



2020
GRATITUDE REPORT

It's Still About the Heart Work



"We need to stand up and
LEAD together"
— 16 year old participant



January and February 2020 In-Person AES Programs & Initiatives

[Sacramento Youth Alliance-Community Action Team \(SYA-CAT\)](#)

Street Team Retreat

[AES Volunteer Empowerment Training](#)

Mentor/Mentee Globetrotters Game
(thank you to the City of Sacramento for the tickets!)

[Purpose Beyond Policing](#)

Upward Bound Leadership Training

182

youth and adults
participated in AES'
in-person programs and
initiatives in
the first two months of
2020



*"Everyone is brave and has potential
to lead and make a difference"*

— 15 year old participant

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March - December

Virtual Programs & Initiatives

Virtual Voices of Change

Virtual DJ Battles

The Effects of COVID-19 on Young People – How to Keep Moving Forward Virtual Discussion

Project Ignite – Educating Youth Voters about CA Propositions

Street Talks

Virtual Game Night

Virtual Focus Groups – Addressing Racial Injustice

Voter Education Social Media Campaign

143+

“I love that we are being provided a platform for our voices to be heard.

Giving a voice to the voiceless, letting them

know we are together to fight our demons as a unit not just as an individual.”

- Akima

Youth and adults participated in AES’ virtual programs and initiatives, plus hundreds more via



“Although Covid-19 stopped our in-person programs, it hasn’t stopped the methodology in how we *empower young people*. No matter if it’s a Zoom session, YouTube video, or Instagram/Facebook post, we are always

trying to connect **HEART to HEART.**”

– Program Coordinator Ana



2020 BY THE NUMBERS...



385+

Youth, adults, and allies participated in at least one AES program or initiative in 2020

91

% of Leadership Training participants said that as a result of participating, they wanted to be **“a leader that makes positively impacts others.”**

57

AES Allies joined forces via Zoom in July of 2020 to discuss taking action to address racial injustice in America, leading AES to launch a focus group series to **learn how we can move forward together**

8

new programs and initiatives were launched, including [Street Talks](#), [Virtual Voices of Change](#), and [Purpose Beyond Policing](#)

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Mission, but many ways to connect heart to heart, even during a global pandemic thanks to the hearts of our Board, staff, volunteers, donors, young people, and allies



“Everyone has the power to inspire and encourage others”

– 16 year old participant





Thank You For Doing the Heart Work With Us!

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Sierra Health – My Brother’s Keeper Sacramento
National Youth Alliance on Boys and Men of Color
Youth Build/Opportunity Youth United

Partners with *Heart*

Opportunity Youth United	Consumes River College
Sacramento Kids First Coalition	The Hawk Institute
American River College	Upward Bound
Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi	Sacramento County Juvenile Hall
Sacramento Police Department	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Sacramento
Men of Excellence – CSU, Chico	Sacramento City College
Center High School	Sacramento Police Department
Inderkum High School	Cross-Cultural Leadership Center – CSU, Chico

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