

Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio Youth Advisory Board

Adult Supporter Code of Conduct

Professional Expectations of Adult Supporters

- Recognize that this is a youth-led group; do not try to take over direction from youth leaders.
- Support the mission of the OHIO YAB and represent their interest in OHIO YAB related activities.
 - Support and provide direction to the best of your ability.
 - Interact with youth in a professional manner.

By agreeing to be an adult supporter for the OHIO YAB, you agree to complete the following tasks:

- To the best of your ability, arrange or assist in providing transportation for OHIO YAB members.
- Arrange and implement monthly regional meetings when supported by active regional membership.
- Communicate regional activities and meeting minutes to designated PCSAO staff within at least one week of having the event or meeting. This can be completed via email or by carbon copying other communication.
- Comply with and ensure to the best of you ability that the OHIO YAB by-laws, communication procedure, and code conduct are recognized and followed at all times.
- Pursue effective outreach techniques in order to recruit new members. This is defined as letters/ emails to director or professionals, activities geared towards youth or professionals, trainings, or distribution of recruitment materials at youth related events. These should occur at least once every two months and can be done in conjunction with other agency related scheduled events.
- If interested in becoming the regional seat, you must send a letter to the statewide board describing why you are qualified and why you should be accepted as the regional seat. (300 words or less)
- An effective communication practice must be established among adult supporters within the region.

What can you expect from the OHIO YAB Statewide Board Members and PCSAO Staff?

- Technical support regarding startup planning and identified barriers.
- Planning and facilitation of statewide meetings
- Planning and facilitation of events such as speaking engagements and meetings with interested parties
- Effective communication regarding statewide activities and issues pertaining to OHIO YAB members.
- Recruitment and Outreach activities throughout the summer of 2007.

Benefits of partnering to work with the OHIO YAB

- A fresh perspective regarding decision making in the child welfare system, including relevant information about the needs and interest of foster youth
 - A deeper understanding of the current issues facing foster youth
 - Open and honest responses about existing programs and services
- Become more connected and responsive to the youth in your community
 - An opportunity to be part of the change in your community

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