

## 2022 Camp Mariposa® Impact Summary

**Camp Mariposa is making significant strides in breaking the intergenerational cycle of addiction.**

**In its 15<sup>th</sup> year**, data collected from youth who attend Camp Mariposa programming indicates that **over 90% of youth are not using substances and have not been involved in the juvenile justice system**. This impact is evidenced in 18 diverse communities across the country, from large urban cities like Philadelphia to rural counties in Appalachia and we continue to work with our research partners at LSU and Clemson University to assess impact.

One of the most vital reasons for the program's success is the community formed through Camp Mariposa. Our campers attend weekend camps every other month throughout the year and their families come together the months in between camp to support each other. Trained adult mentors and junior counselors are also key to the success of Camp Mariposa, creating a space where youth can be themselves, learn, share, and have fun together.

**It is because of your support**, along with the extraordinary commitment of our network partners, that we have been able to innovate and grow. Simply put, **together we are transforming lives.**



**Camp Mariposa is delaying first use of any substance and reducing involvement in the juvenile justice system:**

- **95% of youth have not used any substance to get high**
- **93% of youth have not been involved in the juvenile justice system**

*"This program was the biggest life changing experience that we've been blessed with, the leaders were OM-God sent! We've had the best opportunity to become very close to them for them to put their heart and souls into my grandson is the best possible gift we've been given.*

*They've been there through so much for us in the most positive way."*

## Youth Demographics

- 90% of youth have at least one parent who struggles with a substance use disorder
- 84% of youth qualify for free school lunches
- 81% of youth report experiencing a loss during childhood
- 79% of youth report a family history of mental health issues
- 58% of youth report experiencing some type of abuse
- 51% of youth have been in foster care or kinship care

## Impact

**447**

Individual Youth (9-12) Served

**211**

Teen Campers Served

**289**

Adult Family Members Served

**297**

Trained Adult Mentors

**2,203**

Youth Participants\*

**878**

Teen Participants\*

**122**

Youth Family Members Served

**52**

Junior Counselors/Peer Mentors



*\* The number of times campers participated in activities such as weekend or day camps and other social activities.*





**91 social activities were held in 18 locations in 2022.**

*"Camp Mariposa helped me by talking about dark places and not being judged. I really trust all of the mentors and junior counselors, too. I really love all of the people here. They help me overcome my fears too."*

**Last year, Camp Mariposa offered 23 Teen Camps**

*"I have experienced both personal and professional growth the past two years. There are some life experiences that have to be lived to understand. Camp Mariposa is one of those. Camp is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had."*

**Camp Mariposa will offer over 100 camp sessions and over 100 additional social activities in 18 locations in 2023.**



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