Delegates from YAP communities in Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Georgia, New York, Pennsylvania and Guatemala attended the first all-day Street Soccer Training in December. Guided by the 3 values of solidarity, collaboration and respect, street soccer is both a modality and an international social transformation movement to teach leadership and mediation skills to maneuver conflict to young people. Classroom instruction was interspersed with experiential learning to build inclusiveness and community and learn the modality first hand and develop

"Street soccer has the potential to build bridges.”
- Street Soccer Training Participant

"With street soccer, our youth can learn leadership skills, improve their negotiating skills, improve how they engage with others.”
- Street Soccer Training Participant

"The biggest benefit I can see is how street soccer builds community and provides support systems that our families so desperately need.”
- Street Soccer Training Participant

Street Soccer Pioneers Ezra and Michelle from Orange County NY are joined by Hawa Diaby from NJ, Darci Porter from Texas, Street Soccer Trainer David Freitas and Heidi Molina from Florida

Street Soccer Trainer and Coach Jason Wilson with Copa America alumnus Kenny Castro who now volunteers as a street soccer mediator with Orange County NY YAP

Diana Matteson and Guatemalan delegates Rolando Urrutia Guzman and Rodolfo Diaz Bonatti