

ATTACHMENT A

Youth Advisory Council Summaries

Minnesota Youth Council

The [Minnesota Youth Council](#) (MYC), an initiative of Minnesota Alliance With Youth, is a diverse group of youth that represent the changing face of our state and provide much-needed youth perspective into issues throughout Minnesota. The council is a network of 36 youth in grades 8-12 (four from each Minnesota Congressional district and four at-large), and their adult partners. MYC members focus their work on two committees:

- The **Education Committee**, which collaborates with the Minnesota Department of Education as the Student Advisory Committee, identifying educational needs and gaps for Minnesota students.
- The **Policy Committee**, which advises and influences statewide legislation related to students and their educational experiences, through the Minnesota Youth Council Committee at the State Capitol.

Website: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/youthcoun/>

Hennepin County Youth Justice Council

The youth justice council promotes community safety and produces positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities.

Our mission is to improve and reform the juvenile justice system by:

- Empowering youth to live productive, self-sufficient, and law-abiding lives.
- Ending the unnecessary use of secure detention.
- Eliminating disparities based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.
- Providing resources to effective community-based and appropriate services for youth and their families.
- Committed internal and external stakeholders and community members volunteer on the following subcommittees:
 - Reducing racial disparities
 - Underserved youth
 - Youth advisory board

Website: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/public-safety/youth-justice-council>

Ramsey County Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council aims to advise Ramsey County leadership on and transform Youth Justice Transformation policies, programs, and initiatives that impact youth and young adults (13-26 years old) throughout Ramsey County.

Vision

Build an ecosystem that facilitates youth and young adults' growth and development throughout Ramsey County.

Priorities

YAC develops and recommends policies, strategies, approaches and programming that transform the youth justice system and fosters growth and development by:

- Ensure that policies and procedures balance public wellness and support youth and young adults impacted by the youth justice system.
- Develop, recommend, and support community-based juvenile detention alternative programs and diversions that center on the healing, restoration, and empowerment of impacted youth and young adults.
- Co-design strategies and methods that dismantle intergovernmental silos improve cross-system collaboration and implement shared decision-making models centered on youth-led action.

Website: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/advisory-boards-committees/community-advisory-council/youth-advisory-council>

City of Saint Paul

Established in 2006, the Saint Paul Youth Commission is where young people learn to enhance their civic leadership, work in partnership with elected officials and stakeholders, represent their peers, and advocate for youth voice in decision making. Ensuring Saint Paul is a city that works for all of us.

Youth Commissioner duties

- Host community engagement events to bring awareness to issues that affect young people throughout the city. With their peers and adult partners, commissioners design innovative solutions and work to implement them.
- Ensure that all youth in Saint Paul have opportunities to get involved, learn, play and make a difference in their community.
- Inform government officials and advise on policies.
- Strengthen their leadership skills and ensure youth voice is heard in Saint Paul.
- Lead IMPACT (Igniting Movement through Passion, Actions, and Community Togetherness) Project
- Are leaders today!

Website: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-centers/parks-recreation-programs/youth-commission>

Northfield

Overview

The Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2006. Comprised of 15 local youth, the Mayor's Youth Council seeks to assure youth input into civic affairs and works on initiatives to positively impact local young people.

The Mayor's Youth Council consists of local high school juniors and seniors, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Youth Council members are selected to serve on two-year terms or until they graduate from high school. Members do not receive monetary compensation.

Website: <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/112/Mayors-Youth-Council>

Lakeville

The purpose of the Lakeville Youth Advisory Commission is to serve as an advisory body to the Lakeville City Council. The Commission will provide Lakeville's youth the opportunity to participate in the City's decision-making processes, provide the City Council with recommendations on a variety of issues, promote existing initiatives while developing new programs and encourage more youth to become effective leaders who will help shape the future of Lakeville.

Website: <https://www.lakevillemn.gov/1125/Youth-Advisory-Commission>

Rosemount

The Rosemount Youth Commission was created by the City Council in 2009 to give the community's young people a voice in the operation of their City. The commission operates under a set of bylaws. Each year, the Youth Commission sets goals to work toward as a group.

Website: <https://www.rosemountmn.gov/112/Youth-Commission>

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation – Youth Advisory Council

The MPRB's Youth Advisory Council is a group of youth leaders between the ages of 15-17. Each youth will serve a two-year term, that requires 5-12 hours per month commitment. Youth Advisory Council members are compensated at the city of Minneapolis minimum wage. Youth Council members are involved in project focused, youth-led discussions and strategies to provide feedback on MPRB programming and processes. Youth Council members will further develop their leadership, research skills, and explore career pathways within the MPRB. YAC members will play a vital role in developing innovative strategies to evaluate and reduce violence within the parks and beyond. Youth focused programming will be the key component to accomplish this goal.

Website: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities-events/youth-programs/teen_programs/youth-advisory-council/#:~:text=The%20MPRB's%20Youth%20Advisory%20Council,city%20of%20Minneapolis%20minimum%20wage.

Saint Paul Public Housing Authority—Youth Advisory Council (IN DEVELOPMENT)

Youth Connections facilitates and partners with organizations to provide educational, cultural enrichment and civic engagement activities that help build self-confidence and leadership skills in youth of all ages.

To continue to provide quality programs the Resident Initiatives Department Youth Connections staff is in the process of creating a Youth Advisory Council. We are seeking the help of youth to learn about their interests and the types of programming they would like to see as well as how to connect with each other.

The Council will be made up of youth living at PHA multi-family developments. This is an opportunity to offer input into PHA programming.

Website: <https://www.stpha.org/youth-connections/youth-advisory-council>