**Southern Nevada Youth Working Group - Youth Action Board Application**

 We are looking for youth to join the Southern Nevada Youth Action Board – Young Adults in Charge!

About Us:
The Southern Nevada Youth Working Group is a leadership group made up of social service providers, mental health agencies, governments, advocates, school districts, and other organizations that work to assist youth who are at-risk or have experienced homelessness.

**What is the Southern Nevada Youth Action Board?**

*Young Adults in Charge* (YAC) is a group of proactive youth under the age of 25 who live in Southern Nevada and have experienced extreme hardship including homelessness, systems involvement, and/or poverty. YAC is supervised by adult members from the Southern Nevada Youth Working Group and meets once per month. The goal of YAC is to provide a youth perspective and inform members of the community and the Southern Nevada Youth Working Group of how to best meet the needs of youth who experience homelessness in our community.

**Do I Qualify for Membership in *Young Adults in Charge* ?**

YAC prioritizes youth who are between the ages of 12 – 24 who have experienced some form of homelessness during the course of their lives, but will also consider youth with different life experiences who are informed and passionate about this issue. We are looking for youth who have experienced situations such as:

* Staying in a homeless shelter or other housing assistance program
* Living in a motel or hotel for long periods of time
* Sleeping/living out of a car
* Rotating between staying with friends or different family members often
* Couch-surfing
* Being kicked out of home for being LGBT, pregnant, or other reasons
* Living in foster care
* Not knowing where you will be staying from one day to the next

**What Exactly Does YAC Do?**

Membership in YAC brings youth together to give a voice to youth who are at-risk or have experienced homelessness. YAC advises members of the Southern Nevada Youth Working Group on issues that affect youth in Southern Nevada, identifies issues that are important to youth in the community, and works on events and activities for the community that are important to youth.

**How Can YAC Benefit Me?**

The advantages of YAC are different for every member, but some benefits may include:

* Building leadership skills and learning new things
* Making friendships with other like-minded youth
* Having a great resume builder for college essays and job applications
* Gaining rewards and participating in community projects

***Please fill out the application and submit this form back to:*** ***youngadultsincharge@gmail.com***

**Southern Nevada Youth Action Board Membership Application**

**Directions:**Please fill out this form if you would like to become a member of the Southern Nevada Youth Action Board – *Young Adults in Charge*. All information entered into this form will be kept confidential. Some of the questions may be a bit personal, so please know that you can choose to leave spaces blank and answer according to your comfort level. ***Thank you for your interest in becoming a YAC member!***

1. **Full Name:**

** ** First Last

1. **Birth Date:**

**** Month/Day/Year (e.g. 01/01/2005)

1. **Gender:**

[ ] Male

[ ] Female

[ ] Transgender

[ ] Non-Binary

1. **What best describes your race/ethnicity?**

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(e.g. White/Caucasian; Black/African American; Hispanic; Asian; Native American, Mixed Race, etc.)

1. **Phone Number:**

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1. **Email Address:**

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1. **How Did You Hear About the YAC?**

[ ]  Case Manager or Program Staff

[ ]  Friend

[ ]  Parent or Guardian

[ ]  School

[ ]  Other

1. **Please tell us about your experiences of being homeless or unstably housed (if applicable):**
2. **Why is the issue of youth homelessness important to you?**
3. **YACs often engage in many different types of activities, please check all the following activities that are of interest to you:**

[ ]  Sharing my story with others [ ]  Fund-raising [ ]  Working on group projects

[ ]  Social media [ ]  Leadership training [ ]  Creative writing

[ ]  Field trips [ ]  Community service projects [ ]  Research

[ ]  Film/Video [ ]  Public speaking [ ]  Being an advocate/activism

1. **What do you feel you do well/what are you best at doing?**
2. **If you could learn something new what would it be?**
3. **Have you been involved with other organizations or groups before? Please tell us about your experiences below** (e.g. student government, after school club, scouts, teams, etc.)**:**
4. **YAC meetings take place at least once per month, what days and times are best for you?**

(Please highlight or circle the days and time you are available each week)

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| **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | 2:00pm – 3:00pm | 2:00pm – 3:00pm | 2:00pm – 3:00pm | 2:00pm – 3:00pm |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | 3:00pm – 4:00pm | 3:00pm – 4:00pm | 3:00pm – 4:00pm | 3:00pm – 4:00pm |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm  | 4:00pm – 5:00pm  | 4:00pm – 5:00pm  | 4:00pm – 5:00pm  | 4:00pm – 5:00pm  |
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1. **How many months can you commit to the YAC** (e.g. 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, etc.)**?**

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1. **Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?**

*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application! We will contact you using the information you provided. Please email the form to* ***youngadultsincharge@gmail.com****and let**us know if you have any questions.*