

The Forum envisions a world in which

All young people reach their fullest potential—in education, work, and life

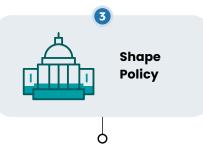
To achieve this vision, the Forum will...



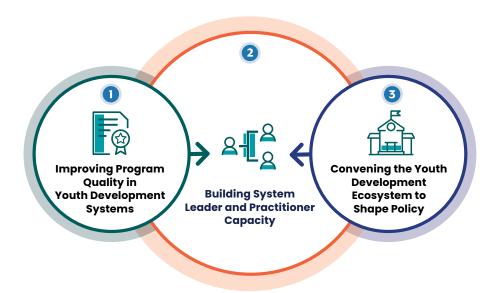
Improving program quality in youth development systems, using the Forum's expertise to contribute to systems-wide best practices.



Designing, building, and implementing capacity building initiatives for system leaders and practitioners using assets developed in the program quality and policy functions.



Convening the youth development ecosystem to facilitate shared learning, identify policy gaps, and coalesce around a united youth development policy agenda.



The three strategic goals will work together to enable the Forum to achieve greater impact in the youth development field



IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE FORUM WILL REFINE ITS FOCUS TO ACTIVATE THE STRATEGIC GOALS



Collapsing silos to deliver to customers more integrated offerings (i.e., program quality improvement, policy, capacity building, and ecosystem convening) that operate together and mutually reinforce each other

Where to Focus

Engaging high need jurisdictions at state and local level, agnostic of political affiliation, to drive meaningful impact across the youth development system

Which Systems

Developing leadership and expertise in systems of out-of-school time, education, youth workforce development, human services, child welfare, and juvenile justice

Who to Serve

Assisting organizations focused on 5-24 year-old youth, particularly youth of color, who lack access to opportunities and resource

THE STRATEGIC GOALS WILL INFORM OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES THAT HELP ACHIEVE THE FORUM'S VISION IN ITS THEORY OF CHANGE

Strategic Goals & Sub-Activities		Outputs	Outcomes	
			First Level	Second Level
Improving program quality in youth development systems	Assess, plan, and improve youth development program quality through continuous quality improvement tools, resources, and frameworks	High-quality, tailored tools to improve youth development programs	Youth development programs know how they are performing and where to improve	High-quality programs that support positive youth development and uphold communities
	Leverage data assets and measurement & evaluation frameworks to advance a youth development approach within and across systems			
Designing, building, and implementing capacity-building initiatives for system leaders and practitioners	Provide consultation, training, and technical assistance to system leaders and practitioners on improving systems and programs	Capacity building support for youth development system leaders and practitioners	System leaders know what reforms to implement and how to enact change and youth development practitioners know what practices to implement and how to implement them	Prepared and empowered system leaders and practitioners across the field that address the needs of all youth including youth of color
	Shape and strengthen youth development ecosystems to co-design innovative solutions that support positive youth development			
Convening the youth development ecosystem to shape policy	Convene stakeholders and engage youth and their families to facilitate shared learnings and identify policy gaps	Convenings organized and relationships built to engage stakeholders	Youth, families, and practitioners work together to achieve collective impact and policymakers know what policy changes are needed	Federal and state policies, legislation, and ecosystems that strengthen youth and communities
	Build relationships and promote opportunities to advance a youth policy agenda			

Our Vision: A world where all young people reach their fullest potential—in education, work, and life.