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## News from: Human Services Department

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### **Oakland Unite Hosts Oakland Street Outreach Spring 2016 Training**

**Oakland, CA**—From Tuesday, May 24 to Friday, May 27, Oakland Unite hosted the Oakland Street Outreach Spring Training. The four-day training was held at Oakland's City Hall. The Oakland Street Outreach Workers from community-based organizations Youth ALIVE!, Oakland California Youth Outreach, and Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (B.O.S.S.) attended this training that focused on team and capacity building.

Street Outreach Workers are young men from communities that are highly impacted by violence in Oakland that have redirected their lives and have credibility in the community. They send a message of nonviolence on the streets of Oakland and interrupt violence as it happens. The goal of Oakland Street Outreach is to reduce the impact of exposure to violence or re-victimization through individual and community support, and the Street Outreach Workers serve youth and young adults (ages 14-35) using violence interruption, conflict management, and connection to resources and referrals. During the training, Street Outreach Workers honed their conflict mediation skills, met with employment partners to strengthen the collaboration and coordination of resources, and heard presentations from criminal justice partners to contextualize street outreach work.

Street Outreach teams work with other agencies in the Oakland Unite network to create a coordinated citywide response to gun violence. The positive impact of past work done by Oakland's Street Outreach Workers can be seen in the evaluation data as 85% of participants touched by Oakland Street Outreach programs did not get rearrested for violence. Previously funded by Measure Y, and now by Measure Z (the 2014 Public Safety and Services Act), Oakland Street Outreach aims to continue its work and have a positive impact amongst Oakland's most marginalized communities at high risk of violence.

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**About Oakland Unite:** Administered by the City of Oakland's Human Services Department (HSD), Oakland Unite is the collaboration of programs funded by the Public Safety & Services Act and other funding sources, providing over 4,000 individuals with intensive services each year, and reaching over 17,000 people through community outreach and events annually. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandunite.org](http://www.oaklandunite.org).