



Ohio Youth Advisory Board

Statewide Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024



OHIO YAB Mission

We exist to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care.



Brainstorming Topics

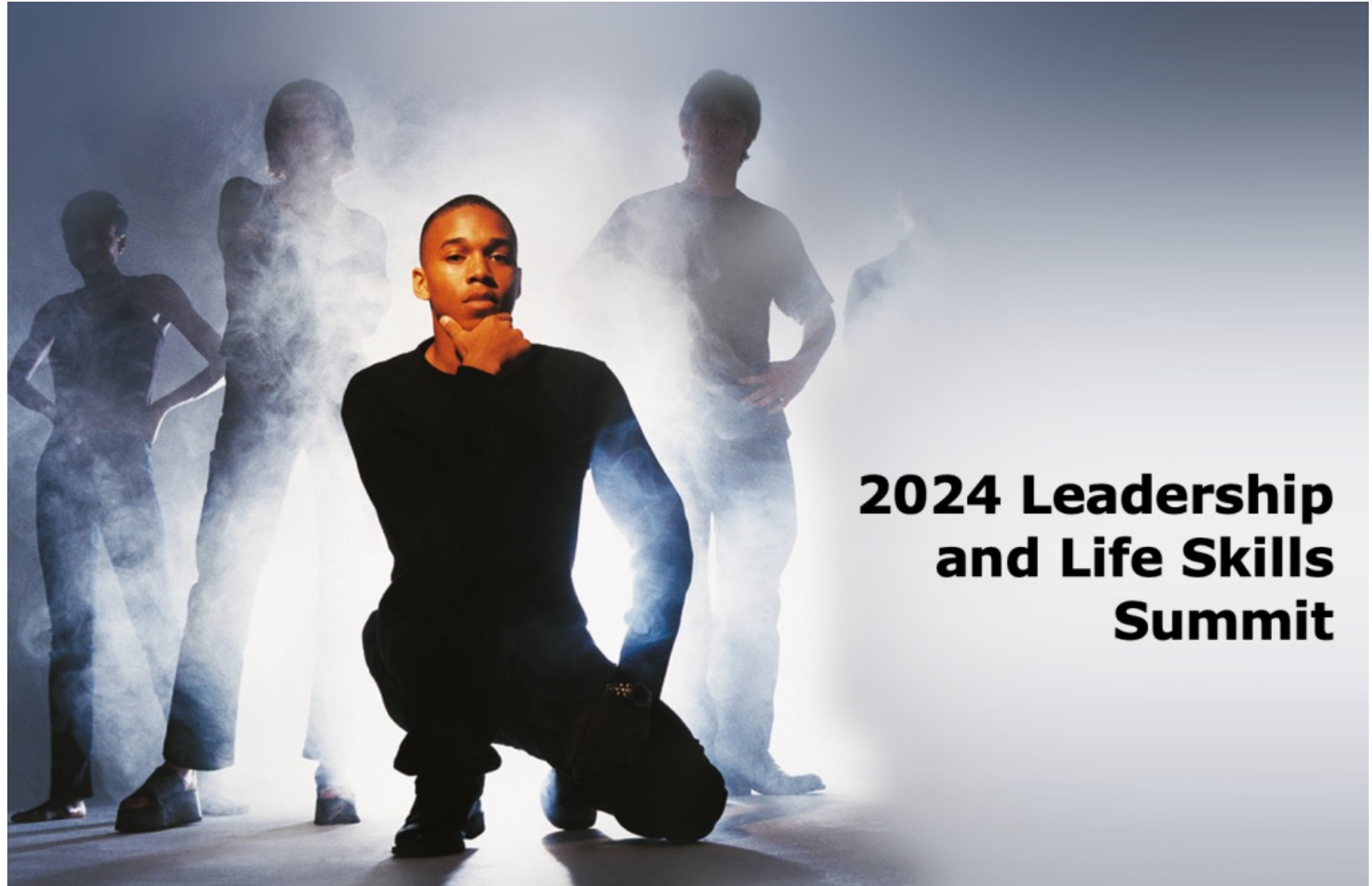
- 1. Transitional Housing: *Amanda Chavez, Oasis***
- 2. Mandated Reporter: Community Response Guide: *Deanna Jones, Foster Care Alumni Consultant***
- 3. Mentoring for Foster Youth Transitioning Into Young Adulthood: *Melanie Montgomery, Hope Bridge***
- 4. Foster Youth Access to Records: *Ashley Keller, Human Services Policy Director***

Upcoming Opportunities in 2024

NW Leadership Retreat



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**2024 Leadership
and Life Skills
Summit**

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Suits for Success

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New and Good

“WHY A YAB?”

In my personal experience, the Youth Advisory Board saved me when I couldn't find light in a broken system I had no choice but to be in. It allowed me to grow a connection with my caseworker that wouldn't have been possible without the 2 hour car rides and talks over board discussions. It allowed me to have support and help when and where I needed it, and showed me that my voice is more than a voice, it's a power, and I've got the ability to use it to make sure tomorrow's children are safe, secure, supported, and most importantly, happy.

-Mattie

