

Mission

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



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A Message From YWCA San Antonio CEO - Francesca Rattray

At YWCA San Antonio, we are looking forward to Spring and new beginnings. As a community, we have all been drawing on our reserves to continue to adapt during COVID, recover from the Texas freeze known as Snovid, and get connected again by getting vaccinated.

Thanks to YWCA San Antonio's community health workers, child care teachers and youth staff were able to receive their COVID vaccinations. Our team is planning in-person summer children and youth programming to provide connection, academic enrichment to supplement learning loss over the past year, and social/emotional engagement for kiddos who need a break from Zoom. From June to August, YWCA will provide child care, summer camp for children ages 5-12, and a range of activities for youth ages 12-19.



In addition to our early childhood and youth programs, YWCA San Antonio will host vaccine information sessions in partnership with community-based health organizations, our Stand Against Racism educational event, and virtual and in-person women's entrepreneurship workshops.

YWCA San Antonio looks forward to opening doors to new beginnings this Spring for women and their families



KUDOS!

If you didn't catch Volume 4 of La Prensa, published on March 14th, then you missed one of YWCA's very own featured in the edition.

Brittany Reyes, a YWCA Child Care Teacher, is featured in La Prensa for her commitment to her education and future. She joined RESET and worked with Program Coordinator, Leslie Green to continue her educational goals. Brittany will continue her education at Our Lady of the Lake University and YWCA is extremely proud to have her on the YWCA team.

RESET: Re-Engagement for Self-Sufficiency, Empowerment, and Transformation, a program that exists to help create a pathway for vulnerable girls and young women to reconnect to educational and/or career readiness programs, build their self-esteem, and strive toward economic self-sufficiency.

If you know a young woman that can benefit from RESET, contact Leslie Green at lgreen@ywcasa.org for details.

YWCA's Child Care is always busy serving children ages 0-5. During the first three months of 2021, children have learned and participated in Black History Celebrations, celebrated Read Across America and closed up Spring Break with some water balloon FUN!

Are you looking or know someone that is looking to enroll their child(ren) in child care? Great News! Summer registration is already open. Contact our office at (210) 433-9922. Child Care Staff is ready to help your little ones navigate through their learning adventures.



Economic Empowerment Program



Enroll in our Spring 2021 step-by-step WE360 Business Essentials course and get the support of professional coaches, mentors, and an entire community of entrepreneurs.

Spring 2021 YWCA WE360 Program. We are pleased to be partnering with Ureeka, an online community dedicated to supporting women and minority entrepreneurs by providing unprecedented access to the people, programs, resources, and connections needed to launch and build a business. The YWCA WE360 Course will be available on the Ureeka platform where participants will also get access to the support of coaches, mentor sessions, and an entire community of entrepreneurs. Full scholarships are available.

Health & Wellness Programs

We are pleased to partner with the National Alliance for Hispanic Health as part of the Alliance's *Vacunas para todos*: National Hispanic Network to Increase Vaccination Coverage and Reduce Disparities Program.

Through Ventanilla de Salud we have been collaborating with San Antonio's Metro Health Department obtaining 100's of vaccine appointments for our most vulnerable population. We received a contribution from Amerigroup Corporation for printing bilingual educational materials to help us address the concerns some of our community members including the immigrant population have about the COVID 19 Vaccine, 3,000 of those materials have been distributed at the YWCA Community Center, The Mexican Consulate, several churches, schools, clinics and after-school programs.



Youth Programs

The YWCA San Antonio is committed to empowering young girls and women.

Teen Summer Camp: Let's get ready for summer! Join the Teen Summer Camp from June 28th through August 8th for teens ages 12 - 18
Contact Amanda Benton at abenton@ywcasa.org

Hey Educators! Training opportunity for San Antonio school teachers, counselors and social workers. Join the YWCA San Antonio on their mission to empower teens in our community! YWCA is offering training around **teen dating violence prevention and intervention** that educates middle and high school staff to better support youth within an abusive relationship.

Info session will be held on May 6th at 4:30pm - Visit bit.ly/SafeDatesinfo

**Complete the program training and receive a \$150 stipend*
Contact Kimberly Berry | Program Manager at kberry@ywcasa.org



Racial Justice & Gender Equity Program

YWCA San Antonio is honored to have worked with Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales's office to get the Equal Pay Resolution passed. Read our letter of support [here](#).

For the first time, YWCA's of Texas came together to advocate for policy priorities that would benefit women, especially women of color. You can read our Texas legislative priorities [here](#).

YWCA San Antonio has officially launched our wage equity business cohort. This group of company representatives will help define what equitable practices for San Antonio businesses should look like. They are pioneers leading the way towards a more equitable future. Our partners include SABOR, Wells Fargo, River City Bank, Mighty Group, and Tacit Growth Strategies, and more

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