

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement

To empower youth and families within culturally diverse communities to use their voice for global change by teaching media literacy, strengthening communication skills, fostering face-to-face collaboration, and providing a platform for the creative use and effective management of screen technology.

About Us

Youth Speak Out International is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to giving children and youth a voice through collaborative media production and the creative use of screen technologies (e.g., tablets, smartphones, and laptops). As a result of our innovative, hands-on curricula, children develop media literacy, learn to self-regulate their use of screen technologies, and discover and share their life's purpose.

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Life's Purpose™ Youth Empowerment Program



Programmatic Outcomes

92% of participants completed the program

91% of participants created a mission statement

Life's Purpose is a 16 hour Virtual Hybrid Social and Emotional youth program that empowered 16 teen participants from the Department of Juvenal Justice Detention Center to create their mission, purpose, goals and life collage. One short 3–5-minute informational video was produced of all students speaking about their experiences throughout the program. A community forum was held at the end of each program to give participants the opportunity to share their accomplishments with family. A Life's Purpose page was created on YSO INT's website to showcase participants quotes and videos.

89% of participants created a purpose statement

89% of participants created life goals

93% of participants attended a graduation community forum ceremony





Todays' Technology & Communication™ Program

Programmatic Outcomes

92% of participants from thirty-two After School programs in Palm Beach County completed the program

85% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in media literacy skills



Today's Technology & Communication is a 6 hour, Social and Emotional, STEAM program that helped 1023 Elementary & Middle school students build their media literacy, media production and interpersonal communication skills. Through a virtual hybrid model participants learned to become critical thinkers of cultural media messages and improve their abilities to self-regulate the time they spend communicating using on-screen technology.



91% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in video production skills

74% of participants who completed the program demonstrated a decrease in the time spent communicating using on-screen technology



Today's Digital Citizens™ Program



Programmatic Outcomes

92% of participants from 12 After School programs in Palm Beach County completed the program

89% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in media literacy skills

Today's Digital Citizens™ is an innovative, direct service S.T.E.A.M program that helps students become culturally competent as they practice the skills of digital citizenship. Students discuss age-related digital citizenship topics such as: digital literacy, media literacy, privacy and reputation, online security, safety, cyberbullying, and mental well-being. TDC promotes social and emotional learning as students practice and become proficient with the skills of emotional management, empathy, teamwork, responsibility, problem solving. and taking initiative. Students learn to write scripts and create storyboards as they produce self-directed Public Service Announcements that educate the community on the need to become proficient digital citizens.

90% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in communication skills

89% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in digital citizenship skills





Community Partnerships & Funders

Youth Speak Out International gratefully acknowledges the support of funders and donors, large and small. Their commitment to youth and their trust in YSO INT makes our work possible.











We would also like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors. Finally, we are thankful for our community partners: Palm Beach County School District, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Department of Externded Learning, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation. Thank you for sharing our vision in helping students become aware of the choices they make in self-exploration by using their own interpretation and evaluation of the world around them.



2021 Financial Outlook

Revenue

Contributions Income \$1,500.00

Grants \$289,766.77

Miscellaneous Grants \$58,400.96

Total \$349,667.73



Expenses

Salaries \$88,637.32

Insurance \$12,352.36

Professional Fees \$17,375.00

Program Facilitation \$74,250.00

Other Services \$17,318.88

Production \$39,386.00

Curriculum Development \$14,975.00

Miscellaneous Expenses \$43,132.80

Total \$307,427.36

