

# SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH SUCCESS

To make San Diego a great place for every child and youth to grow up—and for every parent to raise a family—advocates are asking for the establishment of and \$350,000 in funding for an Office of Child and Youth Success (OCYS).

## What the ‘Office’ Is:

- This effort will serve as a **proof of concept**—to establish a children, youth, and families framework for City programs, services and intergovernmental relations, and support the City in becoming a family-friendly employer.
- OCYS would prioritize positioning the City and its partners for federal, state and foundation **grants** for which we are not currently competitive (or for which we do not currently even compete).
- Major functions of the new office will be to **connect, grow and integrate existing programs and functions** in the City that serve children, youth and families, and to elevate the priority on children, youth and their families in City planning and strategies. OCYS may be similar in these functions (coordination and prioritization) to the new Office of Race and Equity.
- OCYS would be the **primary point of contact** for the school districts, community colleges, child care providers, and child and youth development nonprofit organizations operating within City limits.

## What the ‘Office’ Is Not:

- An added level of bureaucracy.
- A provider of direct services.
- A public-facing office that deals directly with children, youth, and their families, the way the County or a social service organization might, except in efforts to elevate the voices and perspectives of these community members in City decisions that impact their lives.

For the original [Concept Paper](#) or more information, please contact [Warsan Artan](#), [Courtney Baltiyskyy](#), or [Erin Hogeboom](#).

### Office of Child and Youth Success Budget

| Description               | Amount           |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Director (1 FTE)          | \$165,000        |
| Coordinator (1 FTE)       | \$100,000        |
| Paid Youth Intern         | \$25,000         |
| Master Planning Process   | \$60,000         |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>\$350,000</b> |

This office exists in various forms in most major cities across the nation.

### Examples:

[Baltimore, Maryland](#)  
[Denver, Colorado](#)  
[Los Angeles, California](#) (NEW!)  
[Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#)  
[Providence, Rhode Island](#)  
[San Francisco, California](#)  
[New Orleans, Louisiana](#)