The idea for a survey all started when a virtual gathering of nearly 40 people representing 18 youth-focused and youth-led organizations and groups were discussing the impact of COVID-19 on young people. We decided to co-create a survey to find out more about this, and several Oregon, youth centered organizations shared it out with their base. Responses were collected over the course of 4 weeks from May to July 2020. Organizations that received responses to the survey include APANO, Multnomah Youth Commission, Blueprint Foundation, YEJA, Next Up, Passion Impact, SEI, Lents Youth Initiative (ROSE CDC), and a PSU cultural resource center.

To find out how young people, especially BIPOC youth, are being affected by COVID-19 and to connect them with resources based on impacts and needs they reported; to share the information out with the community to inform how we do our work; to have some hard numbers behind policy advocacy that youth organizations are engaged in related to COVID-19.

Anyone can use this information! Specifically created for young people, youth centered organizations, and government to use as a resource and inform their work during the COVID crisis.

Contact info@nextuporegon.org if you have any questions or concerns.
It's...made it easier for people in positions of power to oppress the communities I belong to, and other communities that are already oppressed.
RESPONSE

41 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

31 FEMALE
9 MALE
2 NON-BINARY
25% ARE LGBTQIA+ 25% ARE LOW-INCOME

28% ASIAN
28% WHITE
22% BLACK
10% INDIGENOUS
6% OTHER
6% NO RESPONSE

17 IS THE MEAN AGE
13 IS THE YOUNGEST
28 IS THE OLDEST

IMPACT OF COVID-19

54% REPORTED STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

39% REPORTED A DECREASE IN INCOME

22% TECHNOLOGY DIFFICULTIES

20% FOOD INSECURITY

15% LOSS OF JOB

15% HEALTH CARE

7% HOUSING INSECURITY

27% EXPERIENCED RACISM OR XENOPHOBIA RELATED TO COVID-19

24% TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES (NEARLY A QUARTER)

15% GETTING COVID-19: 2.4%

15% LOSS OF CHILD CARE: 2.4%

TOP 3 CONCERNS DURING COVID-19

Youth report caregivers having trouble supporting youth with food security, mental health, access to mental healthcare, and school. Additionally, parents who are frontline workers, often can't social distance due to jobs or living situations.

68% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED GETTING COVID-19 IS A TOP CONCERN

44% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED SCHOOL IS A TOP CONCERN

37% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS TOP CONCERN
Our general security, in terms of things like finance and housing, has been severely depleted. We are scared of contracting the virus, we are scared of what comes next...
Based on our findings, we suggest that these policy areas be prioritized in order to address the needs of young people, especially BIPOC youth, during COVID-19.

1. Funding and access to mental health resources
2. Financial assistance or supplements for decreased income regardless of citizenship status
3. Robust tech hardware and internet access for all students
4. Free transit (youth pass) for all youth under 21
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