DENVER, CO had their street soccer training in August. Since September, they have been playing every Tuesday, with about 12-15 youth. The Assistant Director notes, "The youth love being a part of a team and have so much fun playing, they don't stop smiling". The implementation of street soccer, fostered a strong sense of community among the youth, promoting SOLIDARITY. Youth feel as if they are apart of a YAP soccer team, finding a sense of belonging, and YAP is able to give them that opportunity. - contributed by Cecilia Roche, Assistant Program Director.

ARLINGTON, TX has done a great job rallying the youth and getting them acclimated to the YAP Street Soccer culture. After attending the two-day YAP Street Soccer Training in Denver Colorado in July, Sonny Chapa, Assistant Director for Youth Advocate Program - Tarrant County - hit the ground running in true Texas style. In addition to the interaction with the group, Sonny, has been working on a COLLABORATION with Mark Snell, Academy Director for the Fort Worth Vaqueros. Mark is willing to help out in any way possible "I definitely want to get involved as it is such a great initiative!" - contributed by Kimberly Brandon, Regional Director.

LEBANON, PA- In October, the Lebanon YAP teamed kicked off their semester long Senior Seminar where YAP youth and Lebanon Valley College (LVC) students partner on a project. Street Soccer was spotlighted in this initial encounter where YAP youth and staff and the LVC students were joined by MSW interns from Monmouth University and Marywood University. Beyond the October event, YAP youth and LVC students will use street soccer integration games when they meet each week. This community partnership highlights the street soccer value of RESPECT. Lebanon YAP staff noted that everyone worked together and had fun while doing so. "My youth got out, played, and had a great time." reported Brielle Nagle. A big thank you to Ed & Bob for hosting! - contributed by Brielle Nagle, Day Specialist.