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2025-2026

I Make a Difference Award



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YEP's I Make a Difference Award

The I Make a Difference Award recognizes YEP staff who demonstrate exemplary work in action, creating quality experiences for students in YEP Expanded Learning spaces.

- This recognition is grounded in the [Quality Standards for Expanded Learning Programs](#) established by the California Department of Education.
 - Please explain in detail why you are nominating the staff member or site and how they meet the quality standards in detail and show with examples.
- Each month, from September to May, YEP Management will review the nominations and select an Operations Supervisor, Site Coordinator, Program Leader, or site team to be recognized for the award.
- The deadline for the month of October 2025 is **October 31st, 2025**.
- The nomination form can be accessed [HERE](#).



Quality Standard for Expanded Learning:

Quality Staff



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Mariah Chandler has shown remarkable growth and leadership in her transition from Youth Professional to Program Leader. She creates a warm, engaging environment for TK and Kindergarten students while collaborating effectively with her team to deliver meaningful enrichment activities. Mariah's strong relationships with Southgate teachers and families have strengthened the bond between YEP and the school community, reflecting her dedication, compassion, and commitment to student growth.

Mariah Chandler

YEP Program Leader
Southgate Elementary School



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Jazmin is an exceptional staff member whose dedication and reliability consistently stand out. As a college student, she models responsibility and perseverance, often arriving early and staying late to support the program. Now in her second year volunteering with YAC, Jazmin continues to foster a safe, welcoming environment for students while bringing valuable experience and commitment to the Treeview program.

Jazmin Cruz

YEP Program Leader
Treeview Elementary School



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Congratulations!

“There is no greater reward than working from your heart, and making a difference in the world.” - Carlos Santana