

LAW PROGRAM

The FLY Law Program is a 12-week program for youth who want to learn more about the law while building skills to help them navigate their lives. The program is held at schools, community centers, and juvenile facilities. Youth are referred by probation officers, judges, principals, teachers, counselors, and community members.



Law-Related Education (LRE): FLY's Law-Related Education builds agency and self-advocacy in youth through legal education workshops that cover topics such as knowing my rights, civic engagement & three strikes, property crimes, substance use & well-being, sex & consent, and gangs & community. These workshops are led by trained FLY facilitators who aim to create a co-learning experience with the support of media, activities, and discussion. FLY captures youth interest with valuable information about the deep and complicated history of the justice system and how it affects their lives. With this understanding, youth discover and discuss ways to navigate the system, while building their skills to make choices that align with their values and influence systemic change.

Group Mentoring: Each site has a dedicated group of facilitators made up of FLY staff and volunteers. These facilitators create space for youth to explore and share their own identities and experiences in addition to supporting youth to identify ways they want to be in the world so that they can fully embrace their personal power.



Field Trip & Recognition Ceremony: Youth take a field trip to a local law school where they tour the campus and act out a mock trial. The final week is a recognition ceremony where youth receive certificates of completion and can reflect and celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

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OUTCOMES:



Increased Social-Emotional Learning: On average, over 75% of youth in the Law Program increase their social-emotional learning skills in at least one of the following domains: self-awareness, social awareness, critical thinking, and self-advocacy.



Increased Knowledge of the Law and One's Rights: On average, over 75% of youth in the Law Program also increase their knowledge of the law and one's rights.



Together, these outcomes provide youth with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions that will reduce their involvement with the justice system and lead to more positive futures.

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