



Youth Initiatives Eligibility List

Youth Engagement and Leadership Opportunities



PA Youth Advisory Board (YAB) (Ages 14-23)

Local Level (Ages 14-23): Participate in local projects and provide feedback.

Regional Level (Ages 14-23): Work on statewide initiatives and projects across six regions.

Statewide Level (Ages 16-23): Advocate and collaborate on projects with a broader impact.

- **Citizen Review Panel (CRP) (Ages 16-23)**

The Statewide YAB serves as the fourth CRP, reviewing child welfare policies and practices. Provides recommendations for system improvements.

- **2025 Project Focus:**

- Normalcy
- Pregnant & Parenting Youth
- Budgeting & Banking Management



Pennsylvania Citizen Review Panels

Youth Retreat Steering Committee (Ages 16-20)

Plans and organizes youth retreats

Members are pre-selected annually

Youth cannot join mid-year

Speakers Bureau (Ages 14-26)

Platform for individuals with lived experience in foster care.

Engage in:

- Committees & Workgroups
- Speaking Engagements
- Trainings & Panel Presentations
- Aims to raise awareness and educate about the foster care system.

NYTD (National Youth in Transition Database) Council (Ages 16-25)

Small group of youth & alumni meeting quarterly.

Responsibilities:

- Amplify youth voices
- Support improvements in survey data collection
- Enhance outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood
- Works on clear messaging and outreach at regional and statewide levels



Age Eligibility Breakdown for Projects & Services:

Older Youth Retreat: Ages 16-20

NYTD Council: Ages 16-25

YAB:

- **Statewide:** Ages 16-22
- **Regional:** Ages 14-22
- **Local:** Ages 14-22
- **Youth Summit:** Ages 16-22

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