Meeting Name/Description:	October CYPB / YMP Meeting
Date/Time/Location:	Tues. Oct. 13, 2026 11am-1pm NOCC
Materials	Slides

The New Orleans CYPB Purpose and Function: *The CYPB is to participate in the formulation of and to prepare a comprehensive plan for services and programs for the children and youth of New Orleans. The Board is intended to encourage collaborative efforts among local stakeholders for assessing the physical, social, emotional, developmental, behavioral, educational, safety and poverty impacts and needs of children, youth and their families in their respective communities, and for assisting in the development of comprehensive plans to address such needs.*

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Meeting Summary:

Teresa Falgoust, Agenda for Children, presented the 2026 Kids Count Data Book, highlighting trends in child and youth well-being in Louisiana from 2019-2024. The Data Book includes a new index feature, which re-centers the data conversation on the state's progress over time rather than only annual state rankings. Members surfaced questions and details about local context and data that may provide a more clear picture, including disconnection rates in Orleans Parish, impact of early care and education millage on access to child care, and absenteeism in schools. Teresa also included an overview of the proposed changes to the 2030 Census, which, if approved, would undercount the number of people living in communities and make it harder to address racial, social, and other disparities.

Sierra Gaines, CYPB Youth Advisory Board, **gave an update on CYPB's fiscal mapping work and facilitated a Fiscal Mapping Superhero activity** to emphasize the different and interconnected roles for ensuring youth investments align with youth and community needs, interests, and results. **Meshawn Siddiq, New Orleans Health & Human Services**, **reviewed the budget hearing presentation provided to council**, updating CYPB on the office's proposed 2027 budget, program changes, and goals.

The meeting closed with member announcements, including CYPB's Youth Advisory Board new member application rollout; Café Reconcile's Thanksgiving catering order form; opportunity for community input at Justice & Beyond, Ubuntu Village, and Step Up Louisiana's Special Forum on School Closures; last training of the year to become an LA CARE Educator; fundraising event for TFA's intensive virtual tutoring program, Ignite; and a free Law for Black Lives conference October 20-22.

Agenda / Minutes

Time	Topic	Who	Action Required	Notes / Minutes
11-11:15	**Welcome, Lunch & Introductions**	Déja Jones, CYPB		Morgan introduced agenda
11:15-12:00	**Kids Count Data Presentation**	Teresa Falgoust, Agenda for Children	Inform	**Materials:** Shared copies of 2026 Kids Count Book **Introduction to Agenda for Children:** Agenda is over 40 - includes 3 key areas of work: intermediary for early care and education, program admin for ECE, data & research on child well-being Focus on trends, making data meaningful. **Kids Count Data Book Review:** LA currently ranked 48th in child wellbeing - wellbeing includes comprehensive across age groups Added a KIDS count index to track national trends Trends for LA: saw improvements in education, lost ground in health, most improvement in family and community Child poverty trend is positive, no progress in teens not working 2019 is base year as pre COVID indicator Conversation: Connecting local data to overlay for a more complete picture. NOLA-PS connection to disconnection and graduation decrease rates. Migration data. Mileage impact on child care Child and teen deaths high nationally (39 in 2024 - mostly firearm deaths) Low birthweight higher in Black women (long term predictor in health) Family and community measures - decrease in single parent families, high poverty rates of children living, teen birth rates down

				Child poverty by parish - Orleans at 31% some parishes at or above 50% Policy impact: early care education Birth rates declining nationwide with bigger declines in Orleans (26% decrease) & LA (18% decrease) **Proposed Census Changes Overview:** Upcoming changes for 2030 census (citizenships changes could impact true # of children included, usual place of residence will be where they are located within the 3 months of census collection, demographic erase) What gets measured gets changes - currently seeing data possibly not included. 36% of Black children live in poverty compared to 3% of white children in Orleans. Young children are under counted in census **Opportunity for Action:** -make public comment by Nov. 2 for census (hands off census helps craft public comment - do not copy and paste so it is included) -share reports with networks -support complete count activities -the data center includes additional indicators of child wellbeing **Additional Comments:** Morgan Shannon: census under count in 2020 due to COVID. The importance of representation. Make individual or organizational public comment to show impacts on larger scale, encourage parents to make comment. Remember public aspect of comment
12:00-12:30	**Fiscal Mapping Activity**	Sierra Gaines, CYPB Youth Advisory Board + REC	Inform; Discuss	**Overview:** Sierra shared fiscal mapping work being held by CYPB. Currently

				recruiting YAB members for a fiscal mapping working group. **Activity:** Build your fiscal hero. Small group breakouts with reflection and discussion questions. See slides for activity details.
12:30-12:45	**City Budget Updates** ● Health Department ● Community Development	CYPB; City of New Orleans; NOYA	Inform; Discuss	**Meshawn Siddiq Recap of 2027 Health Dept. proposed budget:** 2026 department restructure: Health and human services consumed multiple subgroups General Fund cuts will eliminate 3-4 positions + low barrier shelter. Small cuts across other programs Largely reliant on grant funding **Impact from Cuts:** - 300 individuals displaced to street homelessness & encampments -violence prevention -mental health Non-general fund grants: able to hire 1 personnel. Most employees on grant funds **2027 Goals:** Working to diversify incomes (e.g. billing for medicaid wherever possible) to sustain programs Consolidated staff out of private office buildings and into city hall Morgan Shannon: action item - youth program directory is a resource we will share more on in November meeting. This is a tool that can help get people to services and showcase where services are available RxKids program pilot coming 2027 to New Orleans - currently looking for funding (compare N.O. East to another parish in LA) looking for $4 million)

				Continuing coverage from home visiting programs Received SEED grant (working on a closed loop referral system to maternal and child health resources like Family Connects, WIC, Training Grounds) Violence prevention programs – connected to child death rates (homicide) Homelessness prevention - connecting to case workers with high need individuals (no specific grant to support this) Mental health - MCIU working on creating billing for this service + overdose support (Narcan, bystander training) Healthcare for homeless Dr. Avegno working on finding funding for Center for Restorative Approaches -- data shows the program has been successful
12:45-12:55	**Calls to Action & Member Announcements**	All		● CYPB YAB Recruitment ● Census call to action ● Cafe Reconcile - thanksgiving catering pre order by Nov 13 ● Jessica: Step Up LA and Ubuntu Justice and beyond special forum on school closures tonight @ 6:30 ● LA care network care educator last training of the year: Nov. 16-17 ● Teach for America: reading tutoring program - ignite site visit Nov. 5 8-9:45 @ Montem Lakefront to help constitute funding work. 93% of students reached benchmarks who received high dosage tutoring ● Law for Black Lives conference Oct. 20-22 including round tables, speakers, (registration is free)
12-55-1:00	**Next Steps & Adjourn**	Déja Jones, CYPB		Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026