

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY

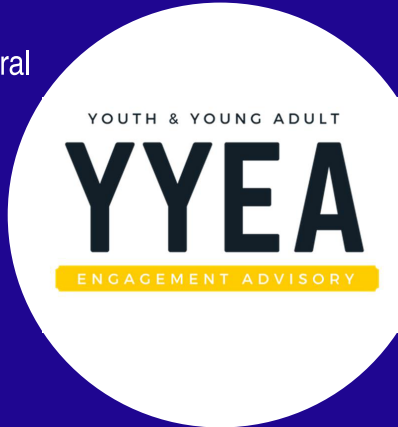
>>> ARE YOU >>>

14-24 years old with lived experience in behavioral health and/or other systems of care?

>> DO YOU HAVE >>

A passion for amplifying young adult voices, preventing youth suicide, and affecting positive change for your peers in the state of Oregon?

**BECOME A
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT
ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY
(YYEA) COMMITTEE MEMBER TODAY!**



WHO IS YYEA
YYEA IS A GROUP OF
YOUNG ADULTS, LIKE
YOU, WHO HOPE
THEIR PEERS LEAD
HAPPY HEALTHY LIVES.

TOGETHER, YYEA

- ◆ Identifies and advocates for the needs of young people struggling with behavioral health challenges.
- ◆ Builds community relationships with youth serving agencies and providers.
- ◆ Advises the Children’s System Advisory Council and the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide on important well-being issues that matter to youth.
- ◆ Meets monthly to plan and organize.

WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU

Being a part of YYEA will challenge you, make you feel good, and have an impact on the lives of young people. All YYEA members receive stipends for their participation and travel to qualifying events. You will have opportunities for leadership growth, professional skill building, networking, personal development and fun!

**APPLY TODAY
AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

For more information and to submit an application contact, **EMILY MORRISSEY:**

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🌐 <https://goo.gl/forms/mG3xRzgcJjIXtX0s1>



VISION

TO HAVE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT VOICE INCLUDED AND VALUED
IN POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING THROUGHOUT OREGON!

MISSION

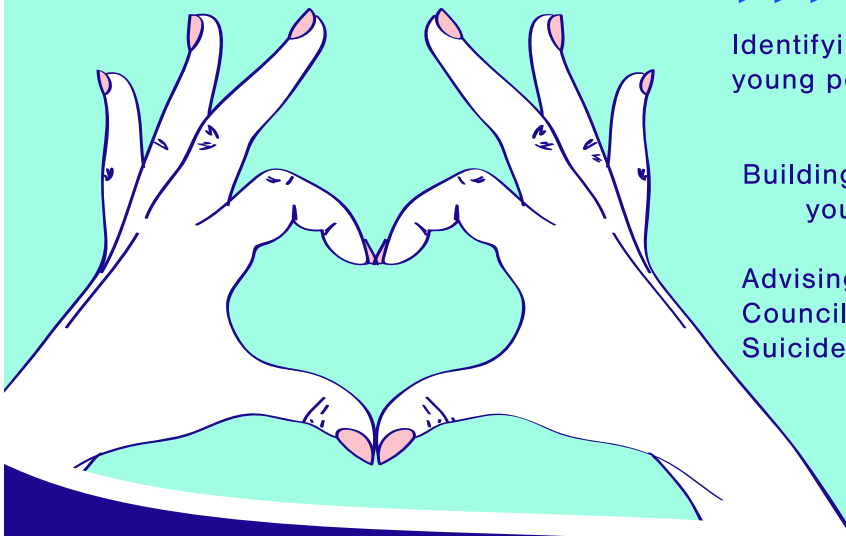
WE ARE DEDICATED TO AMPLIFYING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT VOICES IN
DECISION-MAKING ACROSS ALL LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION.

>>>>> WE DO THIS BY:

Identifying and advocating for the needs of
young people struggling with mental health
and addiction challenges

Building community relationships with
youth serving agencies and providers

Advising the Children's System Advisory
Council, the Oregon Alliance to Prevent
Suicide and other system partners on
important issues



WHAT

MEMBERS DO:

- ◆ Attend monthly meetings, occasional group training days and other YYEA events
- ◆ Work on projects the group decides to pursue
- ◆ Improve local and state youth services by lending their voices and experiences to advocate for youth and young adults dealing with behavioral health challenges
- ◆ Take on leadership positions in YYEA, if they'd like

WHAT THE

COMMITMENT IS:

- ◆ Maintain active membership for at least six months
- ◆ Be present and prepared for meetings and activities
- ◆ Respond to YYEA communications in a timely fashion
- ◆ Participate in discussions and projects
- ◆ Take on extra roles and responsibilities when needed
- ◆ Keep YYEA a safe and inclusive environment for everyone

APPLICATION

How to apply: Please fill out the application through the online form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/5xIU1gm5owF1Mfdl2> If you have any issues with the online form, you may also download this application, fill it out, and email it to Emily Morrissey EMORRISSEY@YOUTHERA.ORG If you have any questions, please contact Emily through the email above.

IMPORTANT - The Children's System Advisory Council, Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide, and the Youth and Young Adult Engagement Advisory Committee are public entities and it is important that you share information with that in mind. We can talk with you further about any specifics not shared in your application. If you don't know what this means, get in touch with us 😊

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Are you currently enrolled in an educational program? _____

This is not a requirement to be involved. Examples: high school, college, vocational or training program, etc.)

If yes, please answer the following.

School Name: _____ Major/Field of Study: _____

Year in school: _____

Identities: (optional)

Race/Ethnicity: _____ **Preferred Pronouns:** _____

Can respond with multiple races/identities

Examples: she/her, he/him, they/them

Do you have any other cultural or social identities or experiences you would like to share with us? Examples: LGBTQ+, Indigenous Peoples, Neurodiverse

What services or communities do you identify with? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions/Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Wraparound/EASA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education (IEP/504- Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness/housing instability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice or Adult Corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Why are you interested in the Youth and Young Adult Advisory (YYEA) Committee?

What skills and/or knowledge would you bring to the YYEA Committee?

What behavioral health* issues do you care about most? Please note that behavioral health includes topics such as mental health and addictions/recovery.

Are you able and willing to commit to: (Check all that apply)

- Maintaining active membership for at least six months**
- Attending YYEA monthly meetings and other YYEA events**
- Keeping in touch with YYEA leadership and responding to communications in a timely fashion**
- Contributing to the success of the committee by participating in discussions and projects, taking on extra roles and responsibilities when needed, and keeping YYEA a safe and inclusive environment for everyone**

What types of assistance will you need to participate?

Stipends and travel reimbursement are available for all meetings and events. Most meetings and events are held in Salem or Portland, Oregon. Advanced notice will be given for all events.

- Transportation (If you do not have a personal vehicle)**
- Accommodations for meetings and events:** _____
- Dietary restrictions/accommodations:** _____