The mission of YPW is to help regenerate healthy passageways into mature adulthood for today’s youth.

Youth Passageways is first and foremost a prayer and a dream that ALL youth are supported, loved, and nourished on their path to adulthood, able to bring forth their unique gifts and a sense of belonging as part of healthy, healing, self-determining communities.

Within Youth Passageways, this looks like a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-gender, and intergenerational network of partners working to support young people in becoming healthy adults. Our more than 170 partners are carrying some form of this vision – dismantling systems that hurt our young people, and rebuilding and co-creating culture one young person, one family, one community at a time.

Youth Passageways centers the voices and emergent needs of our partners who are directly addressing ongoing injustices like youth incarceration and institutionalization, violence and discrimination, wealth inequality, colonialism, ecological devastation, and more.

We have learned that decolonization, reparations, cultural reclamation, and reconciliation are essential to our collective work, and actively listen for how we can further these aims.

We support our diverse partnerships through:

- **Sharing Resources** to grow our network’s capacity to nurture youth on the path to adulthood
- **Connecting People** to communities and practices to meet their unique needs
- **Hosting Spaces** where people can learn together and build relationships across differences.

Creating pathways of wholeness, love, and liberation for all youth ensures that no one is criminalized, isolated or abandoned. While it will take generations to heal from the impacts of systems of oppression, and restore the health of our people and world, every young person held well is another strong seed for our shared futures.

While our strategies continue to evolve, our prayers and commitment to one another hold steady.

Learn more by reaching out or finding us on the web.