



## Why is KYAC important?

### Serving as the voice of Kansas Youth in Care since 2000

The Kansas Youth Advisory Council is a statewide, youth-led council. These young adults provide positive recommendations and changes to the child welfare system concerning issues that affect them directly.

The council uses its voice to better the foster care experience for all those involved. The youth who serve on this council are leadership youth who have demonstrated their ability to communicate and passion to use their voice to advocate for themselves and other youth affected by the Kansas child welfare system.

### Previous Accomplishments

- » Advocated for the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act (Tuition Waiver)
- » Established Regional Youth Advisory Councils (RYACs)
- » Provided input on Senate Bill 23 allowing youth in foster care to graduate from high school with 21 credits
- » Developed the Foster Youth Bill of Rights
- » State IDs from the Kansas Department of Revenue at no cost to the youth
- » Present annually at the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to bring awareness to youth's needs



### Mission:

The KYAC mission is to unite youth who have experienced foster care in an empowering way and enable them to speak for themselves concerning issues that affect them while obtaining life and leadership skills.

### Membership:

Being a KYAC member is a year commitment! Eligible youth must be between 14-25 years old, have experienced foster care, KDOC-JS, or Tribal out-of-home placement in Kansas. They must actively participate in RYAC, display appropriate leadership skills, and act as a role model for other youth in care.

### Structure:

KYAC meets for an hour every other Wednesday to discuss progress on their Annual Work Plan and prepare for a variety of events they host including; Band Together Day, Summer Conference, community service days, Strategic Planning, and the Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.



### Questions? Requests? Contact us!

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# REQUEST KYAC FOR:

Panels, Conferences, Interviews, Leadership Forums  
Youth Representation, Resource Booths, Workshops

## KYAC Membership Expectations

Attend Biweekly KYAC Board Meeting

Assist in developing and making progress toward KYAC's Annual Work Plan including;

- Educating youth about Foster Youth Bill of Rights
- Expanding healthcare coverage
- Streamlining the transition for aging out youth
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth
- Developing better standards of youth Lifebooks.

Assist preparing and facilitating KYAC's annual events including;

- Strategic Planning Conference
- Summer Conference



## How can I refer a youth to KYAC?

Scan this QR code to find out more

about KYAC's membership process,

And download the forms for referrals and applications!

Feel free to reach out to Hannah or Mackenzie for any additional assistance!

