



November Spotlights: BYTE Begins Youth Force Development Program

Happy Thanksgiving, BYTE supporters! In the season of giving thanks, we want you to know how grateful we are to have such dedicated supporters. This month, we're sharing some exciting new developments, including the kick-off of BYTE Youth Force Development, a grant from the Women's Sport Foundation, and a closer look at a new dynamic Bay Area BYTE site supporting youth through mental health care and social services. We're also highlighting staff member Hugo González Platt who recently began a new role as BYTE Director of Sports Development. Congratulations, Hugo!

Our work wouldn't be possible without individuals like you. Thank you for your ongoing support of children and communities on the US/Mexico border!

Bay to Border Exchange | Youthforce Development



BYTE is thrilled to share the kick off of the Bay to Border Exchange, which is part of a larger BYTE initiative titled Youth Force Development! For this program, three cohorts of high school BYTE student-athletes will collaborate on a comprehensive Sport for Healing program, including students from Nogales Arizona, Nogales Sonora, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Over the coming 6-months, these groups will receive professional development in cultural exchange, teen mental health first aid, trauma-informed community coaching, and more.

The initiative is sponsored through an ARPA grant from Santa Cruz County as an opportunity to build financial community assets post-Covid 19. We're excited to invest in the next generation of coaches and community advocates.

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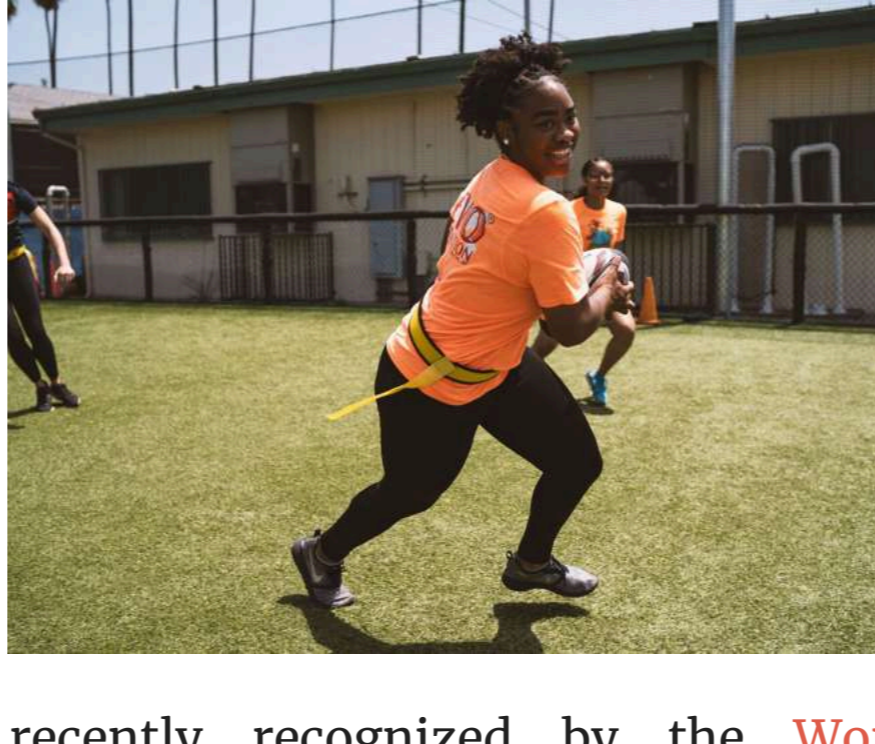
New Bay Area Site Highlight: Edgewood Center



BYTE is excited to pilot a San Francisco program site at The [Edgewood Center for Children and Families](#). Edgewood provides children and youth in crisis with mental health care, social services, and academic support. It offers prevention and early intervention, community-based services, intensive programs including 24-hour crisis stabilization, and residential care to over 5,000 youth each year. BYTE is grateful for this new partnership and is for the opportunity to begin reaching vulnerable youth in the Bay Area.

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Funding Highlight: Women's Sport Foundation Grant



BYTE was recently recognized by the [Women's Sport Foundation](#) with a \$7000 Sports 4 Life grant. This contribution supports BYTE tennis, yoga, and dance programs, with specific focus on empowering young women and girls to pursue athletic opportunities. Click [here](#) to read more about the Women's Sport Foundation's goals and how BYTE's work aligned with their national objectives.

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Team News: Hugo González Platt as new Sports Development Director



BYTE would like to recognize [Hugo González Platt](#) for his recent promotion to Director of Sports Development. Hugo will oversee the development, management and evaluation of BYTE's sports component, as well as the comprehensive integration of trauma-informed coaching strategies. BYTE's shelter-based programs and multi-year investment by Vitalyst Health Foundation is making it a leader in trauma-informed sport programming. We're excited that Hugo can take the lead on continuing to build this content across all BYTE's classes.

Hugo is a psychologist from the University of Sonora. He has a Master's degree in Educational Innovation from CEUNO University, and has received diplomas in educational psychology in Nogales and at the Higher Institute of Psychological Studies in Spain. Besides his work with BYTE he currently teaches at the Universidad de Sonora and at the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional.

Hugo has worked with BYTE for 5-years now. The philosophy he brings to his work is that he "believe[s] that education is fundamental for human development and a commitment that concerns the entire community". We are so proud of Hugo's successes and you can watch his digital story [here](#) to learn more about him!

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We hope you're looking forward to the holiday season and BYTE's end of the year campaign...Stay tuned for more soon!

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