

RYAC

REGIONAL YOUTH
ADVISORY COUNCILS

What is RYAC?

The Regional Youth Advisory Council (RYAC) serves within each region of the state. The council is comprised of youth ages 14-20 years who are currently in foster care or have transitioned from foster care. RYAC meetings are hosted monthly in every region of Kansas. These events provide youth the opportunity to learn various life skills, promote self-advocacy, self-sufficiency, prepare for successful transition into adulthood, and to provide feedback on their experiences in the child welfare system.



Who can participate in RYAC?

Youth/Young adults who:

- Are 14-20 years old (eligibility ends when a youth turns 21)
- Has experienced foster care, Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services, or Tribal out-of-home placement in Kansas for any length of time on or after their 14th birthday
- Interested in learning independent living skills, meeting other youth who have experienced the Kansas child welfare system, and a desire to advocate for positive change in the child welfare system

What does RYAC do?

What will I learn?

- Advocacy & Leadership
- Effective Communication Skills
- Cooking & Nutrition
- Employment & Career Planning
- College Preparation
- Accessing Benefits After Care
- Locating/Maintaining Housing
- Money Management & Banking
- Health Care & Personal Safety
- Social Media & Internet Safety
- Healthy Relationships

And much more!



Youth who actively participate in RYAC meetings and have a passion for advocating for youth who experience the child welfare system are welcome to apply to participate in the Kansas Youth Advisory Council (KYAC).

For more information about KYAC you can ask your case manager or contact:

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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!

