



United Way of Santa Cruz County Programs

We ignite our community to give, advocate and volunteer so that our youth succeed in school and life, our residents are healthy, and our families are financially independent.

Learn about United Way's Programs & Events and how they are connected to our goals of:



YOUTH SUCCESS



HEALTH & WELLNESS



FINANCIAL STABILITY



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Jovenes Sanos is a Watsonville-based youth leadership group working to elevate youth voices to shift the stigma around mental wellness and increase youth access to mental health resources. JS seeks to cultivate peer-to-peer connections and promote hope, healing and resiliency to create a culture of health and thriving.

1 in 5 young people reports that the pandemic had a significant negative impact on their mental health.

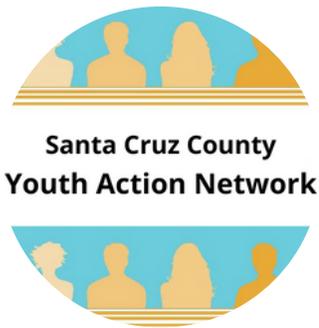


Stuff the Bus is an annual event in partnership with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education that provides back-to-school supplies to students who are experiencing homelessness or other hardships. This is a family-friendly experience that offers a great opportunity for community members to volunteer.



2,100 Backpacks were donated to youth experiencing homelessness & other hardships





Youth Action Network is a countywide youth initiative that works to create a community where youth and adults promote youth well-being by connecting young people to resources and opportunities to create positive community change and elevate youth voices in decision-making.

57.3% of youth in Santa Cruz County believe their participation made a difference in their school or community.
-YAN 2021 Countywide Survey



United 4 Youth is a community empowerment model - assembling teams of nonprofits to co-design innovative, collaborative programs that lead to positive and sustainable outcomes for our youth. Our two cohort grantees are Cradle to Career in Live Oak and Community Action Board's Luna y Sol Center in Watsonville.



345 youth were supported by United 4 Youth in 2021



