

# Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project

# HEALING FUTURES

Through Restorative & Transformative Justice Practices



## FIELDWORK SITE

Healing Futures is Philadelphia's first pre-charge, youth-focused restorative justice diversion program.

It is a partnership between YASP and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Created with support from Impact Justice.

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The DA's office sends eligible cases. The youth meet with facilitators for weekly workshops focused on reflection. They write an apology letter and present it at their Restorative Community Conference (RCC). The RCC is an opportunity for the responsible youth to come together with the person harmed, their supporters, and community members, who will then all participate in the making of a Restorative Plan that aims to right the youth's wrongs.

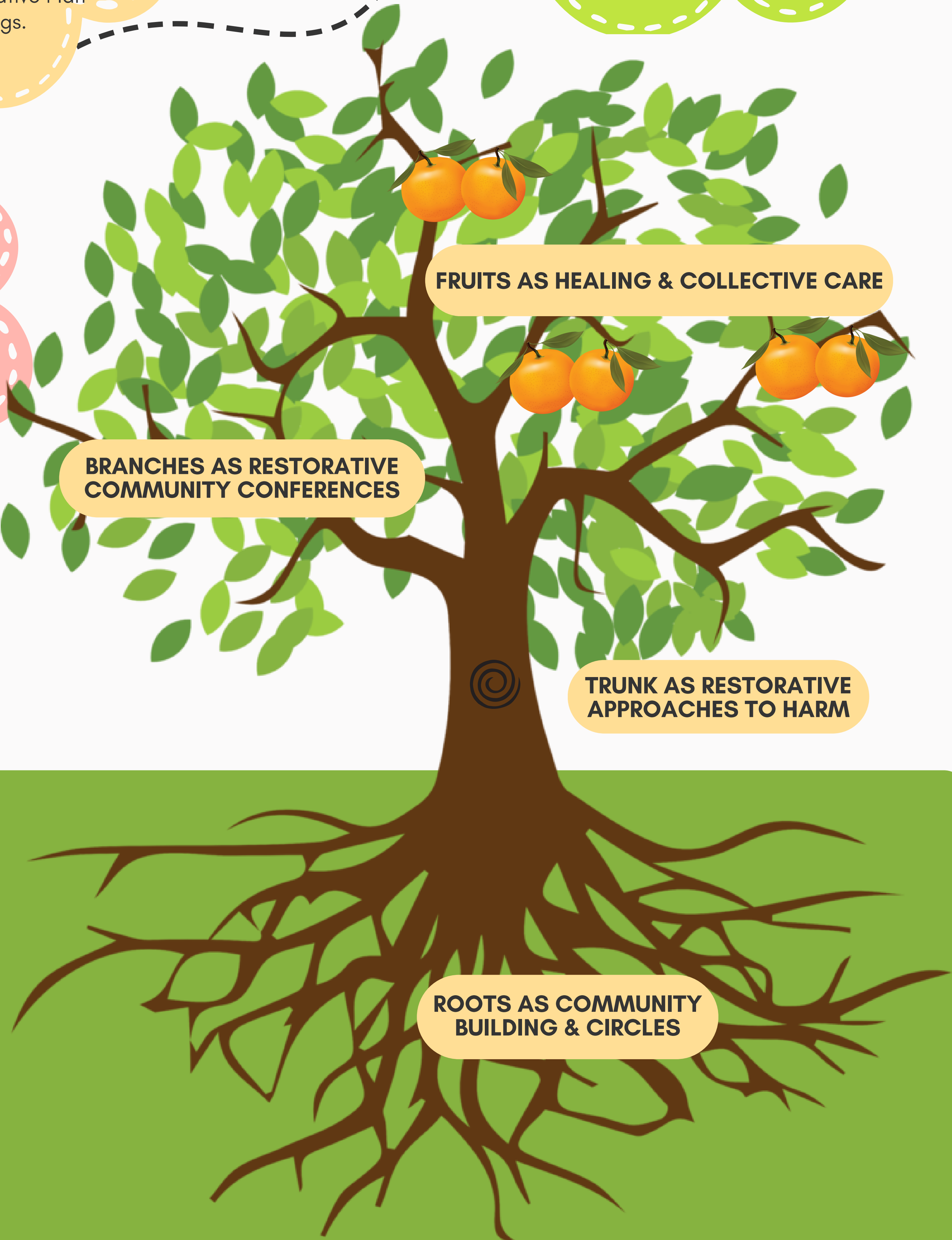
## MY FOCUS

- Work with youth to build confidence in self-reflection, accountability and writing skills.
- Develop curriculum-building activities and expand program resources.
- Facilitate workshops, meetings, youth/guardian communications, RCC's.
- Connect with community and attend community celebrations.

Ask me about it!

## TAKAWAYS

It is difficult to create systems of care in a climate of conflict. The justice systems' reliance on impunity and compliance make it difficult for individuals to truly grow. Sometimes, all someone needs is somebody who cares enough to listen. These human connections become healing connections that increase one's ability to be present and offer humanity to others, fertilizing dignity and enriching values. These are the seeds of relationship building that grow into trust and adherence to values.

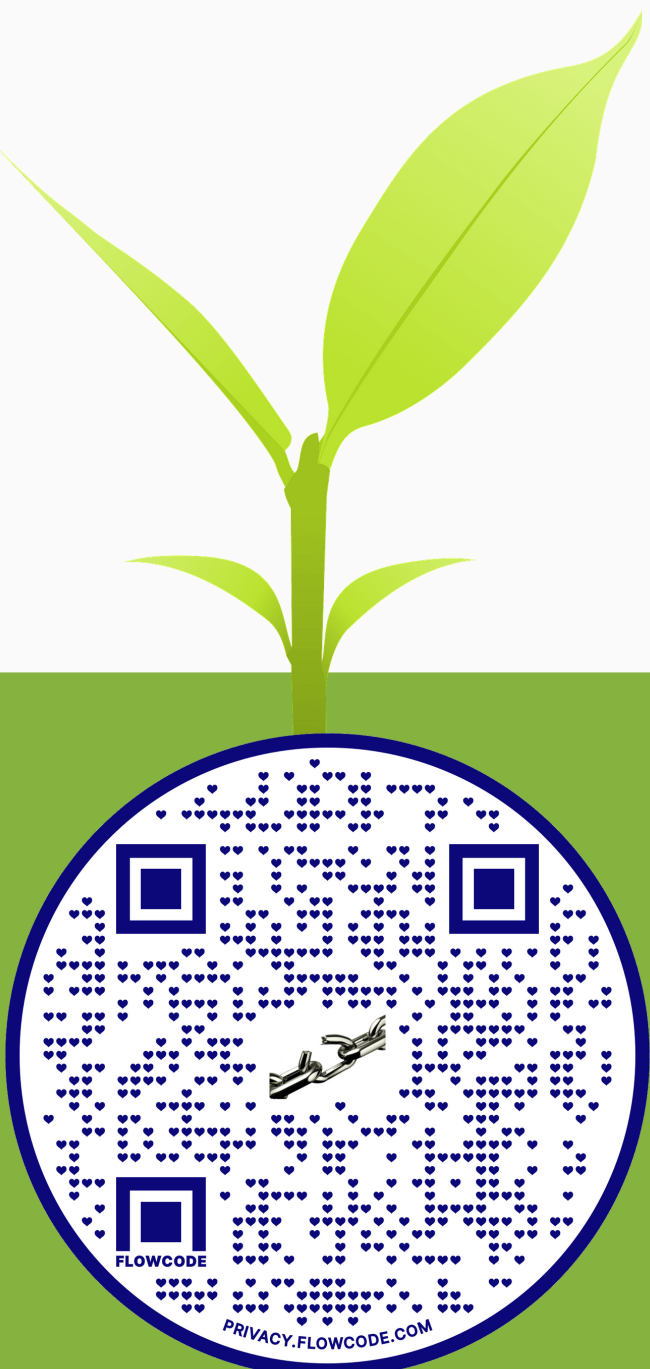


FRUITS AS HEALING & COLLECTIVE CARE

BRANCHES AS RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCES

TRUNK AS RESTORATIVE APPROACHES TO HARM

ROOTS AS COMMUNITY BUILDING & CIRCLES



SCAN TO SUPPORT!

