



DCYF Youth Advisory Board 2017 Application

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Make San Francisco a great place to grow up!

What is DCYF?

The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Their Families helps children and youth by bringing people from across the city together. DCYF supports the city's children and youth, birth to age 24, and their families lead lives full of opportunity and happiness by allocating dollars to maximize impact through funding in the following areas: early care and education, out-of-school time, youth empowerment, youth workforce development, family support, health and wellness and violence prevention. DCYF operates via an extensive multi-year planning process and works on a daily basis to improve access to services.

What does a DCYF Youth Advisor do?

As a DCYF Youth Advisor, you will serve on a body of youth who are dedicated to informing decisions that are made on behalf of the children, youth, and their families in San Francisco. Your role as a Youth Advisor includes but is not limited to providing feedback and recommendations to DCYF on activities, initiatives and projects based on the department's planning and funding cycle. The time commitment is **ten hours per month**, over the course of the year you can expect to attend one two-hour monthly meeting (minimum of ten meetings per year). Additional participation between meetings may include workgroups, emails, outreach, attending DCYF funded or sponsored events as representatives of the department and ongoing community engagement as desired. Through this process you will gain knowledge surrounding the programs and strategies funded by DCYF and learn about the many resources available to families and youth in San Francisco.

Qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 15-21 years old (at the start of your commitment)
- Completed at least one year in high school
- Current (or recent) San Francisco resident
- Have one year personal experience as a participant, intern, or staff member in youth programming
- Currently be a youth worker, advocate, or community organizer OR have recent personal experience with foster care system, juvenile justice system, alternative education, parenthood, young people with disabilities, young people involved in the underground street economy or immigrant young people
- Ability to commit to a 1 to 3 year term (renewed annually)
- Ability to commit up to **ten hours (per month)** of board related activities
- Dedicated to expanding your network and make meaningful connections

*Note that variations of these qualifications will make up ideal advisory board members; not all are required and **anyone interested** is highly encouraged to apply.*

What's in it for you?

- **YOU** will impact funding decisions and the decision-making processes for DCYF's projects in San Francisco for the benefit of children, youth, and their families
- **YOU** will network and collaborate with other youth and young adults working in the community
- **YOU** will receive a DCYF-issued letter of recommendation, verification of volunteer hours or referrals to agencies to volunteer as needed for resumes, college applications and internship opportunities
- **YOU** will have the opportunity to participate in training, coaching and/or mentoring through DCYF funded trainings and through DCYF staff referrals/mentors
- **YOU** will gain knowledge of the city's hiring process, complete your city employment master application and gain awareness of entry level opportunities
- **YOU** will understand the Children and Youth Fund funding/planning process
- **YOU** will build off of your expertise to understand the elements of quality youth programming and learn to evaluate programs effectively
- **YOU** will receive monetary stipends based on meeting expectations (\$50 for each two hour monthly meeting, up to \$500 per year)

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Name _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Gender _____ Ethnicity (optional) _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Is English your first language? Yes/No (circle one) If not, what is your first language?

If in school, what school are you attending? _____

Please list any organizations and programs that you have been a member of:

Check the boxes of the personal experiences or populations that you identify with or have worked with and feel like you can represent (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen/Young Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health (Mental-Health and/or Substance Use) | <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't Complete High school | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with Special Needs/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Street Economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify as LGBTQQ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child of Incarcerated Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Couch surfing | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized Housing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant youth/families | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

On one page or less, please respond briefly to the following questions:

1. Expand on your experience with the topic areas you selected above. Which do you feel the most passionate about? Which one do you feel like you can be a content expert in? Why?
2. What qualities, skills or experiences would you bring as an advisory board member?
3. What systemic/long term changes would you most like to see for San Francisco's children, youth and families? Based on those changes, how can services be improved for these populations?
4. Are you available to participate in a group interview on Friday, May 12th from 4:00PM – 6:00PM?

Ready to Apply?

You will need:

- Completed application
- TO SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:
 - o **YouthEngagement@dcyf.org**
 - o Or mail/drop off at 1390 Market St. Suite 900, 9th Floor
- An interview with current DCYF Youth Advisory Board members and staff

Deadline:

Applications are due on **Friday, April 21, 2017 at 5:00PM** If you need additional time please contact Monica Flores at (415) 554-8418 or monica.flores@dcyf.org

Thank You for applying, we look forward to meeting you in person!