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THE STATE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

JOIN US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



WHAT IS THE STATE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD?

The State Youth Advisory Board (SYAB) is a youth led, professionally guided group which provides a vehicle for advocating the improvement of services for youth in foster care. In addition, the SYAB provides information and resources about Independent Living Services.

The role of the SYAB is to empower emerging adults to have a positive effect in their communities and encourage them to develop skills necessary for independent living and leadership.

WHAT DO SYAB CANDIDATES LOOK LIKE?

We are looking for emerging adults in foster care who value their voice and its ability to effect change. An SYAB candidate sees issues within larger systems and advocates for improvement while brainstorming appropriate solutions.

In addition to SYAB candidates, we are looking for foster care alumni to volunteer as mentors and consultants. These alumni have seen the successes and failures of our system and look to provide support to current foster youth in positive navigation and solution finding.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

There are 4 stages in Group Development: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing.

- Forming- Process of putting the structure of the team together
- Storming- Begins to occur as the process of organizing tasks, with team members adopting a problem-solving mentality
- Norming- team members are creating new ways of doing and being together with shared leadership
- Performing- True interdependence is the norm; This is a highly productive stage both personally and professionally.

We are in the Forming stage. If the SYAB feels like a good fit for you, fill out our [SYAB Application Here!](#)