American YouthWorks’
2022 Community Impact Report

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Founded in 1975, American YouthWorks connects young adults with equitable access to education, paid career training, and supportive services through two primary programs, Texas Conservation Corps and YouthBuild Austin. Participants learn new job skills, attain certifications and build a personal and professional network while serving the community.

Participant service projects address critical issues in the community

In Alto, Texas, TXCC Tribal Youth Crew peeled pine poles used to rebuild a Traditional Caddo Grass House destroyed by a tornado. Image shows participants volunteering at the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site with the rebuilding efforts.

- 1,130 computers refurbished and donated
- 2 micro homes built for our unhoused neighbors
- 12 public health events for low income communities
- Assisted 30 homes after 2 floods and 2 storms
- 21,651 trees planted & 4,120 acres of habitat restored

American YouthWorks continues to follow current safety and risk management protocols at all operating and project sites.
Congratulations program participants and graduates & thank you for your many accomplishments!

Conservation Corps

- 202 members received industry certifications
- 118 miles of trails constructed and maintained & 18 miles of waterway improved
- 222,000 pounds of debris removed while on disaster response
- 33 tons of litter and trash recycled or properly disposed of
- 43 public facilities maintained (parks, campgrounds, etc)
- 4,038 acres treated for invasive species
- 5,512 feet of fence built or restored

YouthBuild Austin

- 32 participants earned a High School Diploma or GED
- 60 participants received industry certifications
- 1130 computers refurbished and donated back to the community
- 71 certifications were earned
- 12 public health events provided for low-income communities
- 547 total service hours performed by volunteers
YouthBuild Austin (YBA) is an education and career training program that annually serves 100+ young adults ages 16-24, often disconnected from school and work. Participants complete their education by earning a high school diploma at our on-site charter school or instructor-led GED program. No experience is required for the jobs training programs where participants earn an AmeriCorps stipend and industry certifications in high demand employment sectors.

YouthBuild Austin offers individualized learning plans and supportive services such as:

- Counseling and case management
- Basic needs assistance
- Job readiness skills
- Guided career and college connections
- Head Start early childhood education for participants’ children
- Additional supports for system-involved youth

At Community First! Village, a development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, participants learn to use the table saw while building micro-homes for our unhoused neighbors.

The YBA Print Shop has been working with Social Venture Partnerships on increasing capacity and quality control. Participants have been undertaking new techniques, and the number of jobs they are able to handle is steadily increasing!
AYW Conservation Corps annually connects 175+ young adults with environmental education and technical, site-specific training in conservation and disaster response. Program participants earn industry certifications and develop leadership skills, teamwork, and connection with community.

Texas Conservation Corps (TXCC) and Louisiana Conservation Corps (LaCC) are nationally accredited AmeriCorps programs that complete environmental resiliency projects in communities through support of project partners such as The Corps Network, National Park Service, City of Austin, Harris County, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Participants are also trained in disaster response and deployed by FEMA to help people recover and communities rebuild after devastating environmental-related disasters like floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

The Clean and Green partnership with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, resumed post-pandemic to provide a restorative opportunity for non-violent offenders.

TXCC Conservation & Disaster Crew removing invasive plants along the Barton Creek Greenbelt, in Austin, Texas.

Austin Civilian Conservation Corps, our workforce development partnership with the City of Austin, continues with increased scope for the new season.
AYW offers HealthJoy for all staff members free of charge. This initiative to support health and well being has positively impacted AYW staff.

- 81% Employee Activation
- 434 member actions within HealthJoy
- Unlimited mental health services
- $9,027 saved in Telemedicine consults

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**AYW Demographics**

**Total Staff 82**

- **Gender:** 56% female, 44% male
- **Position:** 98% full time, 2% part time

- **Race:**
  - 46% White
  - 20% Black or African American
  - 23% Hispanic
  - 7% Two or More
  - 2% Asian
  - 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

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**Total Participants 319**

- **Gender:** 48% female, 47% male, 5% gender non-conforming or gender expansive

- **Race:**
  - 69% White
  - 37% Hispanic or Latino/a/x
  - 7% Black or African American
  - 2% Asian
  - 2% unknown

- **Ethnicity:**
  - 49% not of Hispanic or Latino/a/x origin
  - 37% of Hispanic or Latino/a/x origin
  - 14% unknown

- **Age:**
  - 69% 18-25
  - 27% over 25
  - 4% 16-17

**Counties Served**

Texas | Travis, Harris, Bexar, Walker, Sabine, Angelina
Louisiana | East Baton Rouge Parish, Natchitoches Parish

Through community partnerships and support, AYW positively impacts the region by offering socioeconomic growth for young adults, urban resilience, environmental stewardship, and healthier futures.
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“For me, it was kind of a life saving experience. I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life. [AYW has] really helped me find joy in what I do and to understand that there is something for me to do out there.” – Emma

“AmeriCorps has helped me think about the future and how I can better myself through education. The Education Award is allowing me to enroll in community college and start working towards my architecture and computer-aided design degree.” – B. Lopez

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“AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier. I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere.
Thank you!

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