Recruiting Youth / Young Adults for Advisory Board

The DCF and the Children and Family Council are seeking applicants for a state advisory group to youth justice and primary prevention activities. This is a state-wide advisory group and members are appointed by the governor.

Meetings are held monthly during business hours; regular attendance at meetings is an expected commitment. A ‘youth member’ is one who is appointed before their 24th birthday; their designation as youth member continues beyond this age.

Diverse membership is needed and creates the most informed decisions. Youth, and members who have had personal experience with justice are encouraged to apply.

The Children and Family Council is comprised of members who have broad experience in human service, justice system, and prevention. Responsibilities include:

- Administer the Children’s Trust Fund
- Administer the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) that requires states to
  - monitor and assure protections for youth who encounter the justice system
  - as much as possible, prevent young people from having contact with the justice system
  - monitor and address issues of racial and ethnic disparities
  - make grants designed to prevent or effectively intervene where youth are at high risk

Membership on the Council has many benefits including:

- the opportunity to use your voice on behalf of youth and to do good work for young people and their families
- an opportunity to be involved in state, and sometimes, national policy and practice recommendations
- a great learning opportunity; including attendance at national conferences; connections with long-term practitioners and advocates

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