

# OCYS CONNECTIONS



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## Happenings

### Child Care Blueprint Implementation

Implementation planning for the San Diego County Child Care Blueprint has kicked off with workgroups addressing each of the Blueprint goals, around workforce, facilities, and access. OCYS is participating in the implementation team that brings together partners, stakeholders, and advisors across all aspects of the child care and early learning ecosystem to identify and implement innovative solutions.



The City of San Diego Child and Youth Plan's child care focus area is closely aligned with the County Blueprint.

Learn more about the Blueprint [here](#), and if you are interested in being a part of implementation planning at any level, please fill out this [interest form](#).

### Literacy Rich Environments Task Force

OCYS is excited to be participating in the United Way of San Diego's Literacy Rich Environments Task Force! The initiative is intended to increase access and education for families by improving and maximizing literacy-rich environments for early learners in Southeast and Central San Diego. A number of community partners are engaged in this work. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Share' Johnson at the United Way of San Diego.



## Upcoming

### Speak Up San Diego Youth Councils

- Education & Career Pathways  
January 14, 4-5pm

### Partnership: **youth will**

OCYS is partnering with Youth Will to recruit and support San Diego youth to apply for the Youth Commission as well as provide civic engagement learning opportunities across the City. Stay tuned for announcements of recruitment events and other engagement opportunities!

## Get the Word Out!

### Help us get the word out about the San Diego Youth Commission!

[Click here for the flyer, and please share with your communities.](#)

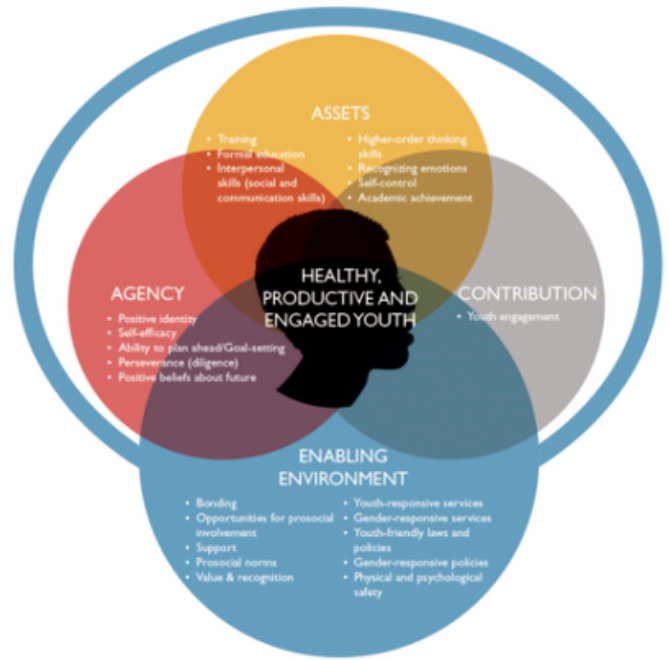
## Update: Child and Youth Plan

### Positive Youth Development Framework

A number of focus areas of the San Diego Child and Youth Plan are aligned with the Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework. PYD is a prosocial approach that focuses on youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families with the purpose to construct, recognize, and leverage young people’s strengths.

OCYS will partner with a consulting firm to provide information, resources, and professional learning about PYD to City of San Diego staff from different departments whose work is relevant to youth and youth development. The intention is to support City staff to learn about PYD and reflect on how services and programs for youth align with the framework.

The PYD framework aims to achieve the vision of healthy, productive, and engaged youth, programs, practices, and policies to work with youth to improve their agency, assets, contribution, and enabling environment. ([YouthPower](#))



### December Nights Family Zone

In partnership with the City’s Special Events, Parks & Rec, and Library Departments, OCYS was pleased to engage in the December Nights Family Zone again! The Municipal Gym was transformed into a winter wonderland with a variety of activities, giveaways, entertainment, and calming spaces for families with young children. We’re already looking forward to next year!



### OCYS Team Spotlight Tianna Fair



Tianna (Ti) is a management intern with OCYS. Ti leads the monthly youth newsletter production and social media creation.

#### In her words:

I’m a first-generation college graduate with a BA in Criminal Justice and am close to completing my MS in Psychology. I’ll be headed to law school in fall 2025!

I’ve been determined of becoming a criminal defense attorney to be a voice to the voiceless since the fifth grade.

The thing I love most about OCYS is creating newsletter pages for the youth, by the youth, providing resources I wish I had!

Outside work, I run God’s Glorious Creations and create content as a faith-based YouTuber. Living for Christ and wherever He takes me.



### December Youth Newsletter

OCYS interns create a monthly youth newsletter, full of current topics, resources, events, and more! The December issue includes info. on effective study habits, building a resume, creating safe spaces, and more!

**Please share the links with your communities!**

[December issue](#) [Past issues](#)

