

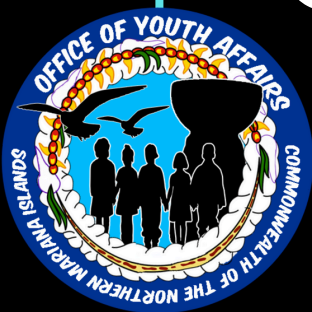
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Office of Youth Affairs



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**CITIZEN-CENTRIC
REPORT**



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MISSION

The Office of Youth Affairs works to develop comprehensive youth development plans and policies, develop and offer programs and services for youth, and most importantly assist in developing the potential of our youth in the CNMI.

VISION

To be actively committed to ensuring youth receive positive development and quality education during school and out of school time; focus on education, career readiness, health, civic participation, youth talent, leadership, and general life skills to ensure success in their overall growth.

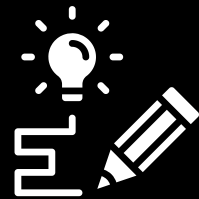
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PERSONNEL

- In January 2025, late +Governor Arnold I. Palacios submitted a revised budget for FY 2025, restoring full 80 hours for all government employees.
- In April 2025, late +Governor Arnold I. Palacios appointed Mr. Gregory Robert N. Magofna as the Special Assistant to the Office of Youth Affairs.
- 5 out of 8 personnel remain funded under PL 24-01. In July 2025, OYA hired 2 additional staff, bringing personnel up to 7 (current). 1 vacancy remain.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

After-School Program Relaunch: PL 24-01 paved the way for OYA to relaunch its After-School Program (ASP), providing fresh opportunities, educational mentorship, and recreational activities for children and youth.

Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby: OYA was thrilled to host the Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby in August 2025, a 2-day event that brought together young anglers for hands-on cast-net/rod fishing training and a shoreline-friendly derby. With a 56% turnout for the workshop and 81% the following day, the derby was a resounding success. The event taught valuable lessons about fishing skills, conservation, sportsmanship, and community engagement.

Youth Needs Assessment Survey: OYA launched a comprehensive survey on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to better understand the needs and concerns of our local youth. The survey revealed key areas where youth require additional support, including mental health resources and job training. These findings will inform the development of new programs and services, ensuring they are tailored to meet the specific needs of our community's youth. This initiative demonstrates our commitment to evidence-based decision-making and community engagement.

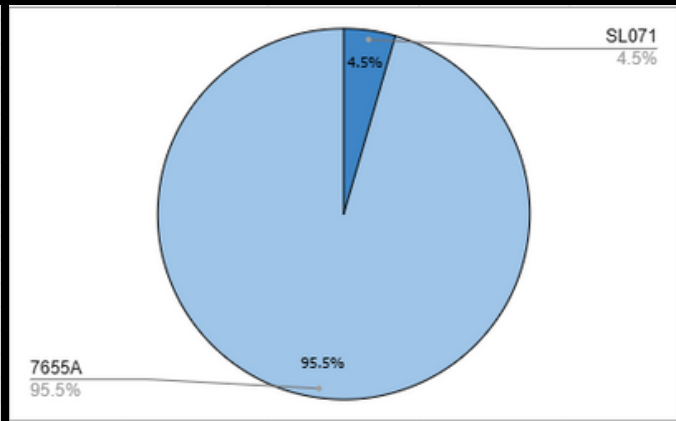
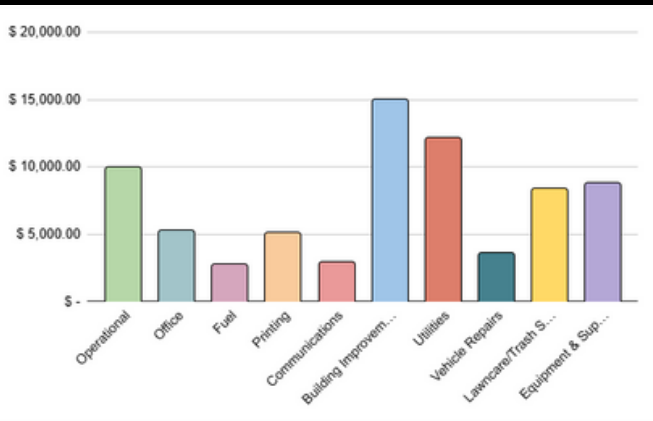
Youth Empowerment Month in Action: OYA is proud to continue its celebration of Youth Empowerment Month in October 2025, showcasing its commitment to youth development initiatives and activities that foster growth and opportunities for children, youth, and families across the CNMI.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / COLLABORATIONS

- Participated in the SAAM SAFE Jamboree in April, conducted community outreach services and activities.
- Participated in the Good Friday Distribution with the Office of the Governor and other partnering agencies in April.
- Partnered with the Indigenous Affairs Office, Division of Youth Services, and Carolinian Affairs Office in hosting the Cultural Immersion Summer Youth Camp from July - August.
- On-going collaboration and partnership with the Voices of the Marianas for the Youth Music Ukelele Class that started in June 2025.
- Relunched the After-School Program (ASP) at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center for SY 2025-2025 in August 2025 (*ON-GOING*)
- Partnered and collaborated with the Saipan Mayor's Office to host the Village Volleyball Tournament for Tanapag in August 2025.
- Hosted the Youth Shoreline Fishing Workshop/Derby in August 2025.
- Participated in the Sweet Potato/Coconut Festival held in Rota in August 2025, conducted community outreach services and activities.
- Partnered and collaborated with the Indigenous Affairs Office in conducting Fishing Cast-Net School Outreach for Cultural Heritage Month in September 2025.
- *ON-GOING* celebration of Youth Empowerment Month for October 2025.



FINANCES



- **Sub-Grant Award:** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Title II Formula Grant awarded the Office of Youth Affairs \$18,011.00. This funding will support the implementation and expansion of a high-quality After-School Program, providing a safe, supervised, and structured environment for elementary and middle school students outside of regular school hours.
- Project SL071 funding was made available to purchase sports and recreational equipments to create and promote a positive physical environment for After-School Program.
- On-going cost containment efforts and strategies implemented within both operating centers (Gualo Rai and Koblerville).

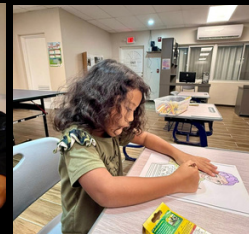


LOOKING FORWARD



STRATEGIC PLANS FY 2026

- **Prioritize Essential Services:** Focus on core ASP services that provide the most value to youth, ensuring our program remain funded and operational.
- **Streamline Operations:** Continue to identify areas where processes can be optimized or simplified to reduce cost without compromising service quality
- **Grants Opportunities:** Pursue grant opportunities from government agencies or private organizations that support youth development and After-School Programs.
- **Strategic Partnership:** Collaborate with youth-serving agencies and key-partners to share and extend resources, expertise, and available training opportunities.
- **Performance-Based Budgeting/Cost-Containment:** Allocate resources based on program performances and outcomes, ensuring that funding is directed towards the most effective initiatives.
- **Community Engagement:** Include local stakeholders, including parents, youth, and community leaders in decision-making processes to build support and identify potential resources.
- **Technology Integration:** Leverage digital tools and platforms to enhance program delivery, reduce cost, and improve outreach and engagement.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Regularly assess program effectiveness and make data-driven decisions to optimize serves and allocate resources effectively.



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