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OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH SUCCESS

A City Where Children and Youth Thrive



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ABOUT US

The Office of Child & Youth Success will serve as a navigation and connection point for residents seeking supportive services and programming for youth ages 24 and below.

VISION

Through trust, transparency, equity, and inclusion, the City of San Diego, Office of Child and Youth Success will coordinate a network of community stakeholders that will provide a shared framework to deliver high-impact solutions to challenging circumstances for young people empowering them to thrive in the community they serve.

MISSION

The Office of Child and Youth Success is dedicated to prioritizing San Diego's youngest community by providing access to resources, services and high-quality programs to improve social, health, and educational outcomes.

[LEARN MORE >](#)

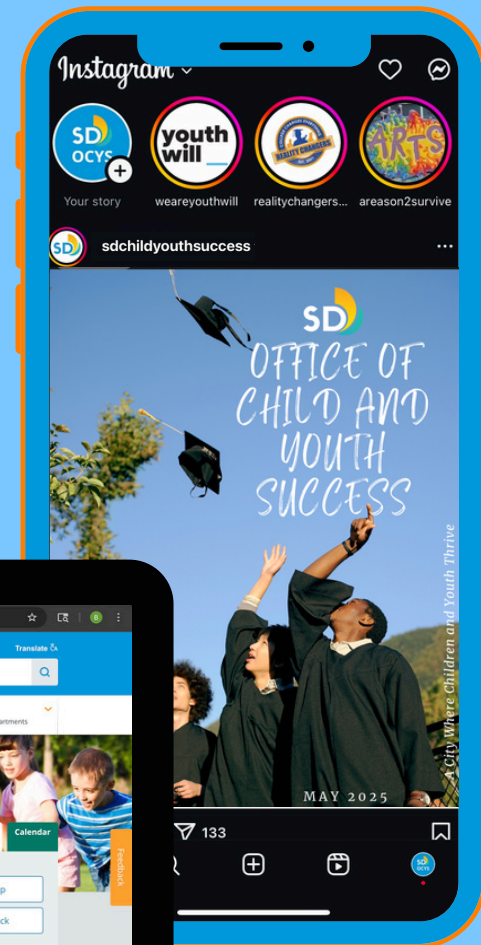
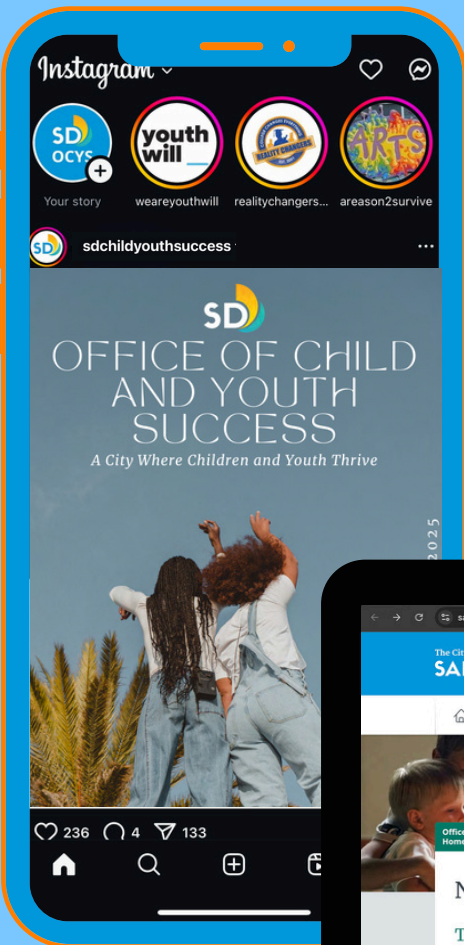
CREATORS

Each of our monthly newsletters is created by the OCYS Interns:
Amy Gianetto, Kwincy Lambert, and Tessa Garrison.

Stay In The Loop

The Office of Child and Youth Success newsletters are carefully crafted by the talented Employ & Empower Youth interns! **Subscribe and follow us on Instagram to stay current on youth resources and more!**

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Clean Beaches Week

[LEARN MORE](#)

July 1-7th, 2025



The Surfrider Foundation's San Diego County volunteer network and Beach Cleanup Coordinator conduct beach cleanups throughout the county, from Imperial Beach to Oceanside.

[Upcoming Cleanups](#)

Clean Beaches Week is an entire week to celebrate our beautiful beaches and ensure they stay clean, safe, and lovely for generations to come. San Diego is a city full of stunning beaches! Help keep our beaches spotless by volunteering in beach cleanups!



San Diego Coast Keeper offers a variety of ways for you to lend a hand picking up trash and preventing marine debris from accumulating in our ocean.

- Community clean ups
- Take on the six cleanup challenge
- Host a sponsored beach cleanup
- Internship opportunities!!



MONEY MOVES

Summer jobs are a great way to utilize your spare time to learn new skills and practice healthy spending habits.



LEARN MORE



Benefits of Direct Deposit

Direct deposit is the deposit of funds electronically into a bank account rather than through a physical check. It typically requires an electronic network that allows deposits to take place between banks.

READ MORE

The logo for myPath, featuring the word "my" in a light green color and "path" in a dark green color, both in a rounded, lowercase sans-serif font.

MyPath's Financial Mentoring services connect young adults receiving income through Guaranteed Income programs or youth employment programs with certified Financial Mentors that have been sourced, vetted and trained by MyPath.

Click Here!



**SAN DIEGO
FINANCIAL
LITERACY
CENTER**

Wave of the Future is a program that teaches high school and college students about various financial topics, like avoiding debt and using credit properly.



Free Printable Budgeting Sheets on Canva!



Print @ the Library!

BUDGET PLANNER

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**AFSA EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

Brightening Your Financial Horizon

A FREE online personal finance course for middle school, high school and college students.

CLICK HERE



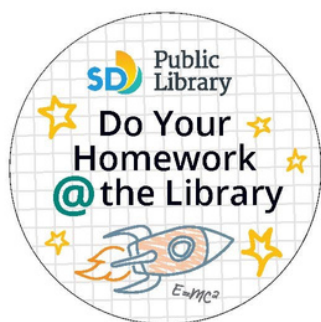
Do Your Homework @ the Library Presents

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM @ LOGAN HEIGHTS

July 1 — July 17

Monday - Thursday | 12 - 3 p.m.

for students in grades 1st - 8th



Don't Stop Learning this Summer!

This summer we will be available to help students build on their math and reading skills to prevent the dreaded "Summer Slide"!

Come practice your reading or math skills, enjoy our free educational worksheets or learn new reading skills.



Scan the QR code to view hours and programming available at select SDPL branches.



Logan Heights Library

567 S 28th St .

(619) 533-3968



Do Your Homework @ the Library Presents

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM @ LOGAN HEIGHTS

**July 11 & 18 Friday
10:30a.m - 12:30 p.m.**



Prepare your child for Kindergarten!

The Kindergarten Readiness Program offers a variety of activities that focus on a child's academic development, learning readiness, social wellness and more! For children 4-5 years old who are entering Kindergarten and their guardians.



*Scan the QR code to view
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SIGN UP FOR THE 2025 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Regístrate Para el Programa de Lectura de Verano 2025

For Readers of All Ages | *Para lectores de todas las edades*

June 1 - August 31 | *1 de junio - 31 de agosto*

sandiego.gov/summerreading



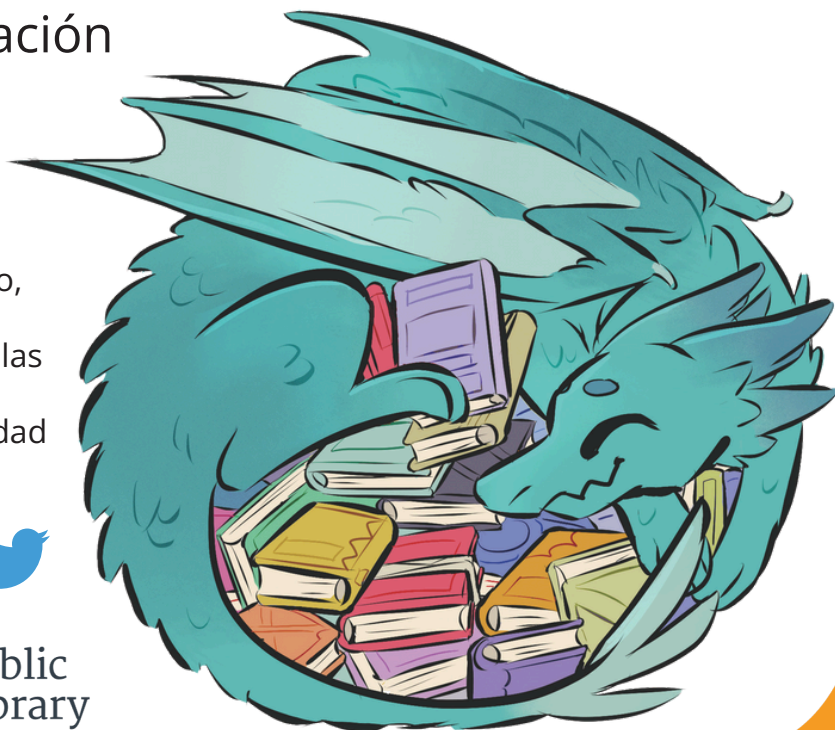
Complete a combination of 10 books, hours, or activities to claim your prizes.

Earn a badge each time you read a book, read for 1 hour or complete an activity. You can mix and match the type of badges as you see fit! Collect 10 badges and you'll receive a prize. Bonus: Log your books, reading hours or activities and you'll be entered into a grand prize raffle drawing.

Completa cualquier combinación de 10 actividades, horas leídas o libros leídos para conseguir tu premio.

Obtén una medalla cada vez que leas un libro, leas por una hora, o termines una actividad. ¡Puedes mezclar y combinar el tipo de medallas como mejor te convenga! Colecciona 10 medallas y recibirás un premio y la oportunidad de participar en la rifa del premio mayor.

Follow us on social media:
Síguenos en las redes sociales:



ACTIVISM OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Climate Activism
**Youth4Climate (San Diego 350
 Climate Action)**
**Green New Deal San Diego
 Climate Action Campaign**



**Our Time to Act
 (OTTA)** - A youth-
 founded and led
 nonprofit working
 toward a better
 future for youth.

**How to get
 involved.**

Check out the
 City of San
 Diego's **Youth
 Commission**, an
 advisory board
 to City Counsel.

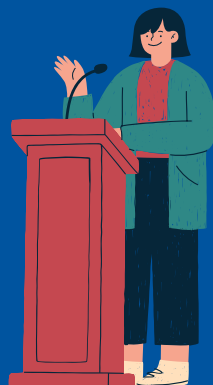
STAY ENGAGED!

San Diego Youth Services
Youth Action Board

An opportunity for youth
 to give their input on
 ending homelessness in
 San Diego!

**The Center Advocacy and
 Civic Engagement** - Read
 more about their ongoing
 advocacy efforts, related (but
 not limited) to LGBTQ+ issues.

**FACE: Fierce Advocacy and
 Civic Engagement** - Learn
 how to get involved with the
 Center's FACE!



Mid City CAN - A non-profit that
 does work to improve the lives of
 City Heights residents through
 advocacy, community organizing,
 and many different campaigns,
 including a youth council!

Youth Centers

To develop into successful adults, our LGBTQ youth need a safe, welcoming, and affirming space where they can be themselves and access the resources they need. Est. in 2000, The Hillcrest Youth Center (HYC) was the first LGBTQ drop-in and recreational center in San Diego County. The South Bay Youth Center (SBYC) was est. in 2019 as a hub for youth families in Chula Vista. Both Youth Centers are dedicated to the needs of LGBTQ and nonbinary youth, as well as youth living with HIV. Both youth centers have a pantry, onsite therapists, expression closets, art supplies, books, media labs, musical instruments, video games, and more!

Community Days: A day where anyone ages 10-24 can come for resources. This is also when community members and partners can schedule tours.

Social Days: When Youth can build community with their peers.



Social Days Schedule:

Ages 10 - 13

- @ SBYC every Wednesday
- @ HYC every Tuesday

Ages 14 - 18

- @ SBYC every Tuesday
- @ HYC every Wednesday

Ages 18 - 24

- @ SBYC every Thursday
- @ HYC every Friday

Resources Offered

Mental Health: Both youth centers have therapists from the BHS team on sight available to meet with clients, assist with crisis situations, and navigate ongoing mental health resources. No appointment is necessary.

- @ SBYC Tuesday & Thursday from 3 PM - 6 PM
- @ HYC Tuesday & Friday from 3 PM - 6 PM



Gender Identity Groups: A certified therapist facilitates these groups and provides ongoing support throughout the month.

@ SBYC Every Tuesday from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

@HYC:

Ages 10-13 Tuesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Ages 14-18 Wednesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Case Management Support:

- Domestic Violence & Abuse
- Homelessness
- Discrimination & Hate Crimes
- Youth Support & Crisis Services
- Family Supportive services

Referral Support:

- Mental Health Crisis
- Healthcare & Medical Needs
- Transgender Services

Game Night:

- @ SBYC every 3rd Thursday of the month, 4 pm - 7 pm

Book Club:

- @HYC every 4th Monday of the month, 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Families Program: A support network for families.

- Mi Familia @ SBYC 4th Monday of the month
- Family Drop-In Hours: 2 pm - 6 pm @ SBYC on Fridays
2 pm - 6pm @ HYC on Thursdays
- Pact @ HYC 1st Thursday of the month



HIV and Hep C Testing: HIV and Hep C testing, and education are offered once a month at both youth centers. Throughout the month, an HIV Counselor is available to provide education, referrals, and emergency connection to PrEP and PEP.

- @ SBYC 1st Thursday of the month, 4 pm - 6:30 pm
- @ HYC 3rd Friday of the month, 4 pm - 6 pm



Project Trans: Provides education and navigation to Hormone Replacement Therapy (If age appropriate), assistance with name and gender marker changes, and access to gender affirming care items.

- @ SBYC 1st Tuesday of the month, 3 pm - 6 pm
- @ HYC 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3 pm - 6 pm





CHILDREN'S GARDEN



At SD Pride Festival

Join a fun, engaging, and welcoming space with entertainment and activities for children 13 and under and their families.



SAT-SUN

JULY 19-20, 2025

12:00PM - 5:00PM



**BALBOA PARK
MARSTON POINT**



Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.



For more information
Families@thecentersd.org





FAMILY
SERVICES

Join us for our support group for **Parents and Caregivers of Transgender/Nonbinary family members (PACT)**. This event is for families needing extra guidance and community to better support their transgender and nonbinary family members.



THURSDAY
July 24th, 2025



HILLCREST YOUTH CENTER
514 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SAN DIEGO



5:00 PM



For more information, contact:



Estevan Ramirez (he/him)
Families Program Coordinator



eramirez@thecentersd.org

CHILL CHEAP SUMMER

Explore San Diego



Walk the Block, Catch the Vibe

This summer, skip the pricey plans and build your own DIY Art Walk through San Diego's most creative neighborhoods. Check out bold murals, explore local galleries, hit up vinyl shops and gift stores, and vibe with the energy of real community spaces. It's fun, it's free(ish), and it's all around you.

Check out more ! ➡

[San Diego Communities](#)



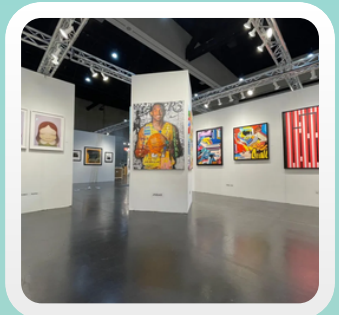
Trails & Golden Hours

San Diego's sunsets hit different when you've earned the view—or found the perfect spot to chill. Hike up Cowles Mountain for panoramic golden-hour vibes, roll out a blanket at Kate Sessions Park for breezy bay views, or post up at Centennial Park in Coronado to watch the skyline light up across the water.

Want something more adventurous? Slide through the sandstone slot paths at Annie's Canyon Trail—a short, narrow hike that feels like a desert maze by the coast.

Check out more ! ➡

[Views and Sunsets](#)



Step In, Explore More

Museums aren't just for field trips—they're for your summer too. Step into science labs, stroll through street art exhibits, explore local history, or vibe with global culture—all across San Diego. From Balboa Park Free Tuesdays to year-round free spots, there's always something new to discover (and it won't cost you much to find it).

Check out more ! ➡

[Free Museum Days](#)

Under The Stars

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK



Come check out this **FREE series of movie showings!** Most movies are rated PG, with a handful rated G and PG-13. It's the perfect safe, after-dark, family-friendly activity, with locations all across San Diego City so you can find one near you!

When and Where?

There are many different showings... find your local recreation center and dates that work for you **HERE!** Movies start 15 minutes after sunset.



Movies include these, and many more!





LGBTQIA+ Youth BOOK CLUB

Join us each month at HYC to read and
discuss a graphic novel written by an
LGBTQIA+ author.
Free books and snacks will be provided!

This club is recommended for ages 10-24.

Hillcrest Youth Center
MONDAY
JULY 28TH
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

*If the 4th Monday falls on a holiday,
we will meet on the 3rd Monday instead.



HYC@thecentersd.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY
4**

July 4th 9 - 10pm

Big Bay Boom

The Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show is back, promising another spectacular display over San Diego Bay. Fireworks will be discharged simultaneously from barges placed strategically around the Bay off Shelter Island, Harbor Island, Embarcadero North, Marina District and Coronado Ferry Landing. The impeccably choreographed display will last approximately 18 minutes.

HAPPY
4th of
July

**JULY
19 & 20**

July 19th & 20th 12pm - 9pm

Pride Festival

San Diego's biggest celebration of diversity and inclusion is calling your name! San Diego Pride returns to Balboa Park with community resources, queer-owned businesses, and multiple entertainment zones.

#LOVEWINS!

**JULY
27**

July 24th - July 27th

Comic Con

Comic-Con is the premier event for all things comics and related popular art, including movies, television, gaming, interactive multimedia, and so much more! Enjoy cosplay galore and take part in unique programming, exclusive previews, and presentations, not to mention the expansive and diverse Exhibit Hall featuring merchandise and displays representing all fandoms.

**JULY
ALL
MONH**

Monday, 9 - 10pm

Parks After Dark

Parks After Dark is a free summer series that transforms neighborhood parks into lively hubs of activity, entertainment, and connection. From movie nights under the stars to live music, games, and community resources, there's something for everyone.

