The goal of this collaborative is to mobilize and shift systems in order to address gaps in youth services while leveraging opportunities to ensure young people in our region reach self-sufficiency through workforce training, youth leadership engagement, and equitable investment in underserved communities.

**Vision**

Create a multisector collaborative effort to support opportunity youth. Our Collaborative aims to:
1. Eliminate silos
2. Amplify collaborative services
3. Enhance multisector networking
4. Establish a resource hub
5. Pay opportunity youth for their input

**Mission**

Eliminate silos
Amplify collaborative services
Enhance multisector networking
Establish a resource hub
Pay opportunity youth for their input

**What We’re Working Towards:**
- Funding for opportunity youth to co-lead the SD Opportunity Youth Collaborative
- Funding of staff capacity-building for organizations and partners
- Funding for technical support
- Youth Resource Hub
- Compensation for youth participation in the collaborative

**Youth Opportunity Pass**

After 11 years of advocacy, youth 18 and under across our region will be able to ride our buses, trolley, and coaster free of charge thanks to the SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP) program as of May 1st, 2022.

**Office of Child & Youth Success**

In June 2021, the City allocated $350,000 to fund an Office of Child & Youth Success, which focuses on cross-system coordination among stakeholders whose work impacts youth. This office would not have been possible without the coalition of community-based organizations coming together to advocate for its creation.

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**Youth Enviro/Recreation Corps**

In March 2021, the County of San Diego created Youth Environmental Corps. In partnership with the Office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, we secured $1 million funding for the Youth Environmental Corps program that prioritizes opportunity youth. This program will provide funding for the County of San Diego to hire youth in green-jobs, i.e. in Parks and Recreation and sustainability departments.