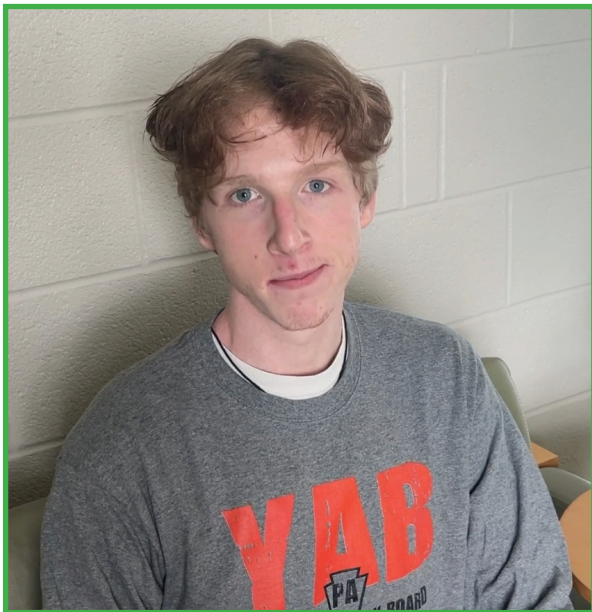




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Mission: The mission of the Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is to educate, advocate, and form partnerships to create positive change in the child welfare system.

Membership: Youth and alumni of the child welfare system ages 16 to 21 are elected from regional boards as officers.

Structure: There are 6 Regional YAB's which are supported by a YAB Consultant.

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Why should I get involved?

Activities: Youth and alumni create positive change in the child welfare system by:

- Training caseworkers, administrators, foster parents, supervisors, judges, and guardians ad litem on issues of importance to older youth and alumni
- Developing recommendations related to policies and procedures affecting youth in care
- Providing input to developing implementation plans for recent laws enacted such as Act 75 of 2015: The Activities and Experiences for Children in Out-of-Home Placements Act
- Organizing community service events

Where is the YAB?

Meetings: Regional YABs and the Statewide YAB meet every other month. The meeting schedule for the Statewide YAB is listed under the "About" section of the Youth Advisory Board website: www.payab.pitt.edu.

Philosophy: YAB members are viewed as experts and meetings are youth-led and organized. Staff members are appointed to each Regional YAB in a support role to help youth find their voices and teach them about meeting facilitation, action planning, and other necessary skills.

