



# 25 Years Later: Finding Youth Program Alums

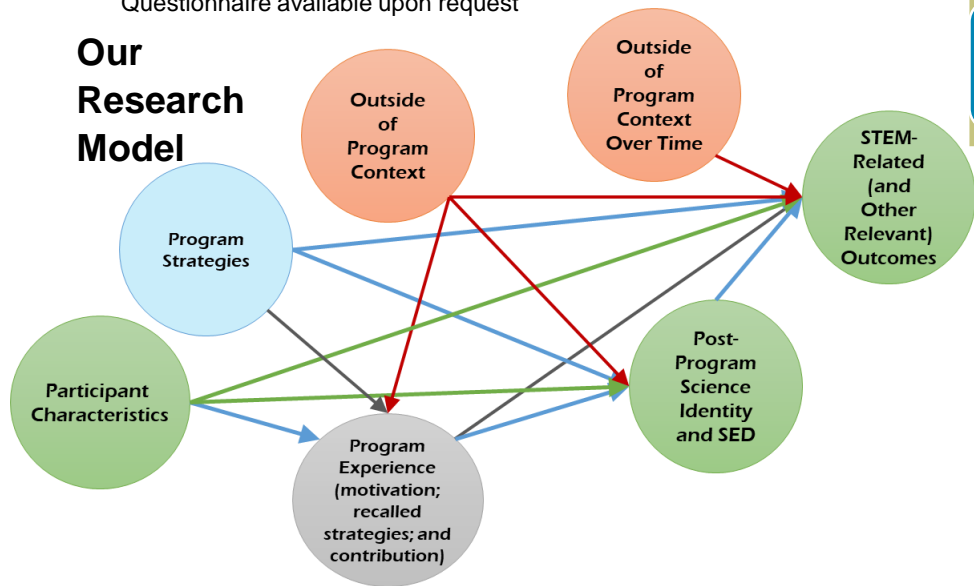
## Where are they now? What mattered? What difference did it make? What's next?



### Ask Us About:

- Developing a conceptual model to acknowledge diverse perspectives
  - Questionnaire development \*
  - Alum location and data collection
- \* Questionnaire available upon request

### Our Research Model



### Data Collection Challenges and Lessons Learned



- Access to program records during pandemic
- Project decisions affecting data collection
  - Individual request through partners
  - Anonymity decisions in IRB document
- Historical records fewer than anticipated
- Finding alum contact information
- Name & address changes over time
- Making contact takes time – some alums love to tell stories
- Evolving data documentation tools
- Privacy settings and related issues

### Next AISL PI Meeting Ask Us About:

- Model exploration & confirmation
- Qualitative data collection
- Data analyses

### Program Partners

- Careers in Science*, California Academy of Science
- Community Teen Intern Program*, California Science Center
- Science Career Continuum*, Chicago Botanic Garden
- Youth Teaching Youth*, Natural History Museum of Utah
- Science Career Ladder*, New York Hall of Science
- Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center*, Science Museum of Minnesota

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