



## **The Children's Trust Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What's the focus of the YAC?**

The YAC, comprised of high school students in grades 9-12 from across Miami- Dade County, serves as the youth voice of The Children's Trust. Through active participation, workshops and hands-on experience, YAC members learn critical leadership and advocacy skills, especially relating to children and families. They familiarize themselves with their communities and together with advisors develop service-learning projects that benefit those communities. We seek to convene a diverse group of students, and extend an enthusiastic invitation to youth with special needs.

### **Who can apply and how do I apply?**

Any high school aged student living in Miami Dade County can apply. Apply online [through this link](#).

### **What does the YAC do?**

We're about real experiences and making a difference. In addition to regular meetings, we attend field trips and trainings throughout the year, and a trip to Tallahassee to participate in Children's Week. There, we experience the political process firsthand. Our intent is to build a strong team, develop leadership skills and provide valuable life experience and exposure for participants.

### **How often does the group meet?**

There are six YAC chapters (Central, North, South, Far South, West and West Kendall); each typically meets once or twice a month. Occasionally participants are expected to attend special meetings, trainings or service projects.

### **Is transportation to regular monthly meetings provided?**

Members are expected to attend all meetings, and we will support those participants who do not have their own transportation in any way we can.

### **Is there a cost associated with participation in the YAC?**

No, all YAC program-related expenses are covered by The Children's Trust.

### **Does participation in the YAC count toward my community service hours?**

Absolutely! Activities related to YAC membership are credited as community service hours, and we provide service hours letters to each participant.

**Where does the YAC meet?**

There are YAC sites throughout the county. Check the online application to see this year's sites.

More questions? Contact us at [yac@thechildrenstrust.org](mailto:yac@thechildrenstrust.org).