

SPARK: Youth Advisory Council

2025-2026



Program Overview

Positive youth development program designed to build leadership skills and elevate youth voice in public health

Public Health Education

Leadership Development

Youth Advocacy & Action

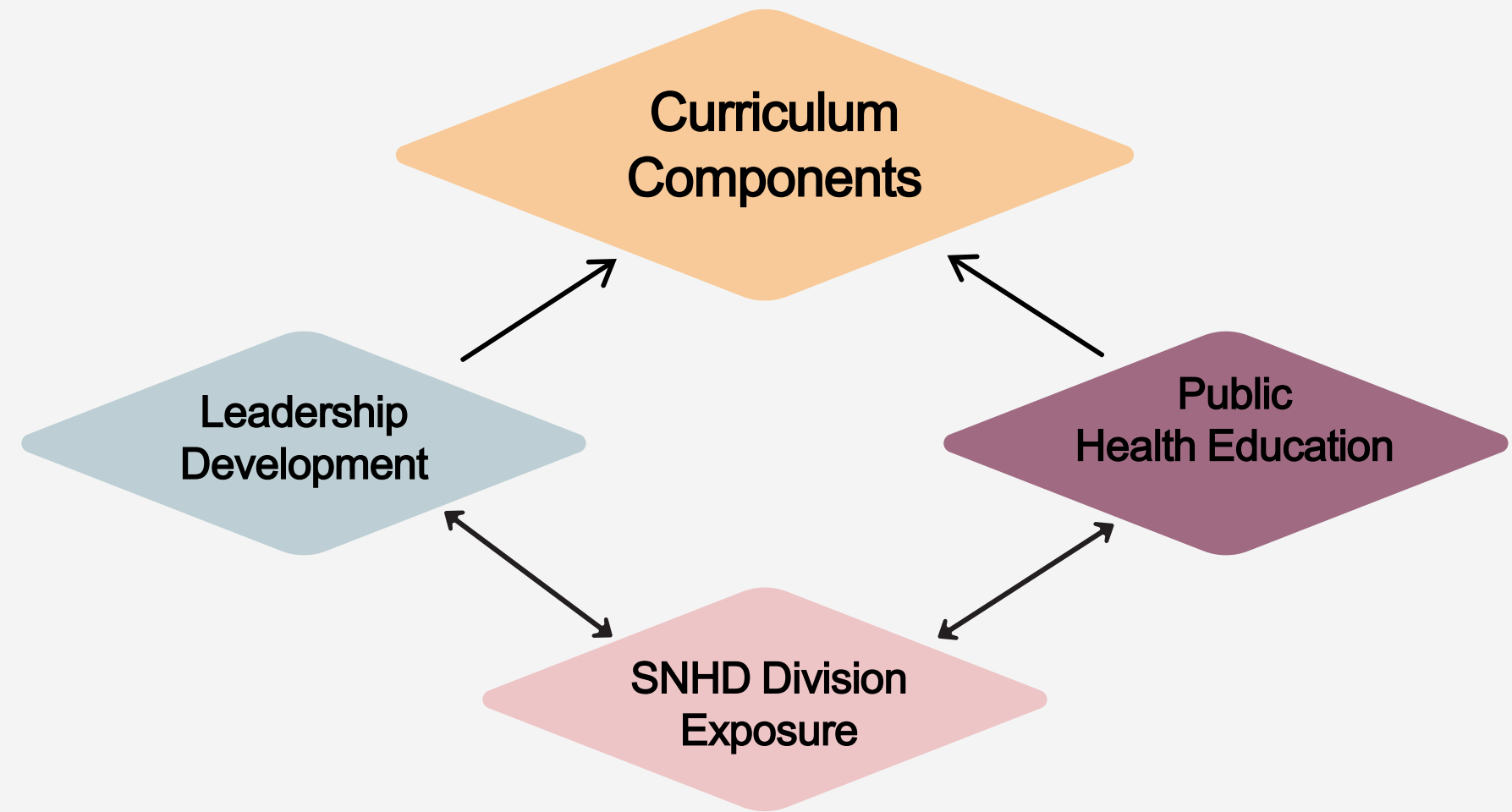


Program Description & Experience

Delivered through a 13-lesson curriculum using direct instruction, inquiry-based learning, cooperative learning, and a problem-based group project

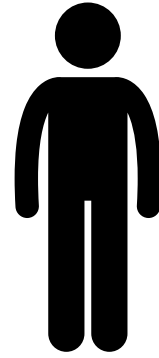


10 **diverse** participants spread across 9 CCSD schools



CSN “Time Is Now,” Tobacco-Free Initiative

Youth Reach



2,000+

- CCSD students engaged across 9 high schools

120+

- student support cards collected

Visibility & Awareness

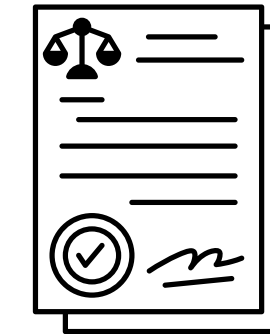


7 Media Features

(print, radio, television)

- Youth-led campaign amplified awareness of tobacco-free campuses across Clark County

Policy Impact



Systems Change

- CSN leadership actively drafting tobacco-free policy
- SNHD Tobacco Control Program providing technical assistance
 - Continued outreach planned (Fall 2026)
- SPARK alumni supporting future engagement efforts

Program Evaluation

Preliminary Findings

- Strong engagement
- Positive experiences
- Increased public health understanding

Evaluation Design

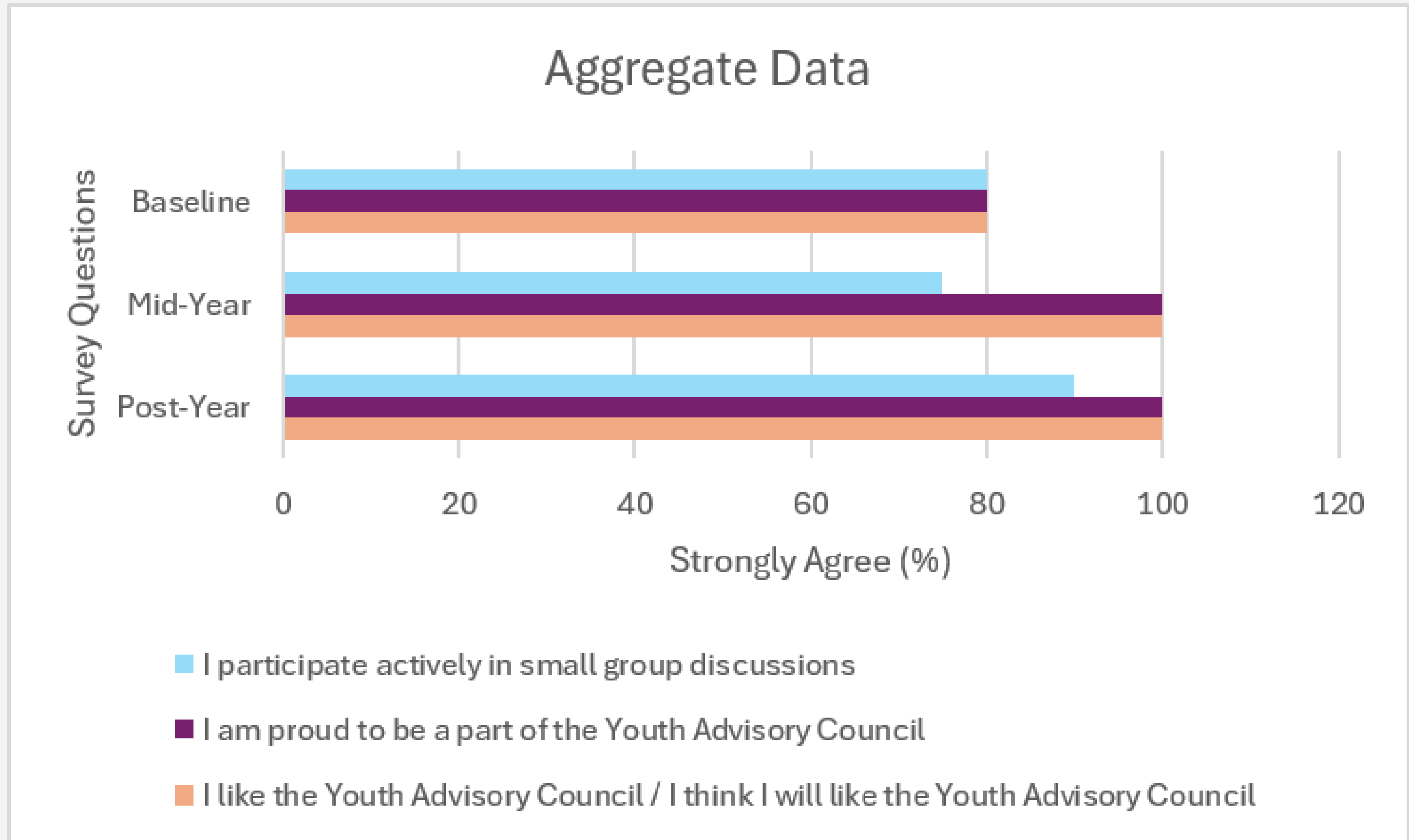
Measured youth engagement across three domains

- Affective
- Behavioral
- Cognitive

Data Collection

- Baseline (Q1)
 - Post workshops
- Mid-point (Q2)
- Post-program (Q3)

Program Evaluation





Program Impact

● Community

- Youth serve as advocates, educators, and leaders
- Youth-led projects create measurable results

● Organization: SNHD

- Youth perspectives help inform public health programs
- Youth ambassadors increase engagement through peer-to-peer outreach

● YAC Member

- Participants develop leadership skills
- Youth gain exposure to careers in public health

Student Testimonial:

Lola Romero

Spark Youth Adv. Councilmember
Shadow Ridge High School

- Hearing different perspectives on public health issues.
- Health challenges aren't always about personal choices; they sometimes stem from the barriers people face.
- Listening to [youth voices](#) is essential to understanding public health issues.



Best Practices

Center Youth Voice in Program Design

Provide Real-World, Applied Learning Experiences

Address Access and Equity Barriers Early

Ride Share Vouchers

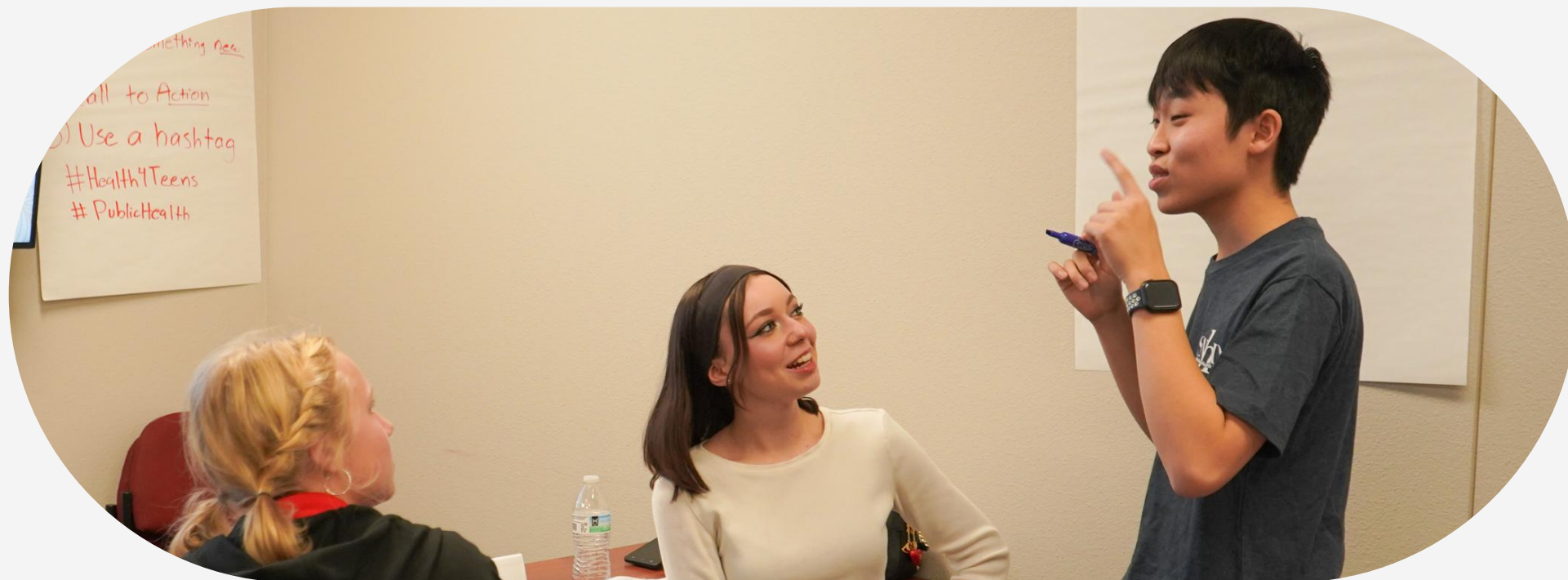


Next Steps

Expanded real-world exposure

Strengthened advisory role

Increased parental engagement





Thank you Questions?

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