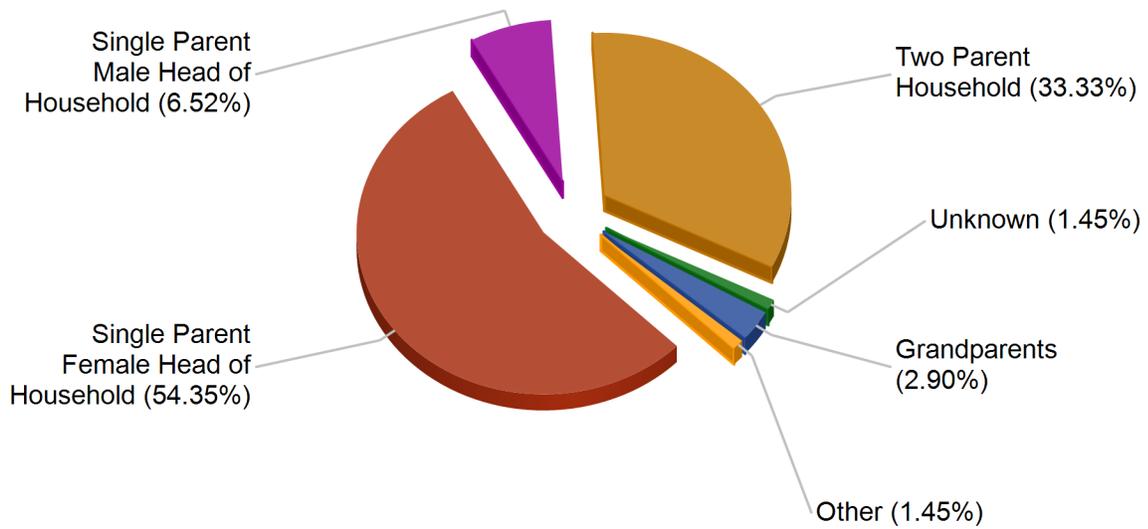
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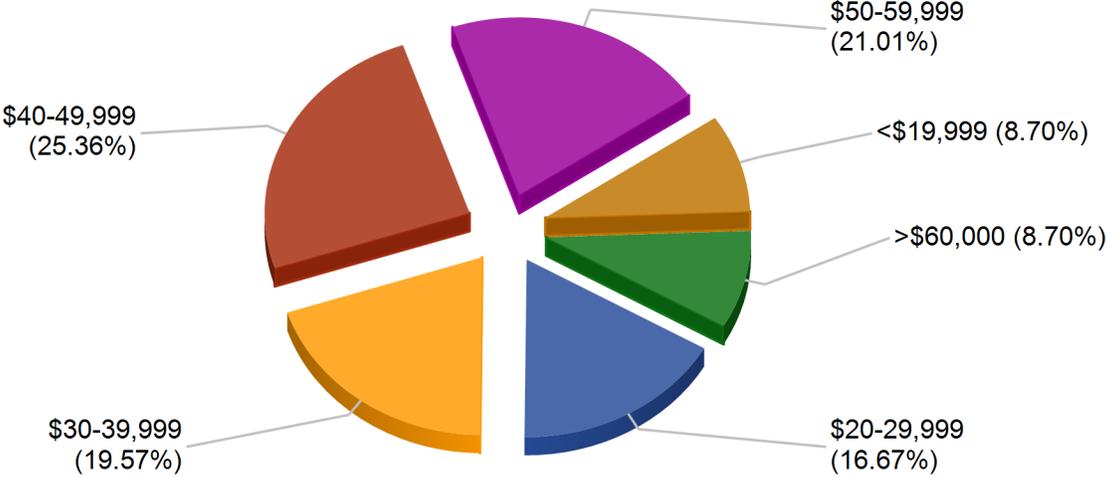
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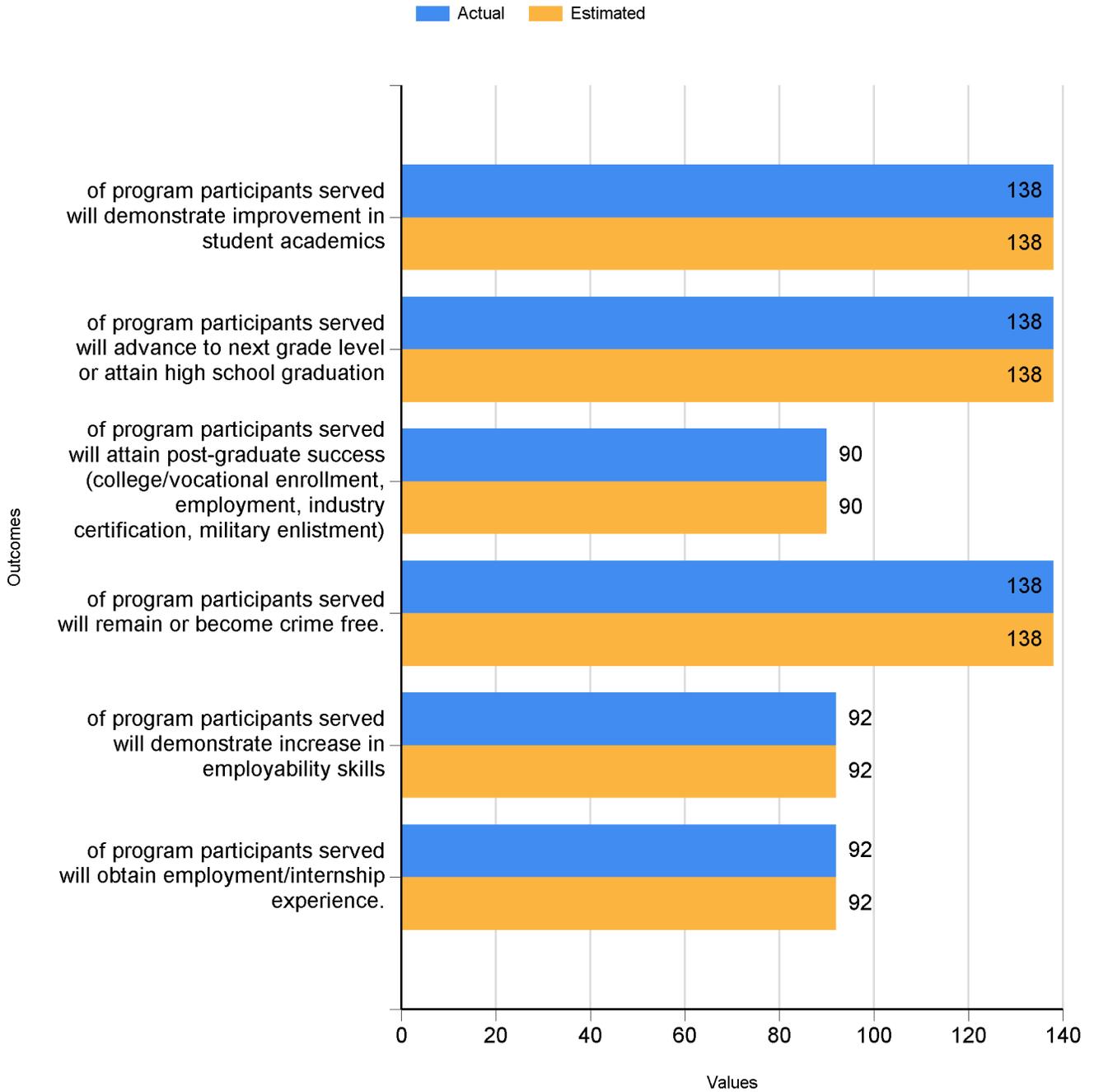
Family Type



Household Income



Program Outcomes



Conclusions:

Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment will continually utilize youth/parent surveys, communicate with stakeholders, and community volunteers to expand services to address the needs of the families in which are served. Riviera YEP will expand services in the areas of job placement, life skills i.e. financial wellness activities, communication, health/body awareness, insurance outlooks, etc. to assist the participating students/families to plan for the future and not for the day. Riviera Beach YEP will continue to expand vocational opportunities to provide students an opportunity to develop careers and/or secondary incomes. Additional education Initiatives will be developed in the new fiscal year to address education deficiencies in math, reading, and the lack of testing strategies, which is adversely affecting our student's progression in school and will ultimately create issues whereby our students will not be able to attend college. Moving forward into the new fiscal year Riviera Beach has been in discussion to expand the vocation program to include automotive body repair/restoration which will be a collaboration with Riviera Beach Police & YEP students. In additional Riviera YEP will continue its partnership with UF STEM Engineering program to virtually engage middle school students.