

**Health Education Council (HEC)  
Sacramento Youth Violence Prevention Collective (YVPC)  
Co-chair Description**



**Position:** Youth Violence Prevention Co-Chair  
**Term Length/Service:** August - December 30, 2021 (5 months)  
**Compensation:** \$250 - \$400 Stipend  
**Contact:** Chris Cooper, [ccooper@healthedcouncil.org](mailto:ccooper@healthedcouncil.org)

**About the Sacramento Youth Violence Prevention Collective**

In the fall of 2014, the Health Education Council (HEC) was awarded a three-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The program, Sacramento Minority Youth Violence Prevention Collective was aimed at supporting innovative approaches in public health and violence prevention to increase access to public health services and reduce higher rates of minority youth violence for at-risk, minority male youth.

HEC and partners developed a common agenda, which includes the mission and vision for a violence-free Sacramento. Health Education Council serves as the backbone organization behind the Collective Impact structure, and is responsible for the continuous communication among members through a listserv of over 150 key partner contacts including: law enforcement; school districts; hospital systems; health departments; community-based organizations; faith organizations; universities and others. HEC is also responsible for organizing monthly convening and providing space for partners to share solutions, initiatives, and insight to help reduce violence in Sacramento.

YVPC aims to collaborate, engage and mutually reinforce activities to:

- Improve coordination, collaboration, and linkages among agencies that serve minority youth and their families.
- Support traumatized minority youth with direct care and case coordination.
- Increase academic and career opportunities for minority youth to reduce crime and community violence.
- Foster supportive, culturally competent learning environments.
- Increase access to public health and/or social services for minority youth and their families.
- Foster positive encounters between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

**Responsibilities:**

Youth and adult co-chairs will support with leading, developing, and tracking the progress of the YVPC small working group action items, including, 1.) youth engagement, 2.) partnership and collaboration and 3.) systems and policy change. This is a collaborative leadership role that is rooted in relational activism and commitment to building strong relationships across sectors to reduce violence.

1. Work with the YVPC adult co-chair to support the development of YVPC youth engagement, advocacy, policy, partnership and collaboration.

2. Provide recommendations and advice to YVPC partners on policies, projects, programs, and other matters pertaining to youth violence reduction efforts throughout Sacramento.
3. Assist YVPC partners in building awareness on key updates, announcements and services.
4. Organize a youth violence prevention event where YVPC partners, youth and community members, can be more informed and educated on effective approaches that will support in reaching YVPC outcomes.
5. Attend monthly YVPC meetings and planning sessions.

### **Eligibility**

- Sacramento resident 16 to 24 years of age
- Directly affected by community violence, untreated mental illness, behavioral challenges, negative encounters with law enforcement, poverty, homelessness, incarceration, or school failure.

### **YVPC Meeting Schedule:**

- Wednesday, July 14, 2021
- Wednesday, August 11, 2021
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, December (TBD), 2021

### **How to Apply or Nominate a Youth**

To apply or nominate a youth co-chair, e-mail Program Administrator, Chris Cooper at [ccooper@healthedcouncil.org](mailto:ccooper@healthedcouncil.org) (please write “YVPC Co-chair” in the subject line) and share the applicant’s name, age, contact information, and background as it relates to the eligibility criteria – **OR** – complete the [youth co-chair application](#) .

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, July 9th at 5:00 pm PT.