



COMMUNITY  
*transformation*  
POWERED BY  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT

PERSONAL + SYSTEMS +  
TRANSFORMATION + CHANGE +  
COMMUNITY = COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT = TRANSFORMATION

# Youth UpRising Youth-led HIA

## Youth UpRising Mission

Our mission is to transform East Oakland into a healthy and economically robust community by developing the leadership of youth and young adults and improving the systems that impact them.



Located in the heart of East Oakland in the Castlemont Community, YU is a neighborhood hub offering young people services and programs to increase the physical and mental wellbeing, community connection, educational attainment, and career achievement among youth members. ...**But delivering services is not our only goal.** Our primary focus is building a systems change and community economic development platform that supports and strengthens our personal transformation work.

## East Oakland Context

East Oakland has a long, proud history of activism and has served as incubator for political and social movements. The conflating forces of social and economic exclusion, however, have cosigned the neighborhood into a case of system failure.

1 in 4 Castlemont neighborhood residents live in poverty.

Homicide is the leading cause of death among young people.

Life expectancy for residents in Castlemont is 10 years shorter than that of people living just 1.3 miles away in the Oakland Hills.

Castlemont High School has a dropout rate of  
**60%.**

## Changing the Face of Research

YU is changing the face of community research and transforming the young people, usually viewed as the problem, into social agents of change in their communities by capitalizing on their ability to problem-solve and ground-truth data.

HIA Youth Research Team



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# Castlemont HIA

Where?

Why?

Goals

Outcomes

# What is a Youth-led HIA?

We **do all of the work** with the support from our adult allies.

We have an **equal vote** in the decision-making process as our adult allies.

We **speak up**.

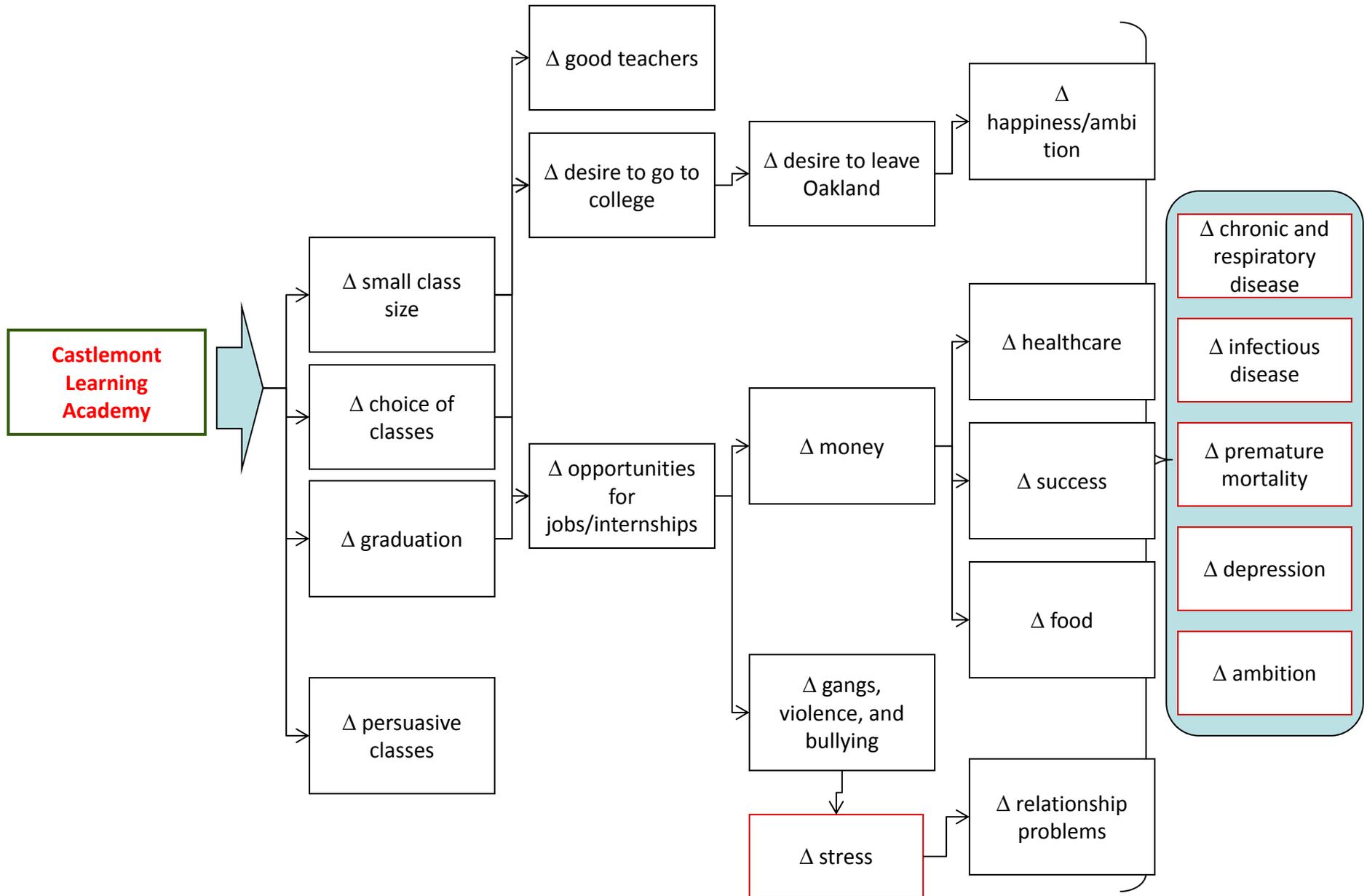
We **share** our experiences.

We **respect** all others.

We **are a team** and together we will improve the quality of education for us and future generations.



# Impacts of the LE on Education & Health



# Assessment

The purpose of our assessment is to understand effective school environments, learning academies, and the relationship to health outcomes as described by literature, neighborhood data, and community members.

Literature review

Community Baseline Assessment

Focus Groups - East Oakland Parents, Teachers, Students

Key Informant Interviews -Education & Health fields

We are committed to analyzing the information we gather together in order to develop recommendations.

Thank you.

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