



YOUTH MOVE NATIONAL™

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

MOTIVATING
OTHERS
THROUGH
VOICES
OF
EXPERIENCE

foreward

Greetings Youth MOVE Chapters,

As I take a moment to reflect on all that has happened throughout 2019, I am experiencing awe and gratitude. Our work to Motivate Others through Voices of Experience is spreading! We are concluding a year of epic travel: our team traveled to more states (and countries!) than ever before. Each trip bringing the power of youth voice to new audiences. Our Youth MOVE chapter network just wrapped up reporting on their amazing efforts of the last year and the innovation and reach is astounding.

I am feeling so grateful to everyone who has invested in our mission. This starts with our staff and board of directors – we're a team that is rich in our commitment to youth voice and strong in our passion to move our work forward. Gratitude extends to the youth leaders in each Youth MOVE chapter, the organizations that host and support each chapter, and to every partner who invests in the work of our chapter network and national organization.

I'd especially like to share my deep thanks with each and every Youth MOVEr who has stepped up and shared their story to create change this year. With each voice, each story, we are all emboldened to continue this important work to make the world better for all youth.

The work of Youth MOVE National could not happen without the allyship from many others. We are fortunate to have so many partners and to experience a growth in new partnerships year over year. This year I'm particularly excited about the new work that has unfolded with our partners choosing to invest in youth participatory action research, the intersection of mental and physical healthcare, and the intersection of mental health and juvenile justice and child welfare.

We are already in the midst of a 2020 year that is bringing challenges and innovations on the daily. I am so ready for you to join us to innovate to the future we are all envisioning!

achievements

one. around the world

Youth MOVErs traveled abroad AND hosted international friends and allies in the US this year. The power of connecting with youth advocates across borders is huge! We are energized and full of new resources because of this work. Johanna presented a keynote address at the International Association for Youth Mental Health. Youth MOVE co-hosted the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership Youth Exchange in Washington DC. One theme from all of this: include youth voice in EVERY aspect of systems change – and don't forget the research!

two. training mode

Advocacy, leadership, and peer support trainings amped up this year. Youth MOVErs provided training to many youth and youth program staff this year. Did we see you at one of our trainings?? We've worked hard to build our talents as facilitators, and increase our training library. Hyperlink to this page somewhere in here: <https://youthmovenational.org/consulting/> From Arizona (youth leadership training) to New Mexico (youth engagement trainings) to Pennsylvania (strategic planning) and many places in between, our team has invested in building the capacity

three. peer support

Youth MOVE is focused on increasing the development and access to youth peer support. We have been growing our portfolio of technical assistance and coaching. This year has included opportunities for youth peers and youth peer supervisors, readiness assessments with organizations beginning to hire youth peers, and consultation with states developing youth peer service definitions and training requirements. We can't wait to see what next year brings! We're early in 2020, and the future is already bright! We are excited for the announcements we will be able to bring this year – a huge growth to our training and peer support offerings is in the works!

CHAPTER NETWORK

**4 NEW CHAPTERS!
24 STATEWIDE
42 LOCAL
4 TRIBAL**

**I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP MYSELF
AND OTHERS. LEARNED ABOUT
SYSTEMS OF CARE. GOTTEN A JOB.
WORKED AS A CONSULTANT. WON
AWARDS. I MEAN I HAVE IMPROVED MY
LIFE BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.**

- JOSHUA COLARINO, YMN BOARD PRESIDENT

88k
people 
reached

PURPOSE AREAS

**CHAPTERS HELPED PROMOTE
THE YM MISSION THE MOST IN
THE FOLLOWING AREAS :**

81%

**YOUTH VOICE DEVELOPMENT &
LEADERSHIP**

79%

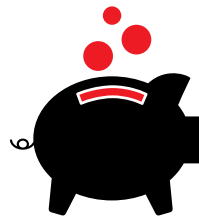
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT &
ADVOCACY**

74%

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT &
EMPOWERMENT**

74%

**RECREATION & PEER
NETWORKING**



**budgets range
from \$0 to \$500k**



Top 3 Programs

- Leadership & Advocacy**
- Stigma Reduction**
- Social & Recreational**

OUR WORK:

**MENTAL HEALTH * LGBTQI2-S * CHILD WELFARE
JUVENILE JUSTICE * SUBSTANCE MISUSE
DEVELOPMENT DISABILITY * HOMELESS YOUTH
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT * PARENTING TEENS
VOCATIONAL REHAB * SEXUAL ASSAULT
HUMAN TRAFFICKING * PHYSICAL DISABILITY
IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE * INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES
MILITARY/VETERANS**

OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT

SUPPORT

“ONE OF OUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR WAS OPENING OUR SEPARATE YOUTH FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET. WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN BRINGING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS BY PERFORMING AT THE STATE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL. WE ALSO REACHED OUT TO GROUP HOMES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS AND PROVIDED A FREE SUMMER CAMP.

- MARQUEZ COATES & JABREIA QUASHIE,
FAVOR YM

COLLABORATION

“THE WAY THE YOUTH WORKED TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER IN NOT ONLY THEIR ACTIVITIES BUT IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES. THE IDEAS THAT FLOW WITH THE MEETINGS ARE AMAZING OUR YOUTH ARE ALWAYS LOOKING AT WAYS TO HELP OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

- MARY JO LEE, YM INDIANA SOUTHEAST

VOICE

“Our greatest strength over the past year has been developing our voice. We practiced by reporting out at our System of Care meetings on a monthly basis on our activities. We were active members on our System of Care Statewide monthly Youth Calls providing ways to engage youth. We started a photography club with a local photographer. This has led to opportunities to participate in community activities and photograph items of interest to youth. We have actively recruited other youth to join Youth MOVE to share in our adventures. Two of youth had an opportunity to travel to a conference in Tampa, where the topic was becoming a community organizer to help create positive changes in our communities.

- Nicole King, YM Florida

EXPRESSION

“I have been able to be myself to be better than I was the day before. I have been able to become more of a leader and be able to explore and travel to different places and meet new people.”

- Caderrick Devon, YM North Carolina

COMMUNITY

“Our greatest strengths included pulling off the Youth Summit and reaching others across the state, as well as being able to pull off the Be Seen campaign across the state and increase awareness about mental health.”

- Brittany Horton,
Youth MOVE Michigan

OPPORTUNITY

“Youth MOVE changed my life by giving me exposure in the network and my own city. When I came home people were so excited for me and proud of me. I have been given job offers and I am advancing in my career.”

- Kayla Morgan, YM Grand Rapids

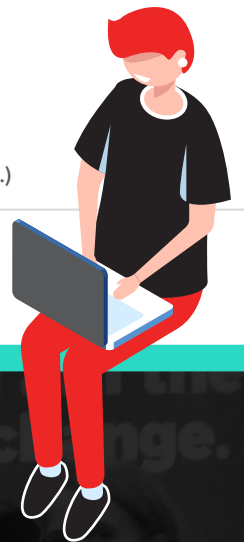
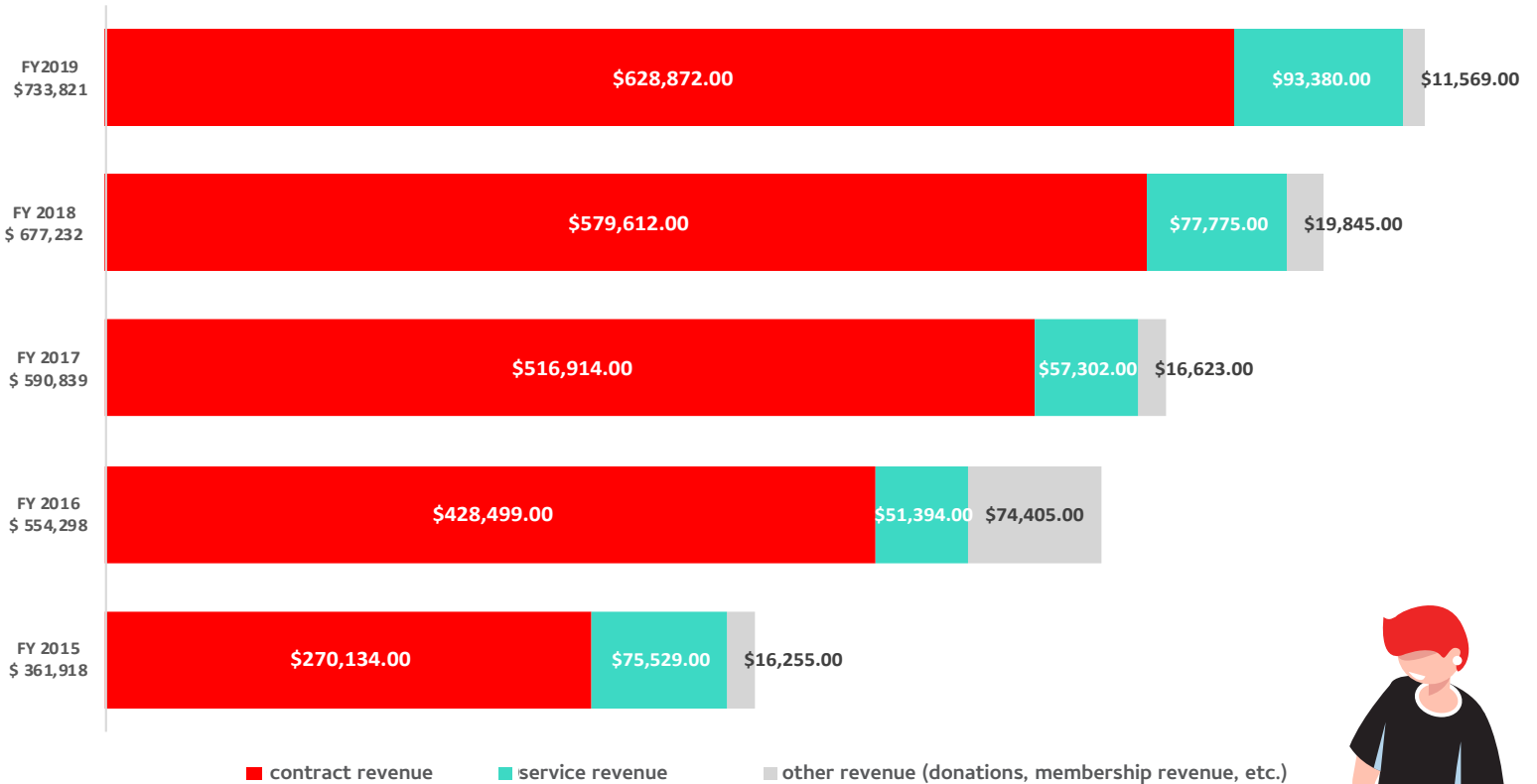
ADVOCACY

“The biggest wins were getting the state of North Dakota to pursue submitting a System of Care grant. ND DHS will be expected to partner with ND Federation of Families, who will involve Youth MOVE Beyond in its grant.”

- Matt Clear, Youth MOVE Beyond

FUNDS AT WORK

Revenue by Type and Year



2019 LEADERSHIP

staff

JOHANNA BERGAN *Executive Director*
KRISTIN THORP *Youth Program Director*
JASMINE BOATWRIGHT *Youth Program Coordinator*
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ALICE TOPALOFF *Operations Coordinator*
MADELINE ZIELINSKI *Youth Program Specialist*

board of directors

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