

Discovery Youth Evaluation Summary

Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose
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Discovery Youth Objective	Accomplishments	Challenges	Recommendations for next year	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have 70 adolescents produce 27 video web and radio projects concerning health issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative videos that show understanding of health issues and of video production techniques 132 adolescents participated; core group of 25-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producing web and radio projects Need to leverage CDM marketing and outreach to Recruiting new participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite special guests from industry to help lead web and radio production sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Rigo Goes to the Doctor” and “In Your Nose” were two video projects promoting healthy behavior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase health knowledge through research and multimedia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Videos shown to public at Children’s Health Fair and Safe Nights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health research generally not motivating enough to keep kids coming back to program Staff need more training to address health issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff attend seminars on children’s health Leverage LPFCH resources for health information and to make health research exciting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery Youth participants had a chance to learn about health by being responsible for educating younger children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop self-confidence and social skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse group of adolescents work together confidently Represented CDM to the public Participants socialize outside of DY program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain high level of accomplishment in year two 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are better prepared for school Strong sense of community prevalent in staff and participant comments

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience positive relationship with adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have great enthusiasm for working with DY staff • DY staff successfully balance roles of instructor, friend, adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ways to measure the impact of positive adult relationship in other settings – i.e. are there changes in relationships with teachers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build strong working relationships with new staff member • Bring new program participants into this strong community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing positive role models has been the most successful piece of the program so far
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead health awareness projects for younger museum visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants enjoyed time in the Zoom Zone and the Early Childhood Center • Children’s Health Fair and Safe Nights promoted health issues to thousands of local young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping health awareness interesting to participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop permanent exhibit space on museum floor to showcase periodic health lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent space on the floor could have videos playing in a loop to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise health awareness ○ Increase awareness of Discovery Youth