

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

WAYNE COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE
SYSTEMS IN ACTION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

UNITED

Youth United is a youth-led initiative that promotes youth voice and youth partnerships in Wayne County System of Care (SOC) using positive youth development values and philosophy. Youth participating in Youth United activities are involved in a variety of projects and activities aimed at moving Wayne County SOC and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) toward a Youth-Driven System of Care. Youth Advocates provide opportunities for youth to create a youth friendly environment throughout the Community Mental Health agencies as well have input on the development and implementation of new and former services provided to children and youth in Wayne County. Get Involved! Identify young people in your community to advocate for systems change.

Who can be a Youth Advocate?

Youth who:

- Are between the ages of 14–25
- Are residents of Wayne County
- Demonstrate Leadership Qualities
- Are interested in a Positive Change in their Communities
- Have received SOC services (juvenile justice, public mental health, child welfare and/or special education)

Advocates Will:

- Participate in trainings to learn: Leadership Skills, Public Speaking Skills and Group Facilitation Skills, etc.

- Partner with decision makers and other youth to create policies and youth-friendly services
- Learn skills to train youth and professions on positive youth involvement
- Attend youth groups and community awareness events
- Participate in Youth Move Detroit & Connections Youth Advisory Council
- Become a voice for youth receiving services in Wayne County Public Human Services System through local and Statewide Advocacy activities
- And much more



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