The Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio (OHIO) Youth Advisory Board exists to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that effect all youth who have or will experience out of home care.

I. STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Role of OHIO YAB Officers in training:
Would you like to share your voice and insights on a statewide level to improve the immediate experience and long-term outcomes of Ohio foster care youth and young adults?

II. YOUTH QUALIFICATIONS
Expectations of OHIO YAB Officers in training:
☐ Leadership skills
☐ Emotional maturity
☐ Communication skills and team attitude
☐ Commitment to participate in monthly Officers calls
☐ Youth must have a phone number, email address and Internet access
☐ Essay, two letters of reference and a phone interview

III. ESSAY PORTION
1. Your name, age, phone number and email address*
2. How many years have you been in foster care?
3. Are you involved in your local/statewide youth advisory board?
4. Please list some of your prior community involvement experiences.
5. Tell us more about your other qualifications to be an Officer-in-Training

IV. REFERENCES
Two recommendations must be submitted online by adults who can share about your skills, character, work ethic, experience, and other qualifications

V. APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Youth submits an essay and two letters of recommendation to info@fosteractionohio.org
2. Just as not every youth who runs for office gets that position, not every youth person who applies as an Officer-in-Training will be selected.
3. Phone interviews will be scheduled with the most qualified applicants.
4. Final decisions will be voted on by current OHIO Youth Advisory Board Officers