

YOUTH UNITED

WHAT IS YOUTH UNITED?

Youth United is a youth-led initiative that has been based in Wayne County for over 20 years. YU advocates for youth voice and involvement in the System of Care (SOC). Promoting positive values and philosophy empowers young people to make a difference. We offer a safe environment to discuss critical issues and provide resources to help youth stay informed about issues that impact their communities. There are many activities to get involved in such as community projects and fun activities, all aimed at moving Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) toward a youth-driven System of Care.

ADVOCATES WILL:

- Help plan and execute community events.
- Trainings to learn leadership, public speaking and group facilitation skills.
- Engage with decision-makers and others to create policies and youth-friendly services.
- Participate in Youth Move Detroit Council and other advocacy groups.
- Participate in and attend local and statewide advocacy conferences.

WHO CAN BE A YOUTH ADVOCATE?

- People between the ages of 18–25
- Youth who demonstrate leadership qualities
- Those interested in positive change
- Have lived experiences with mental health or received SOC services such as:
 - Child welfare/foster care
 - IEP or non-traditional education
 - Juvenile justice
 - Public mental health

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BECOME AN ADVOCATE!

Advocates provide opportunities for youth to use their voices and get involved! This paid position allows community youth leaders to advocate for systems change, provide feedback on the development and implementation of services, reduce community barriers and make community agencies more youth-friendly.

