

Our S.P.O.T.

Social Places and Opportunities for Teens

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About Our SPOT

Our SPOT is an after-school recreational program implemented by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation at select parks for teens grades 7-12 with the goal of providing equitable recreation services and programs and youth protective factors. Our SPOT is free and operates Monday through Friday from 3-7 pm. Today, 13 of 183 parks (7.1%) operate an Our SPOT program. LA County worked hard to provide a space for teens to connect in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic including quickly pivoting to online programming.

Program:

- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma & Healing Centered
- Holistic Health & Wellness
- Evidence-Based Prevention

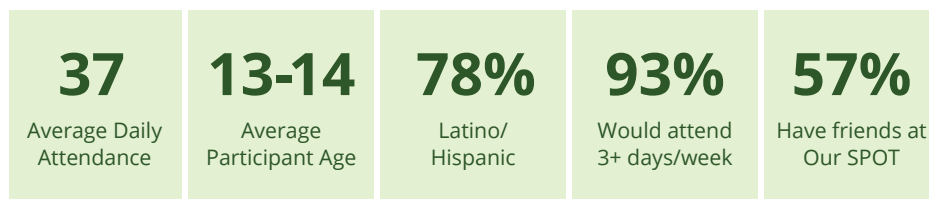
Activities:

- Arts & Self-Exploration
- Social Justice
- Youth Empowerment
- Workforce Readiness

Locations

Our SPOT locations are selected based on **size of youth population**, drop-out rate, proportion of **households below the federal poverty level**, **crime index score** and parks' needs assessment. Need for Out-of-School programs remains high.

Participants



Benefits



Social
Emotional
Growth



Friendship/
Socialization



Academic
Support

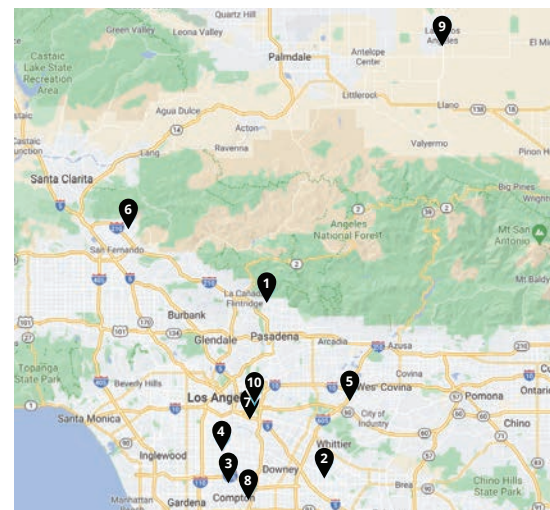
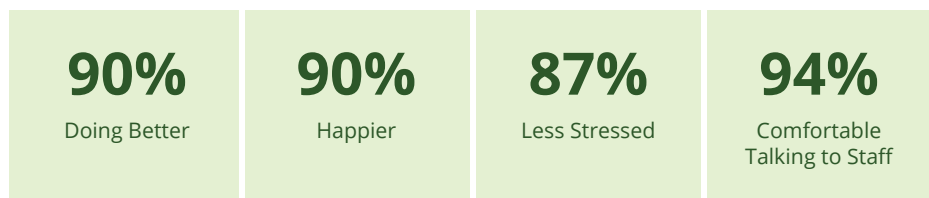


Civic
Engagement



Mentorship

Outcomes



1. Amelia Mayberry Park
2. City Terrace Park
3. El Cariso Community Regional Park
4. East Rancho Dominguez Park
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
6. Loma Alta Park
7. Mona Park
8. Salazar Park
9. San Angelo Park
10. Stephen Sorrensen Park
11. Belvedere Park*
12. Lennox Park*
13. Pamela Park*

* These three newer OUR SPOT parks were not part of the program evaluation.

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