

Semi-annual Jovens Construtores Program Report 2023.2

The Jovens Construtores Program (JCP) is a development program with its own social technology aimed at training young people and adolescents, originally conceived by the YouthBuild organization and implemented in Brazil by Cedaps (Centro de Promoção da Saúde) with advice from YouthBuild International.

In 2023, around 3.000 teenagers and young people who participated directly and indirectly in our actions were reached by the work carried out by the Cedaps Youth Area, a year of much productive work! Check out the highlights of the last semester below:



Jovens Construtores Rio das Pedras

Following its successful partnership with Iguá Saneamento, the JCP arrived in the community of Rio das Pedras with a professional initiation course in plumbing for 20 young local residents, in partnership with Semeando Amor, the territorial organization responsible for carrying out the program in the community.

The JCP editions, which have always had excellent retention rates, this time reached a record high, with 100% of the young people who joined at the start of the edition completing. In January 2024, efforts will begin to support the placement of participants in the world of work and formal schooling or technical qualifications. In the last edition with Iguá, at Muzema, 87% of the participants found one of these opportunities within six months of completing their training.

Partnership with UNICEF

The consolidated partnership between **UNICEF** and **CEDAPS** in recent years was further strengthened in 2023 through the implementation of projects on behalf of adolescents and young people in Rio de Janeiro. As a technical partner, **CEDAPS** worked on the third edition of **Chama na Solução** in Rio de Janeiro, which this time focused on climate change, and on carrying out **#AgendaCidadeUNICEF** actions in **Grande Pavuna**, with **NUCA - Núcleo de Cidadania de Adolescentes e Jovens (Citizenship Center for Adolescents and Young People)**.



Chama na Solução

With the support of **Precisa Ser Institute**, the initiative promoted 9 solutions designed by the participants with a focus on the climate emergency, and reached more than 2,000 teenagers and young people in nine communities in Rio de Janeiro.

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The initiative aims to create paths of opportunity for the adolescents most affected by daily poverty, exclusion and violence in urban centers. In **Pavuna (Rio de Janeiro)**, with a focus on socio-productive inclusion and mental health, we work to strengthen a youth protection ecosystem, involving adolescents and young people, local public services and community-based organizations.



The results include 600 adolescents and young people reached, two productions launched by the participants: a participatory survey in partnership with the **Social Knowledge Network (ReCos)** and a comic book called **“Everything is messed up here - A story about mental health”** as well as a map with mental health promotion points created from the training of health technicians.

[Find out more by clicking here](#)

Published articles and training

EJA Teacher Training Course

Continuing the work started in 2018 in **Youth and Adult Education**, this semester, in partnership with the **Federal Institute of Northern Minas Gerais**, we offered training for 92 EJA teachers focusing on the methodology of the **Young Builders Program**. The book with the teachers' articles will be published soon.

Article published in a magazine

“The Jovens Construtores Program and its strategies for the productive inclusion of young people with power” was the article published in the **Brazilian Evaluation Journal**, based on a call for proposals promoted by the journal in partnership with the **Arymax Foundation**.

[Access the article by clicking here](#)

Presentation of the book “Sensibilities and Affections in the Teaching Experience” at universities

The e-book, published at the end of 2022, was presented at **Estácio de Sá University**, bringing the proposed reflections to undergraduate students; and was launched at the **National Congress of Black Researchers/COPENE** at the **Federal University of Alagoas (UFAL)**. The publication, which draws attention to the blackest form of education in Brazil, the EJA, was well received and is already circulating in the northeast.

[Access the e-book by clicking here](#)

Defense of the article “Courageous Hope at the IV COPENE/NE”

Presented at the thematic session 19: *“Intimate Sufficiencies in the process of articulation between health, education and political activism”*, at UFAL, the article will be published in the annals of the IV COPENE/Northeast.

Once a Jovem Construtor, always a Jovem Construtor

Census with the network of JCP graduates

In partnership with **YouthBuild**, Cedaps carried out the first census of the network in Brazil, which has 540 young graduates from the professional qualification course offered by the program. The aim was to assess the young people's living conditions and how **YouthBuild** contributed to their trajectories. Nineteen young graduates were selected to act as researchers, who reached 309 interviewees.

[Check out the results by clicking here](#)

Advice for the network of graduates

Help finding a place in the world of work and formal education, civil documentation, socio-emotional support, and referral to psychotherapy, throughout 2023, these were the supports offered to the network of graduates of the **Jovem Construtor Program**, which has 540 young people. The result was 99 achievements in economic and/or educational opportunities, more than 60 documents issued, almost 1,000 socio-emotional, assistance or placement consultations and, above all, the motto "*Once a Jovem Construtor, always a Jovem Construtor*" strengthened.

Conecta+ Acceleration Program

Cedaps was one of the 20 organizations selected for the initiative carried out by the **Ekloos Institute** with the support of the **Coca-Cola Brazil Institute**, which aims to connect young people to great employability and career development opportunities by strengthening organizations that work to increase access to the job market for young people in situations of social vulnerability.

The managers of the selected organizations took part in remote training and mentoring to strengthen the activities they already offer, as well as helping to expand the network of potential partners for hiring the young people they serve.

Exploratory study for the Global Opportunity Youth Network (GOYN)

Commissioned by GOYN and in partnership with United Way do Brasil (UWB), Cedaps carried out and published an exploratory study to assess the need for and relevance of a collective impact initiative to create economic opportunities for young people with potential in the city of Rio de Janeiro. In addition to publishing the study, Cedaps also took part in GOYN's 4th Global Convention in Mombasa, Kenya, to learn more about the proposed methodology and promote meetings between GOYN Global and potential partners in Rio.

[Access the study by clicking here](#)

Political participation

State Committee for the Prevention of Adolescent Homicide (ALERJ)

Over the last five months, young people participating in programs, projects and actions carried out by Cedaps and its partners have taken part in monthly meetings of the Committee with the aim of reflecting on CEDCA Resolution No. 78 of July 28, 2021, which proposes a state policy for the prevention of homicide of children and adolescents in Rio de Janeiro. Faced with the guidelines and priorities of the CEDCA policy, the young people developed a Manifesto, which will be released in 2024.

Cedaps is a member of the Committee, representing Civil Society, and participates in the Working Group on the Participation of Adolescents and Young People, developing activities together with other CSOs, guaranteeing the contribution of participants within the activities carried out by the Committee.

State Youth Council

In 2023, Cedaps occupied a seat on the Rio de Janeiro State Youth Council (COJUERJ), contributing to all the activities and actions carried out by the Council this year, most notably participation in the 4th Rio de Janeiro State Youth Conference, held at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ).

The Cedaps Youth Area has been carrying out a political advocacy movement with the nomination of youth representatives, identifying the importance of social integration with the construction of public policies that represent the different youths of our state and valuing their potential in the construction of a more inclusive and egalitarian civil society.

We would like to thank our partners from the private sector, third sector, community organizations and public authorities, who are with us on the journey for more opportunities for young people from favelas and peripheral areas. We continue to 2024 believing in the power of this youth and in the fight to guarantee their rights and social mobility.

This is Jovens Construtores!

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