

Early Phase Competition -- Absolute Priority 4 (SEL)  
Intercultural Development Research Association  
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**Youth Leadership Now (YLN)**

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**Abstract:** Intercultural Development Research Association Youth Leadership Now EIR Proposal

**Project Title:** Youth Leadership Now (YLN)

**Type of Grant Requested:** (Early-phase)

**Absolute Priorities:** *Absolute Priority 1:* Demonstrates a Rationale; *Absolute Priority 2:* Field-Initiated Innovations – General, *Absolute Priority Two:* Field-Initiated Innovation; and *Absolute Priority Four:* Promoting the Development of Skills that Prepare Students to be Informed, Thoughtful, and Productive Individuals and Citizens and promotes social and emotional learning.

**Total number of students to be served in the project:** 650

**Grade level(s) to be served by the project:** Eighth Grade

**Definition of high-need students:** Students at-risk of dropping out, as defined by the Texas Education Agency, and economically disadvantaged students.

**Brief project description including project activities:** YLN positively impacts noncognitive, academic mindsets of middle school students by being placed as tutors of K-1 students and engaging families of YLN students in youth action research equity projects.

**Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes:** After a year of participation in YLN, students will show a 50% improvement in academic mindsets, a 40% decrease in absenteeism, and a 35% increase in middle school Texas exams for 8th grade math and English language arts.

**Partnering organizations:** Education Service Center – Region 19; Twelve school districts in West Texas that include Canutillo ISD, Dell City ISD, Fabens ISD, San Elizario ISD, and Sierra Blanca ISD. Hatch ISD in New Mexico is also a YLN partner.