



Sunset Youth

S E R V I C E S



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Fostering long-term stability and growth in high-risk youth, young adults, and their families through caring relationships and supportive services since 1992.

DAWN'S MESSAGE

We have seen immense change in our country and our city this year. While we are very concerned about the implications, particularly for low-income families of color and those most vulnerable to the impacts of unjust and dehumanizing systems, we are taking our cues from the unwavering desire and self-determination of the families we serve. They desire what we all desire: safer communities, family stability, financial independence. Our programs and services support these aims through a web of caring relationships in a healing-centered community ready to help them succeed.

New partnerships contribute to this vision. In October 2023, at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center, we met Jemaine Hunter, founder of **Arms Down**, an innovative 16-week program which educates gun offenders by inviting them into deeper inquiry about their lives and the physical, emotional, and social conditions present when they first picked up a gun. We became program sponsors, supporting Jemaine with tech assistance, copyediting the curriculum, leadership support, and giving our input. Having graduated its first cohort of 73 inmates and garnering widespread praise, Arms Down launched 3 additional cohorts. And now other facilities are showing interest in the model.

Additionally in July of this year, we expanded our healing arts offerings to include a local bereavement program. Following the retirement of its passionate founder, Pat Murphy, **Josie's Place** joins the SYS family to provide facilitated grief support groups for caregivers and children of all ages. (Learn more on p4 of this report.)

Our work has always been collaborative, made possible with the help of people like you. Thank you for generously giving to support this work!

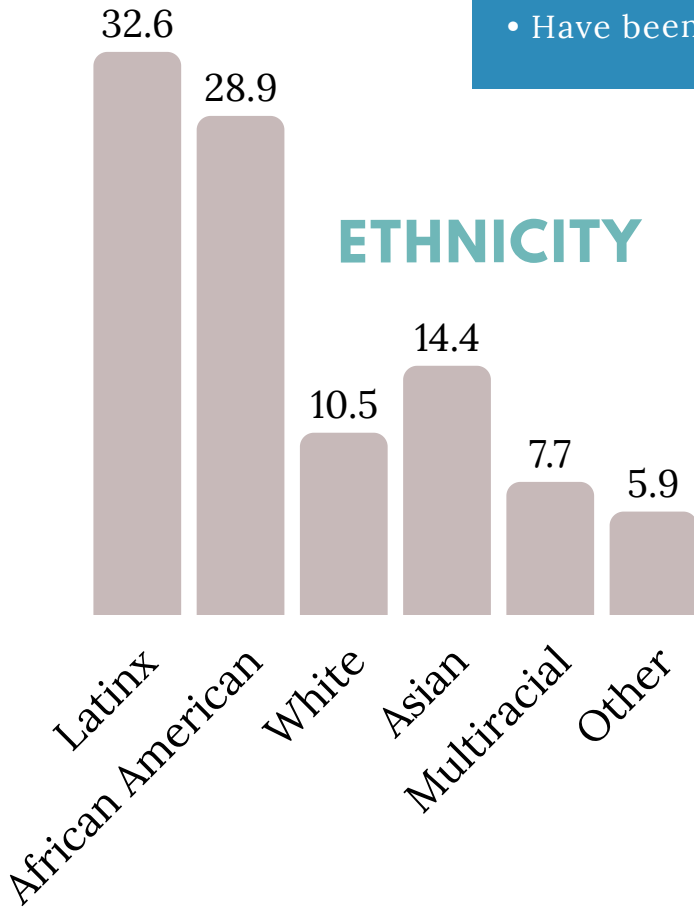


COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

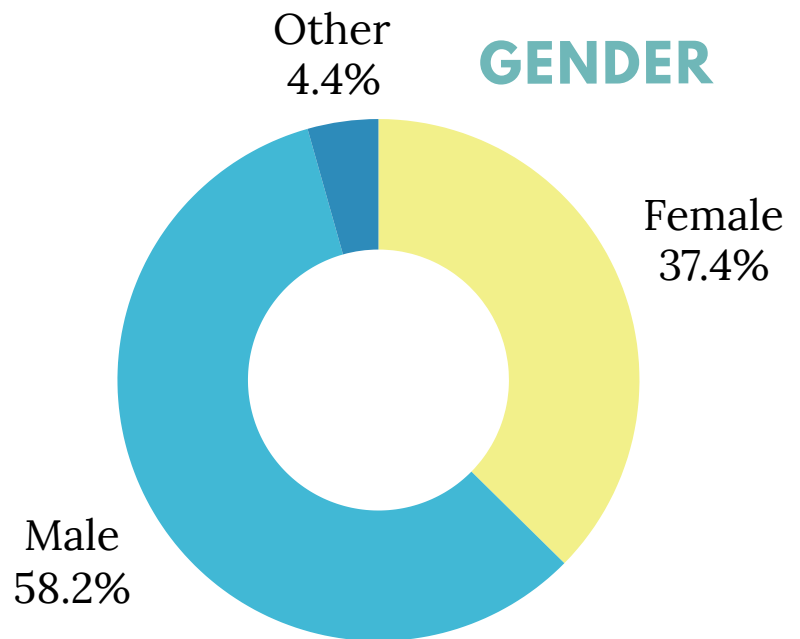
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Live below the federal poverty threshold
- Have survived childhood trauma: abuse, abandonment, neglect
- Live in unsafe neighborhoods
- Have been suspended or expelled from school
- Have been incarcerated

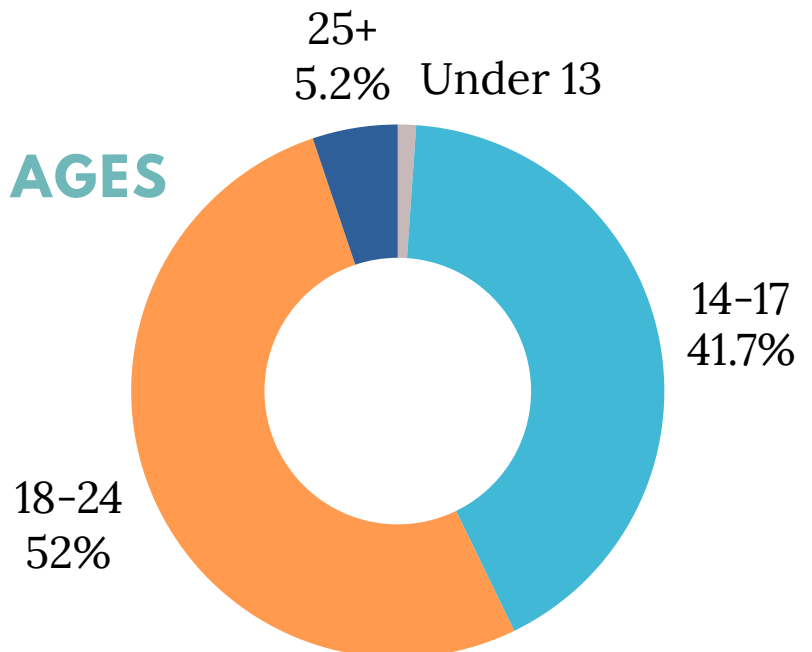
ETHNICITY



GENDER



AGES



408

TOTAL NUMBER OF
YOUTH AND YOUNG
ADULTS SERVED

PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

ATTACHMENT COMMUNITY MODEL

A caring web of relationships is woven throughout our programs. Connected youth are better equipped to thrive in school, at work, in families, and in other social systems.

10 Open Mic Showcase nights, produced and performed by youth



600 Songs created by youth in our Digital Arts programs and **15** full length albums



70 Young people engaged in Workforce Development



25 Young people inside Juvenile Hall served by our Arts & Enterprise programs

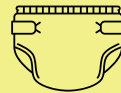


91 Young people received intensive case management from our Justice Services team

41 Families and teen parents received intensive support from our Family Success coaches



245,828 Diapers distributed to families



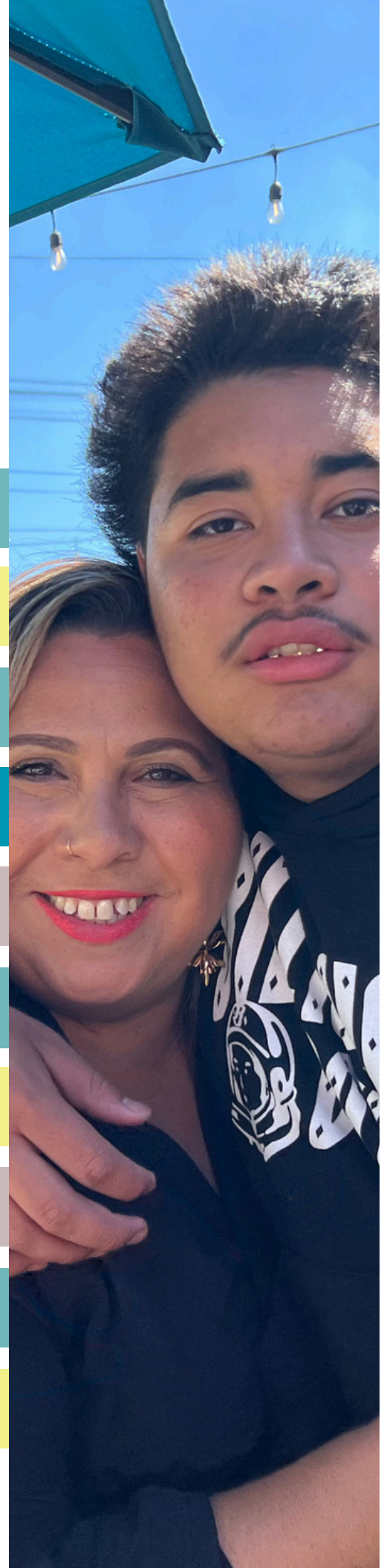
34 Caregivers completed our Triple P parenting class; **24** were systems impacted



29,000 lbs Total food distributed via our weekly Food Pantry



100 Bereaved young people and their caregivers participated in grief circles



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

JOSIE'S PLACE

This year, Sunset Youth Services acquired Josie's Place, an organization dedicated to supporting bereaved youth and their families. Josie's Place has been in operation in the San Francisco Bay Area since 2006, providing free, year-round grief support groups to youth and young adults (ages 6-24) and their parents and caregivers. Josie's Place serves around 100 individuals at any given time.

Early loss impacts us differently. Young people often feel isolated and uncertain about what to do with the strong emotions and thoughts that accompany grief. Support groups, or healing circles, normalize the grief process—young people learn they are not alone in their experiences—and provide outlets for creative expression of grief. Participants tell their stories of loss, recall memories, and express feelings associated with grief through art, music, and movement.

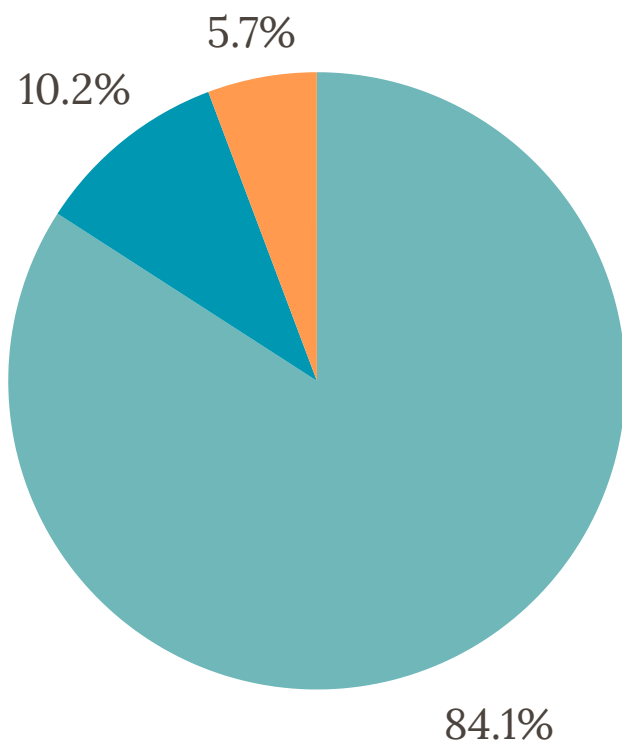
Because so much of what we do at Sunset Youth Services is healing work—removing barriers both external and internal—it made sense for us to bring Josie's Place into the fold of our programs. We are working to bring their wisdom and experience supporting grieving families to more people, including marginalized folks whose grief from overlapping and complex losses must be recognized and given time and space for expression.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

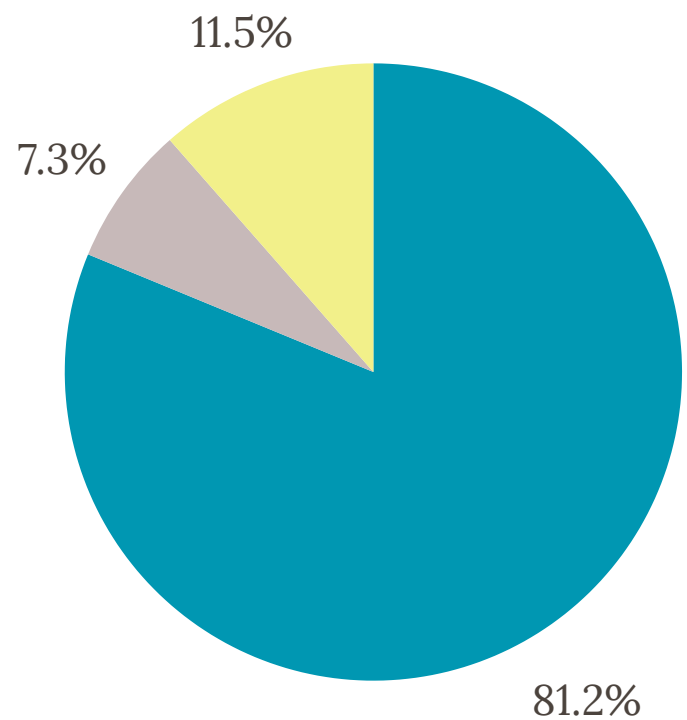
REVENUE

- Public Funding
- Private Foundations & Corporations
- Individual Donors



EXPENSES

- Program
- Fundraising
- Administration





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