Putting Youth on the Map aims to increase the power of California youth organizers and youth advocacy networks by increasing their access to, and capacity to use, spatial data on youth well-being, youth vulnerability, and youth opportunity.

The past twenty-five years have brought exponential growth in the field of youth participatory action research (YPAR). During this same time period, our ability to access, analyze, visualize and share data and analyses has increased tremendously. However, efforts to ensure that young civic actors have full access to these information resources have been limited. Putting Youth on the Map helps bridge this gap with an interactive GIS website and associated curriculum, developed and piloted in collaboration with young equity advocates throughout California.

The website (interact.regionalchange.ucdavis.edu/youth) offers:
- Analyses of youth well-being by race/ethnicity and sex;
- Analyses of income, suspension/truancy, transportation access, food access, youth voting and more;
- Links to participatory mapping tools and other youth data; and
- Curricula to help youth and community advocates use data maps.

The curriculum supports young researchers’ access to and use of data and analyses that may complement their social change efforts.

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