



## 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 at [www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/youth-advisory-committee](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/youth-advisory-committee).

### What does the YAC do?

We're about real experiences and making a difference. In addition to (virtual) **monthly regular meetings**, we **host game nights, field trips, community service projects created by the youth, host Q & A with Miami-Dade leaders, present opportunities for community service hours, leadership skills** throughout the academic year. We host an annual **trip to Tallahassee** to participate in Children's Week. (This may be virtual in 2021.) 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 do we meet monthly?

We will meet virtually for 2020. In 2021, if we are able to meet in person, there are six YAC sites throughout the county; participants can choose their location:

- **North** - North Dade Regional Library, 2455 NW 183rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056
- **Central** - The Children's Trust office, 3150 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129
- **South**- South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211 Street, Miami, FL 33189
- **Far South** - Homestead City Hall, 790 N Homestead Boulevard, Homestead, FL 33030
- **West** - FIU, Office of Engagement, PC 100, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL

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- **West Kendall** - West Kendall Regional Library, YOUMake Space, 10201 Hammocks Boulevard, Suite 159, Miami, FL 33196

**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.

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