

# TENDERLOIN

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN



# Strategic Priority #3: Youth Investment



**SMALL BUSINESS  
SUPPORT**



**OPEN SPACE PLANNING  
& ACTIVATION**



**YOUTH  
INVESTMENTS**



**ACTIVATING  
HOUSING PRIORITIES**

# Youth Investments



## Why is it a priority?

**3,200** Children living in the Tenderloin, ages 0-17.

**3x** the density of children per square mile compared to citywide.

- Community is concerned about the trajectory of youth engaging with the open-air drug market.
- The City is rolling out the next funding cycle for youth programming



**City Partners:** Department of Children, Youth, and their Families



**Community Partners:** TL Afterschool Collaborative



# SF Planning's Role



## Approach:

- Collaborate with Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to identify Tenderloin specific youth services gaps
- Focus group interviews with Tenderloin youth, including disconnected youth and transitional age youth



## Goal:

- **Short-term:** Inform DCYF 2024-29 five-year funding cycle program investments in the Tenderloin.
- **Medium/Long Term:** Support service providers and the City to create new or adjust existing programs to meet the unique needs of TL youth.



# Community Engagement







Interviews and focus groups with many youth service providers.












Participants	Engagement Strategy	Status
Youth Service Providers	Interviews	Completed
Teens (Connected and Disconnected)	Focus Groups	Completed
TAY (Connected and Disconnected)	Focus Groups and Interviews	In Progress
Parents	Focus Groups	In Progress

# Timeline



-  Stakeholder Meeting
-  Community Meeting
-  Research/Analysis
-  Program Support

	2023						2024						
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
1. Community Engagement													
2. Tenderloin Youth Service Gap Analysis				—————									
3. Program Implementation Support									—————				



# Quotes from Youth & Youth Service Providers

**“We're not kids, our families depend on us. We need access to jobs and resources that will help us help our families.”**

**(TL Teen)**



**“We want our kids to enjoy events in the neighborhood, the hard part is getting them there and navigating through the neighborhood.”**

**(Youth Service Provider)**



**"We need access to jobs that pay well and that would accept us. It's hard for me to get any job that requires a background check".**

**(Disconnected TAY)**



**“We aren't attracted to programs that are geared towards children and where we're always supervised. I can see myself attending a program that offers open gyms, game rooms, and hangout spots with low supervision.”**

**(TL Teen)**



**“We need a collaborative approach to youth programming to minimize duplicating efforts and competing for kids.”**

**(Youth Service Provider)**



**"I don't see many places in the Tenderloin where people like me can hang out and have fun".**

**(Disconnected TAY)**



# Preliminary Findings



**1,207**

**Youths (age 4-17) attend DCYF programs** out of over 3,000 total youths living in the Tenderloin

- 80% of those attend programs outside TL
- 46% attend programs within TL

**37%**

of DCYF participants in the Tenderloin **attend DCYF funded programs at public schools which is the highest attended program type.**

**15%**

Of Tenderloin youth in DCYF programs are **Asian, who are underrepresented** compared to their share of population in the TL (31%)

**48%**

Of Tenderloin youth in DCYF programs are **Latinx, are well represented** compared to their share of population in the TL (23%)

**11%**

of TL's youth in DCYF program reported as **Middle Eastern, a low rate** compared to estimated share of this population in the TL

**16%**

**Of TL youth programs focus on expressed needs:**

- Educational Supports
- Youth Workforce Development

