

The Power of Us Workforce Survey

Millions of staff and volunteers work with young people every day in many settings where youth play, learn, and grow outside of the school day. Yet, we have little collective information about this essential workforce.

The **Power of Us Workforce Survey** seeks to know and understand this collective workforce. We believe that if we know more, we can do more.



Purpose & Promise

- Map the workforce in the youth fields
- Identify trends that may require additional research for understanding
- Inform practices for future employee satisfaction
- Provide reliable information to inform the rapidly changing policy and practice landscape
- Understand the pipeline, pathways, and opportunities that support the workforce
- Dive deeply and describe promising models in response to pressing issues



What are the Youth Fields?

| Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs | Arts and creative youth development | Children and youth library services | Civic engagement programs | Community-based out-of-school time program/club | Faith-based programs |
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| Housing authorities and organizations | Juvenile justice initiatives | Mentoring/tutoring | Museum education | Nature/environmental /outdoor experiential programs | Parks and recreation programs |
| Place-based initiatives (e.g., Promise Neighborhood) | Post-secondary prep/transition programs | Public health prevention work | School-based before- and/or afterschool programs and Child Care Programs | School-based extracurricular program/club | Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and experiences |
| Social justice programs | Sports programs | Success coaching | Summer camps/ summer youth employment programs | Wraparound/ Integrated Student Supports | Youth-serving workforce development/youth employment |



Voices from the Fields: Survey Respondents & Topics

We are surveying individuals in the youth fields who:

- Currently work (or volunteer) directly with youth
- Currently lead youth-serving organizations and programs
- Have worked (or volunteered) in these roles in the past five years





Telling Stories of the Youth Fields

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Most rewarding is just getting to know each individual student. We get to know the kids academically, and personally what they're interested in, who their friends are, and also what they're struggling with. So, that's really my favorite, getting to build those relationships with the kids.

Alana Parsons AmeriCorps Member, Arlington, Virginia



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What inspires me and motivates me to stay in this field is closing the opportunity gap and being able to provide opportunities I didn't have growing up."

Donny Faaliliu Senior Vice President of Leadership and Community Outreach After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles



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What are we learning from the survey?

How we can better support the workforce through their work environment?





What are we learning from the survey?

How can we better support the workforce through professional learning?









Resources (e.g., funding, materials) to participate or use the learning Professional learning offered at convenient times More professional learning offered through their organization Professional learning offered at convenient locations Time off to participate in or use the learning

