Join the Youth Advisory Board

- ☑ **Are you a youth between the ages of 16 and 24 years?**
- ☑ **Have you had experience with homelessness?**
- ☑ **Would you like to help improve resources for other youth experiencing homelessness?**

We need YOU! to join the Youth Advisory Board.
Get paid for sharing your expertise and connect with others passionate about making a difference.

For questions or to apply, email Melissa & Jenna at monroesogd@gmail.com

Read more about this opportunity to join the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) below

The **Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grant is to improve the youth homeless** response system in Southeast Michigan through partnerships**,** planning and data-based decision-making. The YHSI grant is being administered between Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP) and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

YHSI is seeking youth!

This grant is seeking youth with lived experience (current or prior) to lead efforts to improve the systems that serve them. It's about uplifting youth voices and creating real change.

Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP) is taking applications for youth to join YHSI's **Youth Action Board (YAB) for Monroe County!**

Please see below about the details of the position.

About the position:

- MCOP is seeking youth advocates to join YAB to help **develop and improve the Youth Homelessness Response System in Monroe County**. The Monroe YAB

will be joined in partnership with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency's YAB to form part of the regional Youth Advisory Board.
- **YAB members will work directly with MCOP staff** and members of the Monroe County Youth Planning Committee to share your expertise in youth homelessness to identify gaps and barriers in services and to collaborate on projects to prevent and end youth homelessness.
- **Participants will be compensated** through a stipend of $30 per hour. In the event stipends exceed $600 per year, a 1099 tax document will be issued.

Qualifications:

- Must be within the ages of 16 to 24
- Must have lived experience with homelessness (current or prior)
- Attend monthly/quarterly meetings and a two-day conference (virtual/in-person)
- Be involved in sub-committees, weekly calls and youth collaboration team meetings
- Interest and willingness to learn about the homelessness response system.

Youth Action Board's Role

1. Identify gaps for youth homelessness services

2. Implement a Community Needs Assessment and Racial and Gender Equity Analysis
3. Develop an evaluation framework for current and future youth-serving projects with emphasis on Racial and LGBTQIA+ equity outcomes

4. Meet monthly-run by youth with the addition of a Monroe rep and a TA member 5. Be involved in sub-committees, weekly calls and youth collaboration team meetings
YHSI GRANT

The YHSI grant empowers youth with lived experience of homelessness to lead efforts to improve the systems that serve them. It's all about uplifting youth voices and creating real change. YHSI is a 30 month project with 3 phases.

YHSI focuses on four main strategies to reach its goal:

1. Helping youth with lived experience build skills and confidence.

2. Working with different organizations to find and support youth who need help.

3. Making it easier to connect youth to housing and services they need most.

4. Using better data to understand what's working and to improve support systems.

Youth Action Board

A Youth Action Board (YAB) is a group of young people who have lived through similar experiences. They work together on projects to make a difference. The Out-Wayne County YAB will focus on planning and leading projects for the YHSI grant. The goal is to make sure the YHSI projects are shaped and led by young people who have experienced homelessness. This helps create solutions that really work for youth.

Mission

The YAB will form their own mission statement.

Vision

The YAB will form their own vision statement.