



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 three YAC chapters (Central, North and South); 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 yac@thechildrenstrust.org.