

# JAMES MOREHOUSE PROJECT AT EL CERRITO HIGH ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

## WHO WE ARE

The ECHS James Morehouse Project (JMP) works to create positive change in the El Cerrito High School community through health services, counseling, academic support, and the arts. Now in our fifteenth year, we have grown to include almost a dozen partnerships with community agencies, Contra Costa County Health Services, SF State, Cal State East Bay, and UC Berkeley Schools of Social Welfare.

## SERVICES

**Counseling & Crisis Support:** Individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, and peer conflict mediation, are provided by JMP staff, Counseling Interns and the Y-Team (YMCA).

**Medical Services:** Physical exams, family planning, screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), immunizations, and primary care referrals are provided by Contra Costa County Health Services.

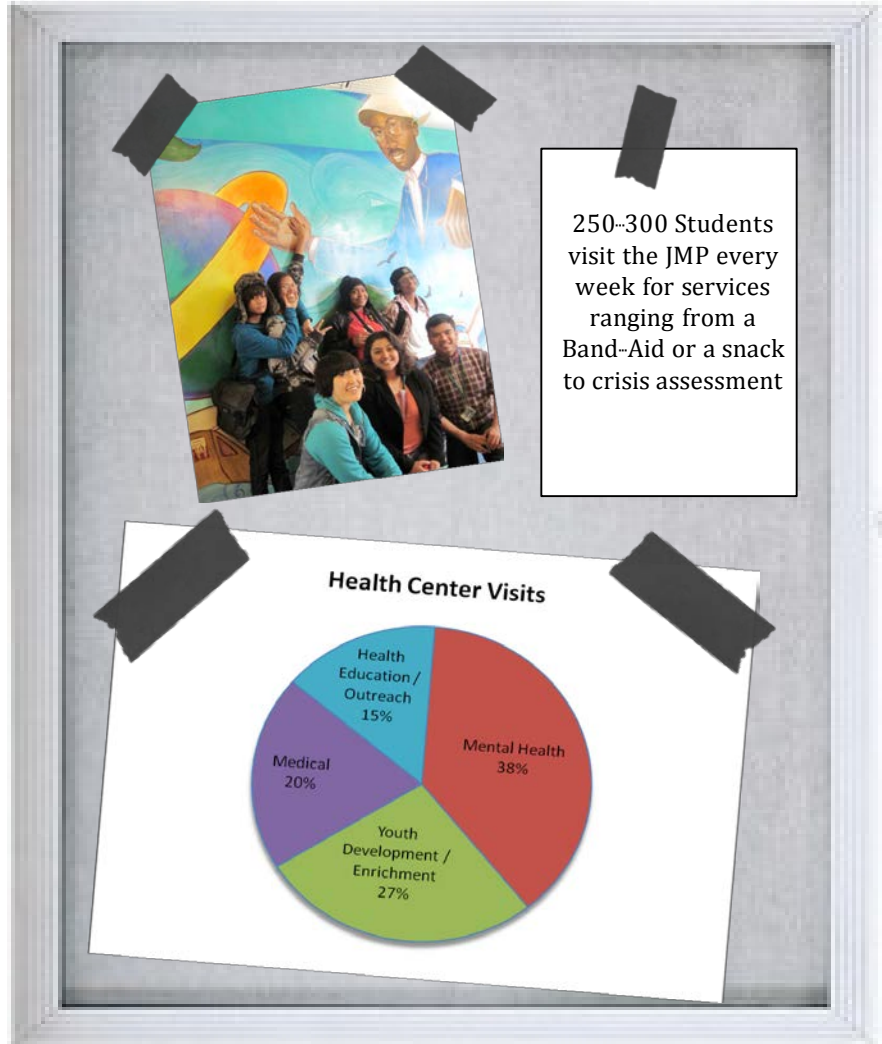
**Health Education:** Pregnancy prevention, HIV/STI prevention, human sexuality, and alcohol and other drug education are provided by Contra Costa County Health Services

**Youth Development:** JMP students mentor elementary school students, provide Peer Health Education, Participate in Research-Action Projects in the community. Facilitated by JMP staff and community partner agencies.

We provide these services to our students without regard to race, sex, color, age, national origin, disability, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.

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*The JMP creates a field of positive energy for students and staff alike. We are a sanctuary for people in crisis, a place to learn and try out new skills (e.g. conflict mediator, community activist, mentor for elementary school students), or reproductive health services or counseling, and, as a student shared this spring:*

*"A place where people can be themselves without having to be judged."*

*This year, the JMP is working closely with teachers to build their capacity to create trauma-informed classrooms, and partnering with school staff to implement Restorative Justice practices campus wide.*

# Special Acknowledgments to the following Health Center Supporters/Partners:

## HEALTH CENTER BACKGROUND

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The James Morehouse Project (formerly the Community Project) was founded in 1998 by teachers, parents, students, and community service providers in response to the absence of any support services for students and their families at El Cerrito High School. We committed to establishing a school-based health center to support students to meet the challenges in their lives and be successful in school.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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- Argosy University Counseling Psychology Program
- Bay Area Community Resources
- California State University East Bay School of Social Work
- Community Violence Solutions
- Community Works
- Contra Costa County Health Services
- New Conservatory Theatre
- San Francisco State University School of Social Work
- UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare
- YMCA of the East Bay (The Y-Team)

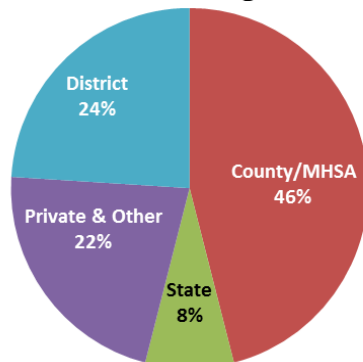
## Funders for 2014-2015

- Contra Costa County (CCC) Community Development Block Grant
- CCC MHTA Prevention & Early Intervention Program, Innovative Programs
- ECHS Student Activities Fund
- Kaiser Permanente
- WCCUSD Comprehensive School Health



Connecting health and opportunities to El Cerrito High School

## James Morehouse Project Health Center Funding



*"My counselor was really nice and patient with me. Her being like that helped me open up. That's why I'm different than how I was before. Now I'm comfortable doing public speaking, expressing myself in groups. I can express myself in ways that I couldn't before."*

-Student, 4-year JMP participant

*"At the end of my freshmen year I was going through a lot at home. The JMP helped me through it every step of the way. From filing a CPS report, coming to every meeting and just checking up on me and making sure I felt safe. I never had that motivation for someone to just tell me to keep going. JMP did that for me. The JMP's been the support I've always wanted."*

-Student, 4-year JMP participant

*"The JMP has helped me be more mature, more confident. It's been good, I can see the change in me and other people can see it. I know I can do something if I'm willing to tell myself to do it. The JMP's an awesome place to be."*

-Student, 4-year JMP participant