SPEAK UP SAN DIEGO SPECIAL YOUTH COUNCIL



WHAT YOU'VE MISSED

HERE'S WHAT THE YOUTH COUNCIL HAD TO SAY ABOUT "ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT" OBJECTIVE OUTLINED IN THE CHILD AND YOUTH PLAN:

Q1. What financial skills do you know, need to learn, or find daunting?

- Learned financial skills from family; lack of guidance can lead to setbacks.
- Key topics:
 - Bank accounts and budgeting
 - Investing and credit scores
 - Credit cards and overcoming fear
 - Saving and building wealth

Q2. What resources do you know for financial literacy education?

- Most participants were unaware of financial resources, indicating a lack of outreach.
- Known resources include:
 - FAFSA workshops through SDSU
 - <u>Primetime team</u> in Sacramento
 - <u>City of San Diego's budget</u> simulation via CAL Coast

Q3. What did your school and family teach you about financial literacy?

- Family was the main source of financial knowledge for all participants
- Schools should prioritize teaching financial literacy basics
- Economics is commonly offered in high schools, but financial literacy is not a graduation requirement

Q4. What financial literacy programs do you need from the city?

- Include financial literacy in high school curriculums, starting with basics to advanced skills
- Offer after-school programs as a temporary solution
- Provide financial advisors in schools for 1-on-1 support

Q5. What critical financial skills do youth need, and why?

- Understanding loans for higher education
- Learning how to use credit cards wisely

Q6. Does this time work, or would another be better for youth?

- Middle of the week, later in the day
- Avoid weekends
- 5 PM or 6 PM works well