



Have you been involved in the child welfare system and want to improve the system?

Do you want your voice to be heard?

Become an advocate with Youth Fostering Change!

What is Youth Fostering Change (YFC)? YFC is a group of young people who have been involved with the child welfare/foster care system. YFC works with Juvenile Law Center to create a campaign that improves the lives of youth who have been in the system.

What does YFC do? Each year, Youth Advocates learn how the child welfare system works and, based on this information and their own experiences, create a project to improve the system. As part of their campaign, Youth Advocates present their experiences, opinions, and project to different child welfare officials and workers such as judges, lawyers, DHS workers, social workers, and policymakers to promote their ideas for change.

How often do Youth Advocates meet? Youth Advocates meet once a week from September to June. Sessions last 2 hours. Youth Advocates are required to attend and participate in each session.

Are Youth Advocates paid? Yes. Youth are paid for each session and receive stipends for additional work.

How do I become a Youth Advocate? Fill out the application and drop it off or mail it to Cathy Moffa, Juvenile Law Center, 1315 Walnut Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. You can also email your application to cmoffa@jlc.org or fax it to 215-625-2808.

Applications are due on August 31th.

Please contact Cathy Moffa at cmoffa@jlc.org or 215-625-0551 for more information.

Please note that you must have been involved in the child welfare system in order to apply.



Youth Advocate Application

Due August 31th

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address: _____

Are you currently attending school? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Are you currently working? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

1. Have you ever been involved with the child welfare system (DHS)? *Please note that all YFC members must have experience with the child welfare system.*

Yes No

2. Why do you want to be in Youth Fostering Change?

3. Is there an issue or problem in the child welfare system that is particularly important to you or interests you?

4. Please circle which topic you would be more interested in working on:

- Ensuring that youth leave care with permanent, supportive relationships with caring adults.
- Supporting foster youth as they try to pursue higher education after high school

5. Many youth who age out of the child welfare system leave the system without supportive, reliable relationships with adults who the youth trust and can rely on. This lack of connection sometimes means that youth who age out of care do not have a stable place to live and end up homeless. What are your ideas of how to fix this problem?

6. Do you have any leadership or public speaking experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.

7. Do you have any work, volunteer, or extracurricular experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Please circle ALL of the times and days of the week that you are available to meet:

MONDAYS:	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
TUESDAYS:	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
WEDNESDAYS:	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
THURSDAYS:	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
FRIDAYS:	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm

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