



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.

What does the YAC do?

We're about real experiences and making a difference. In addition to **monthly 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.

Where does the group meet?

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** - Miami Southridge Senior High School, 19355 SW 114th Avenue, Miami, FL 33157
- **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 33199
- **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 or 305.571.5700 ext. 562.