



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT YMCA

YMCA OF GREATER LONG BEACH

The Community Development YMCA exists to support the YMCA of Greater Long Beach Mission by reaching out and engaging disadvantaged communities in Long Beach; by providing equitable and innovative programs, that teach values, build skills, and create community leaders.

Our staff and volunteers reflect and embrace the diversity that is Long Beach by coming from the same neighborhoods, speaking the same language, having the same faiths, and celebrating the same traditions to foster belonging.

Our programs have breadth and depth in the way we provide social services and involve people and help them through crisis. To engage, educate, and empower our communities it requires our YMCA to constantly do outreach beyond its walls and to build trust within all segments of our communities, especially those who are disengaged.

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## YOUTH INSTITUTE and REPLICATION

The Youth Institute (YI) is a nationally recognized after school and summer program that focuses on youth development, character development principals, social & emotional supports, technology skill building, leadership, service learning, college readiness and academic support. More than 350 teens are actively enrolled. The program engages high school youth of color through teaching them digital storytelling, digital graphics, digital music production, Product Design, 3D Printing, academic supports: computer lab, homework assistance, college readiness and youth solutions on climate action as part of Global YMCA Initiative.

Our YI provides technical support to new & existing replication sites throughout the U.S. and abroad! We serve a total of 400 youth per year presently at these sites with the exact curriculum and youth development framework as the founding site in Long Beach.

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## CHANGE AGENT PRODUCTIONS

Change Agent Productions provides a comprehensive, experiential training program for high school and college age YI participants to gain real world job skills in the technology media industry. We have contracts for graphic design, movie making, and technology projects for other non-profits, foundations and school districts and hire high school teens to carry out the projects under the supervision of our Digital Media Arts Experts. Over 35 youth take part per year in this technology based youth social enterprise and entrepreneurship.

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## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

This program is designed to meet the needs of our community members through relevant, meaningful and life-changing services. We provide opportunities and experiences using evidence-based curriculum, psycho-educational workshops, and fun community activities that enhance and emphasize: effective communication; positive engagement; educational success and socio-emotional balance; digital literacy skills to access to social services, employment, healthcare and education; individual wellbeing that supports physical, emotional and mental health.

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## NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTER

The Center provides newcomer immigrants with services and social supports to enable and empower them to become more integrated and civically engaged in the greater society. Services offered are information and support with immigration and citizenship services, community trauma-informed mental health education and support, trainings on civic engagement, digital literacy, accessing resources and support services. We provide an inclusive, safe, belonging, and equitable space for all to build a cohesive and positive community dynamic that fosters bridge building for all.

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## PRE-K/KINDER SUPPORTS

This supports program is a collaboration with Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). The TK/K support program provides support staff in Transitional Kindergarten and Kinder classrooms at select LBUSD elementary schools in support of the TK/K classroom teacher. Through this program, TK/K Support Staff will be supporting the classroom teacher with instruction assistance and supervision, coordinating and implementing recreational programs, tutoring, and aiding in the coordination and implementation of the day-to-day classroom operations. Additionally, TK/K support staff will be leading and facilitating activities in the following subjects: physical education, recreation, arts and crafts, and STEAM.

As YMCA employees working on a school campus, TK/K Support Staff provide awareness of additional YMCA programs such as wrap around programs and services that could benefit LBUSD students and their families.

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# Since 1992, the Community Development YMCA has engaged, educated, and empowered...



**30,000+** Families and Community Members in Mental Health, Parent Trainings, and Social Services

**10,000+** Youth & Teens in Youth Development, Social & Emotional Supports, and Workforce Development

**15,000+** Youth, Teens, Adults, and Elders in Digital Equity programming and trainings

**10,000+** Youth, Teens, Adults, and Elders in Globally YMCA programming and trainings

**6,000+** Youth, Teens, Adults, and Elders in Newcomer Immigrant programming and services

## Accolades and Recognitions

Selected as one of the first YMCA's to be a **Global Center of Excellence** by YMCA of USA. Established one of the first **Community School Collaborative** projects on the West Coast. Advocated at a local CPUC hearing for affordable broadband that **created a foundation** to support closing the digital divide in California.

Advocated at the state level for **AfterSchool initiative funding** to be a ballot proposition – that passed! Featured on the Apple, Inc. website for **digital equity, technology, and youth development**.

Became an **economic engine** for youth with our social enterprise business – Change Agent Productions.

Four **published academic articles** and **seventeen years of evaluation data** on our teen, adult and social enterprise.

Our youth development and service learning framework establish a **globally youth empowerment movement** “Change Agents” with the World YMCA.

Our youth development program has been **replicated** in fourteen locations globally.

Selected as one of the first cohort YMCAs to be a **New American Welcome Center**.

A member of the national YMCA Green Team, for **sustainable environmental awareness, education and practices**.

The Community Development YMCA @ SPARK of Midtown is a...



Digital Community Hub

1 of 100 global hubs to promote equitable access to education and workforce training opportunities for those disengaged communities. The Community Development YMCA was the 1st hub in the United States.

The North Stars Youth Institute @ Carmelitos is a...



A safe and nurturing environment where youth can access technology to explore, create, and receive mentorship to build confidence they will need to pursue post secondary educational goals and have a successful future

**In three locations to offer FREE programming and services:**

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT YMCA @ Spark of Midtown

1900 Long Beach Boulevard, Suite 100 • Long Beach, California • 90806

**SERVING:** Downtown, Midtown, and Westside Communities

• HP Digital Community Hub • LBCC Community Partner • Change Agent Productions

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT YMCA @ Carmelitos

851 Via Carmelitos • Long Beach, California • 90805

**SERVING:** North Long Beach Community

• BEST BUY Teen Tech Center • Change Agent Productions

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT YMCA @ Wellspring

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**SERVING:** Cambodia Town Community

• HP Digital Community Hub (mobile)



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