



The Youth Policy Institute (YPI) is pleased to announce some exciting developments this summer. YPI has an annual budget of \$19 million in the fiscal year that started July 1st. This will be the fifth consecutive year of at least 50% growth for our organization. YPI will also have 82 program sites throughout Los Angeles by the fall to benefit the 20,000 youth and adults enrolled in YPI's education and training programs. More details below.

Sincerely yours,

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\$21 Million in Afterschool Funding

YPI's afterschool program has received \$21 million over five years from the California Department of Education to serve students at 16 elementary, middle, and senior high schools. YPI will now be providing afterschool services at 41 schools in Los Angeles.



Family Development Network Begins

In May, the Los Angeles Community Development Department selected YPI for the North Valley Family Development Network (FDN) contract. FDN is the City's leading anti-poverty program and YPI's North Valley FDN will provide comprehensive services for families out of our Pacoima Center.

Partnering with Neighborhood Legal Services, El Nido Family Center, Child & Family Guidance, Communities in Schools, ICON CDC, Chrysalis, Urban Education Partnership and others, the YPI FDN offers case management, employment, youth advocacy, financial literacy, and referral services for low-income families.



2008 FTP Fundraiser

Since 2001, the Family Technology Project has brought computers to the homes of 500 families free of charge after parents complete a computer literacy class. The annual FTP Fundraiser on September 18, 2008 seeks to raise \$100,000 so that 100 new families can have this same opportunity to earn a computer, printer, and Internet access for their home. To donate, please go to

www.ypiusa.org/donate.asp or contact YPI Deputy Director Ana E. Cubas at 213.688.2802. [More Details](#)



Kick It! New Soccer Program

120 middle school students at six charter schools in the San Fernando Valley and Central Los Angeles have joined the YPI Soccer League in its first year. Funded by the LA84 Foundation and the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the program provides uniforms, a schedule of games throughout the winter and spring, and a season ending tournament and celebration each June.



First Pre-Kindergarten Class Graduates

23 preschoolers graduated from YPI's Pre-Kindergarten and Family Literacy program on June 27th, and will enter kindergarten at Pacoima Charter School in the fall. Joining them were 18 parents receiving a Certificate for the adult education hours they completed. "My daughter learned colors, shapes, and how to love reading in this program," said Erica Andrade, one of the parents attending the

ceremony. [Program Details](#)



YPI Staff in Focus- Anna Becerra

Nearly six years at YPI have seen Anna Becerra go from Receptionist to Office Manager to her current job as Purchasing Manager for YPI programs. Born and raised in Pacoima, Anna still lives in the community with her three daughters and granddaughter. One daughter graduated from Sylmar High School in June. Another will enter the eighth grade at YPI's Bert Corona Charter School in

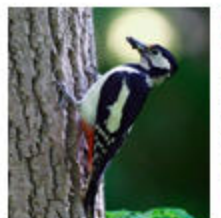
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Anna assists two YPI offices, more than 40 afterschool sites, and a GEAR UP college preparation program among the many programs for which she purchases supplies. "It can get hectic, particularly when a program is on deadline for purchasing materials. But we make it happen."



41 FTP Families Graduate

41 families enrolled in YPI's Family Technology Project graduated from the program on June 14th and 21st with complete computer systems provided for their homes at no cost. Participating families are enrolled at Pacoima Charter School, Bert Corona Charter School, and Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter School. [More Details](#)



Urban Bird Gardens Partnership

YPI is partnering with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to bring participatory Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education to Latino families in Los Angeles. Funded by the National Science Foundation in May, the project will help students develop projects focused on urban greening to improve habitats for birds.



Unity In Our Community Event

More than 100 volunteers at Liggett Street Elementary School in February joined YPI's AmeriCorps Pregram in celebrating Black History Month. Service projects included the construction of a reading garden, the development of a Community Art Corner, and a school clean up effort. "It was a real demonstration of what a school community can do when they work together," said Amy Allard, Project Director. "We'll continue it next year and beyond."



New Charter Schools Exec. Director

YPI has hired Dr. Nick Vasquez as its new Executive Director of Charter Schools. Dr. Vasquez will oversee the operations and expansion of YPI's Bert Corona Charter School and Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter School. He has extensive administrative and teaching

experience over the past 25 years, most recently as Principal of Morningside Elementary School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Dr. Vasquez holds a doctorate in education from the University of California, Los Angeles.