YMCA of Greater Long Beach

YOUTH INSTITUTE

Change Agent Productions

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WHAT IS A YOUTH INSTITUTE?

- History
- Goals
- Nine Principles
- Youth Development Foundation
- Recruitment
- Technology
- Wilderness Retreat
- Summer
- Year Round
- Framework
- Evaluation

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- Engage Middle and High School Students
- Academic Support
- Work Experience through Change Agent Productions
- Community Involvement
- Diversity Training
- Ladder of Opportunity
- Skill Development Focus
- Intense Summer Program
- Year Round Projects

YOUTH INSTITUTE GOALS

- Improve technological knowledge and skills of low-income, culturally-diverse, urban middle and high school students.
- To use youth development principles and project-based learning to develop leadership and decision-making skills and to promote bonding to pro-social adults.
- To improve academic achievement and stimulate interest in higher education.
- To develop job readiness, cultural sensitivity, and a sense of community attachment and belonging.

NINE PRINCIPLES OF A YOUTH INSTITUTE

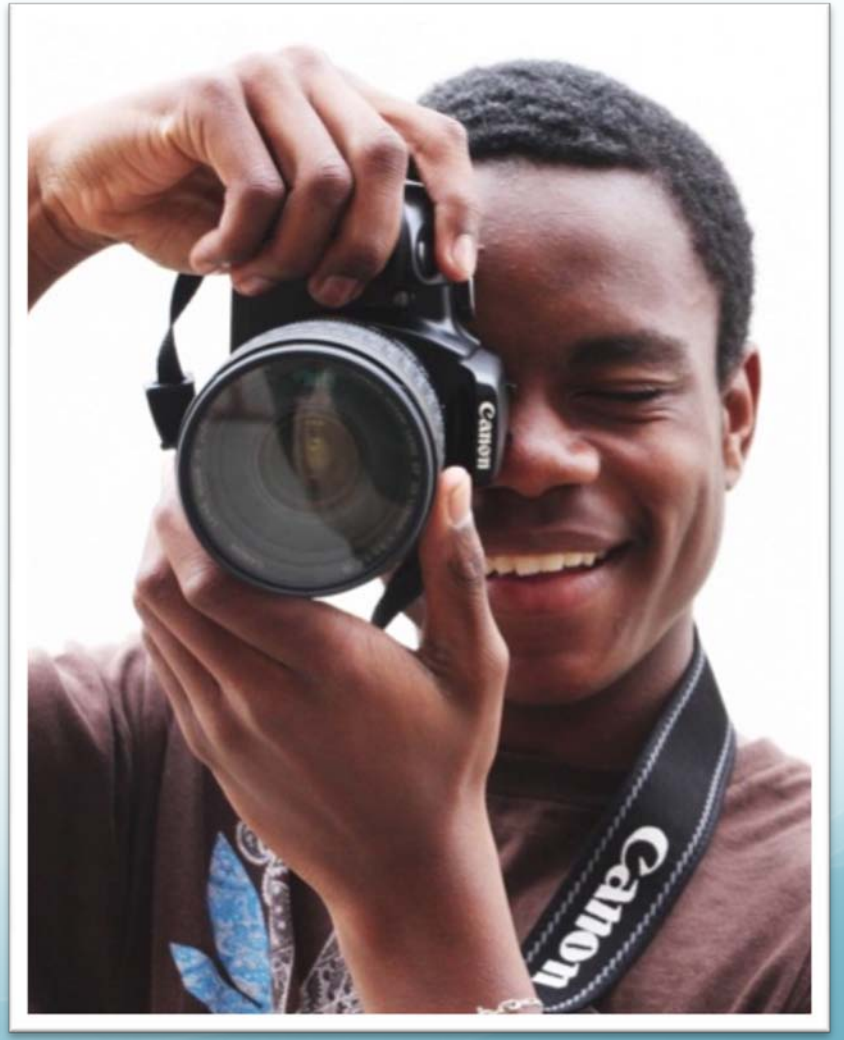
- Engage middle and high school age youth throughout high school
- Begin with a summer program and continue throughout the year
- Academic focus, project based learning approach, articulate academic goals for all activities
- Technology Training and the latest equipment

NINE PRINCIPLES CONTINUED…

- Entering 6th through 11th grade, competitive application process
- Service Learning as Tech Tutors at after school sites all year
- Receive stipends for summer and community service
- Low adult to teen ratios for positive relationship development
- Evaluation must measure skills, attitudes, grades and behaviors

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

- Relationship Building
- Safety
- Youth Participation
- Community Involvement
- Skill Building



RECRUITMENT

- Recruit from Alumni, School Personnel, Agencies, Families
- Competitive Application Process
- February through March
- Essay Questions
- 50% Male / Female
- Diverse Population Selected
- Letter and Phone Contact When Chosen

TECHNOLOGY

WHAT IS TECHNOLOGY?

- Working Computer Lab / Mac & PC
- Laptops to check out
- DV and still digital cameras / LCD Projectors
- Printers / Scanners
- Network wired and wireless
- Mobile Laptop Lab
- Skilled Staff
- Project Based Activities
- Curriculum Driven

SOFTWARE

- Presentation Software
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Office Standard
- Movie Making
- Internet Research
- 3D Animation
- Music Production
- Green Screen / Special Effects

WILDERNESS RETREAT

WILDERNESS RETREAT GOALS

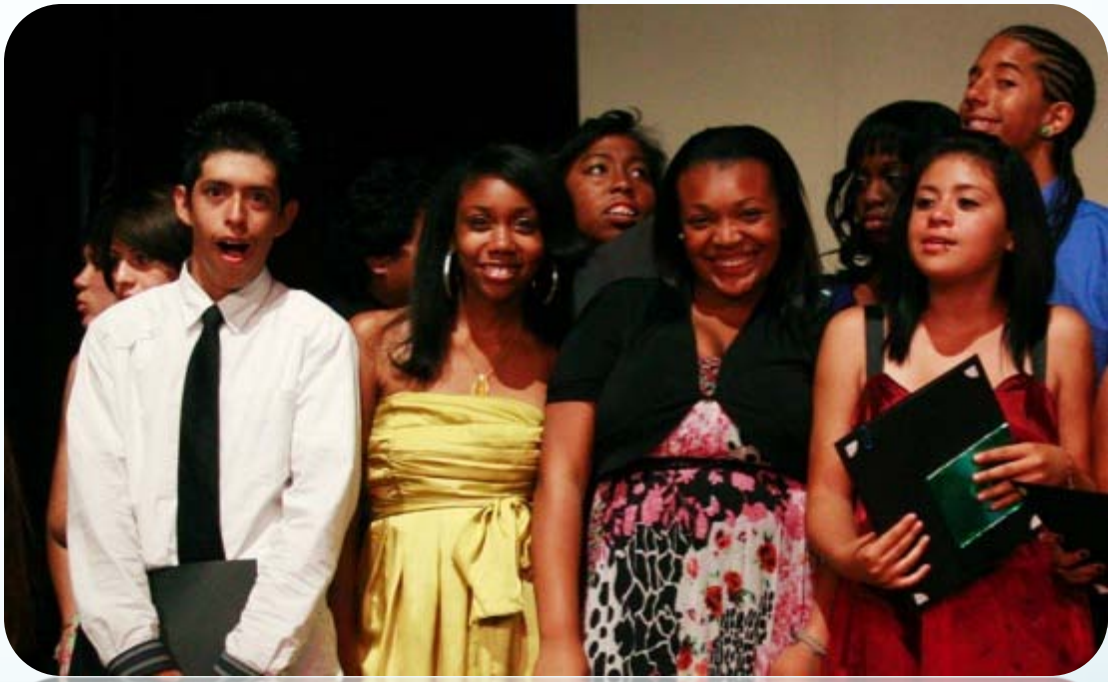
- Teambuilding
- Diversity Training
- Problem Solving Skill Development
- Natural Sciences
- Social Skill Development
- Wilderness Camping

WILDERNESS RETREAT ACTIVITIES

- Camp Set Up
- Cooking
- Initiative Games
- Climbing
- Orienteering
- Hiking
- Ecology / Life Science
- Environmental Awareness
- Oral Storytelling

SUMMER PROGRAM

- Three Pre-Summer Orientation Meetings
- Wilderness Retreat
- Eight Week Program
- Six Hours per Day
- Academic Field Research Trips
- Natural Science
- Literacy
- Graduation Movie Festival



SUMMER CURRICULUM

- Service Learning Projects
- Special Effects
- Web Design
- Graphics Magazine
- Digital Movie Making
- Music Producing
- Public Speaking / Presentations
- 3D Animation
- Life Skills
- Emotional Support

YEAR ROUND PROGRAM

- Open Lab
- Laptop Loan
- Homework Assistance
- Technology Training
- Workforce Projects
- Trips
- Community Service Projects
- In school instruction with Teachers
- Academic Support
- College Preparedness
- Parent Involvement

COMMUNITY SERVICE AS TECH. TUTORS

TEEN LED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

CHANGE AGENT PRODUCTIONS

A Social Enterprise of the Youth Institute

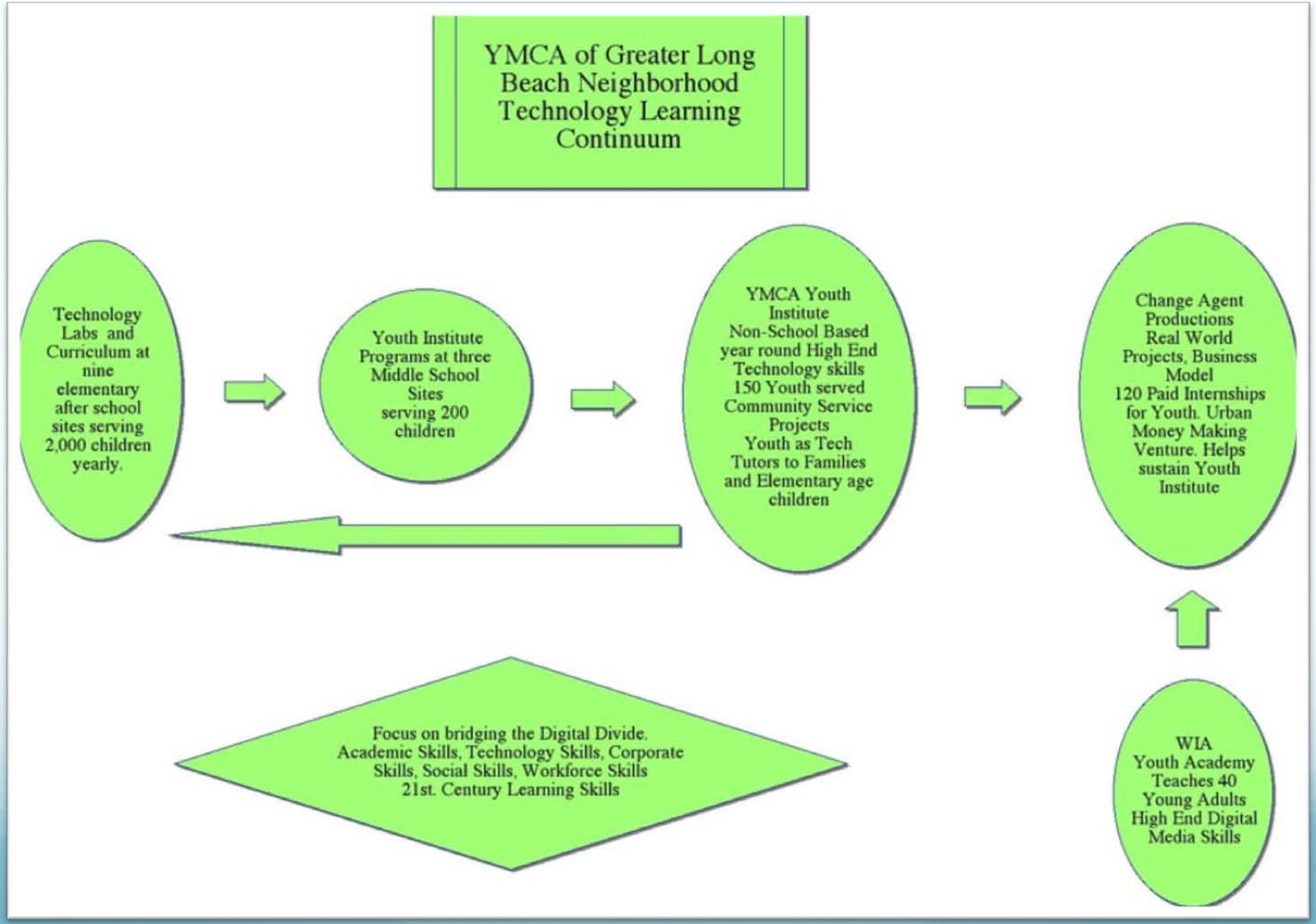
- A Non-Profit Digital Media Studio
- Professionals working with urban Youth to carry out professional high quality projects
- Designed to support the Youth Institute through paid job experiences for Youth
- Supports YI by connecting curriculum to direct job skills.

WORKFORCE PROJECTS WITH CHANGE AGENT PRODUCTIONS

- TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE, SET UP, CONSULTING, TRAINING
- DIGITAL MOVIE-MAKING
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- WEB DESIGN
- AV AT CONFERENCES
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

FRAMEWORK

- Youth Development Foundation
- Service Learning
- Project Based Learning
- Leadership Development
- Academic Support and Skill Building
- Technology Skill Building
- Competency / New Skills
- Workforce Opportunities
- Self Confidence / Achieve Potential
- Academic Potential


YMCA of Greater Long Beach Neighborhood Technology Learning Continuum
Technology Labs and Curriculum at nine elementary after school sites serving 2,000 children yearly.
Youth Institute Programs at three Middle School Sites serving 200 children
YMCA Youth Institute Non-School Based year round High End Technology skills 150 Youth served Community Service Projects Youth as Tech Tutors to Families and Elementary age children
Change Agent Productions Real World Projects, Business Model 120 Paid Internships for Youth. Urban Money Making Venture. Helps sustain Youth Institute
Focus on bridging the Digital Divide. Academic Skills, Technology Skills, Corporate Skills, Social Skills, Workforce Skills 21st. Century Learning Skills
WIA Youth Academy Teaches 40 Young Adults High End Digital Media Skills

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