



# OHIO YAB Timeline

2006 - 2019

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2006

## Founding Recommendations

- My Voice, My Future Project
- My Story Video Project
- OHIO YAB Constitution
- OHIO YAB Code of Conduct

2007

## President Adrian McLemore

- Medicaid Expansion to 21
- Marcus Fiesel Legislation
- Independent Living Focus Groups throughout the state which led to Ohio Reach
- Statewide Independent Living Conference

2008

## President Adrian McLemore

- PCSAO Child Advocate of the Year
- Statewide and National Conferences
- Success is a Choice Rally
- Boards established in Athens, Mahoning and Stark counties

2009

## President Alex McFarland

- Ready to Launch Initiative
- Statehouse Advocacy Day
- Testimony before Ohio House and Senate to restore TANF-IL funds
- OHIO YAB Handbook
- Chafee Funding Anniversary
- Ohio Reach Conference



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President Alex McFarland

- Governor's Steering Committee on Transitional Youth and Young Adults
- SW and NE IL Summits
- Judicial Video Teleconference
- 50 States in 50 Days Tour

2011

President Cieria Rodriguez-Toney

- Restoration of TANF-IL funds
- Successful opposition of Neighborhood Notification Act
- Ohio Supreme Court Pilot
- Ohio Forum on Youth Housing
- Wendy's Wonderful Kids Summit

2012

President Cieria Rodriguez-Toney

- CCAI Delegation
- International Summit
- White House Young America
- ODJFS All-Staff Meeting
- Connecting the Dots Conference
- Inaugural National Foster Youth and Alumni Policy Council

2013

President John Davis

- Partners for Forever Families Symposium
- First trip to DC for Three Days on the Hill
- Two-part Tech Retreat
- Outreach to teachers/guidance counselors



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- Ohio Fostering Connections: Legislative Briefing
- Minds Matter materials
- Teening Up for Success
- Youth Homeless Demonstration Grants (Cincinnati, Cleveland)
- Youth Voice in Court

2015

President Allissa Mitchell

- Ohio Fostering Connections: Statehouse Advocacy Day
- Youth Voice on Normalcy: Legislation and Training
- Creation of YAB Toolkits
- Six County/Regional YAB Leadership Retreats

2016

President Gabriel Young

- HB 50 signed into law
- Ohio Fostering Connections Symposium
- DC advocacy leads to FSHO
- Youth letter-writing campaign for FSHO
- Multiple Leadership Retreats
- Medicaid waiver concerns

2017

President Stephfon Kennedy

- Youth voice in Bridges implementation
- Youth voice in CFSR
- Youth voice on expansion of post-secondary resources
- Safe Place promotion
- Media announcement of Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act



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2018

Vice-President  
Samantha Dillon

- OHIO YAB Policy Retreat
- Foster Parent Recruitment Video
- Three Trips to DC
- National Petition for FSHO: 54K signatures
- CCAI Angels in Adoption Award
- CAPMIS: Youth Voice
- Sibling Visitation Bill
- Mandated Reporter Bill

2019

Upcoming Elections

- Meeting with HUD Secretary Ben Carson
- Federal Briefing in DC
- Ombudsman Advocacy
- Medicaid Concerns
- Transportation Support for Bridges Young Adults
- Tool to Support County/Regional Boards