



Youth Action Board Member Description

Title: Hampton Roads Youth Action Board Member

Start Date: Our first meeting was on August 5th, 2021, from 6-7:30 PM. If you are interested in joining, **please see website for information about our next meeting.**

Primary Purpose

The Youth Action Board (YAB) is a collective of youth leaders, ages 16-24, who use their knowledge, lived experience, and skills to improve the ways that youth and young adults experiencing homelessness are supported. This committee will shape and guide the decision-making and policy implementation of the Blueprint for Youth, a coordinated community plan to end youth homelessness. This includes determining what services and supports for youth should look like in the Hampton Roads community.

Requirements (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Experience)

- Between the ages of 16 and 24
- Have lived experience with homelessness or housing instability
- Able to commit to a term of service, which is one year (at least one meeting per month; between 1-2 hours per month)
- Strong desire to help improve conditions for youth

We want this board to reflect the diversity of our community and center marginalized voices. BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults are strongly encouraged to apply.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Participate in regularly scheduled Youth Action Board meetings
- Evaluate current supportive services and housing programs and suggest improvements
- Advise local organizations on best policies and procedures that affect youth experiencing homelessness
- Generate ideas on how to further engage disconnected and homeless youth in our community and connect them to youth-specific services and housing programs
- Survey youth and conduct other research necessary to create informed recommendations to providers
- Provide constructive feedback and insight at Blueprint for Youth planning meetings
- Create campaigns that raise awareness about the issues surrounding youth homelessness
- Participate in ongoing professional development and trainings

How to Join

Interested applicants should complete and submit the following forms:

- Youth Action Board Member Sign Up

The above statements describe the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to the Youth Action Board Member and may not include all required responsibilities, duties, and skills.