Mission

To engage high-needs youth and families and develop leaders through empowerment, advocacy, and transformational systemic change.

Vision

Transformation of A lifestyle and Community

Youth empowerment was founded by Arthur and Gabby Soriano. Co-Founders Robert Ontiveros, Juan Valderrama, Jesus Sandoval, Reggie Washington, Joshlyn Turner, and Jessica Rathbun.

An innovative grassroots approach to diverting youth and the Re-Entry population from the justice system to positive development and has had success changing the mentality of youth and families in the City Heights and South-East Area.

Youth Empowerment is led by positive Community Mentors who help facilitate adolescent development involving youth in neighborhood projects with their peers.

Youth empowerment helps strengthen families by involving family members of youth in supportive and social networks in order to decrease isolation and increase social support.

Youth Empowerment was founded at Teralta Park, still making a presence with Community Engagement and now provides Education and employment services to young adults 18-24 in the City Heights and South-East area.

Youth empowerment is able to orchestrate trips for youth and families to go to places they've never been before, providing food and Community Bar-B-ques

Youth Empowerment members are becoming leaders by leading others in a positive direction, leading in their Community with integrity and being a good example.

Youth empowerment is celebrating their three-year anniversary of helping youth, families, and the re-entry population transform their lives around by building their leadership skills and making a difference in their communities.
As a recipient of Youth Empowerment, we are very happy to partner with the County of San Diego and look forward to doing more to help achieve the vision of Live Well San Diego.

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