



- *Are you between 18-21 years old, and involved in the Bridges program?*
- *Are you interested in developing leadership skills and a network of peer support?*
- *Would you like to have opportunities to share your voice on a statewide and national level to improve policy and practice?*

The Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio Youth Advisory Board is Ohio's statewide voice of young people, ages 14-24, who have experienced foster care. The OHIO YAB exists to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care.

The OHIO YAB hosts four statewide quarterly meetings each year. Our Officer elections will take place during our upcoming July meeting.

Dates: Thursday, April 18, Thursday July 18, and Thursday Oct. 17, 2019

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Quest Business and Conference Center
8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

RSVPS: Required for youth/young adults to be included in the lunch count
You can do so by emailing lisa@fosteractionohio.org

Message to Bridges Liaisons and members of the Collaborative:

Thank you for caring about long-term outcomes of young people in and from foster care...

Leadership skill development assists young people in and from foster care in preparing for their future, and increases the likelihood of positive outcomes post-emancipation.

Youth advisory board involvement helps young people prepare for their future by developing self-advocacy and diplomacy skills, and moving from goal setting to implementation. It provides them with opportunities to build public speaking skills. It empowers today's young people to become ***active agents in generating positive change for the next generation.***

Being a member of the OHIO Youth Advisory Board helps young people build long-lasting peer support networks and a sense of belonging. Please do everything in your power to make it possible for Bridges young adults to participate in the OHIO YAB.