

Youth Advisory Council



We need your voice!

- ⇒ We're recruiting young people to join a new Youth Advisory Council.
- ⇒ This council will guide our public health work. It will help ensure that our strategies are relevant and accessible to young people.
- ⇒ We value the insight, expertise, experiences, and contributions of young people. You know what issues are important to you, and what solutions will work for you.

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What is the Youth Advisory Council?

The Youth Advisory Council is a group of diverse young people from around Washington. They help the Department of Health learn about the public health topics that are important to young people.

What does the council do?

- ⇒ The council meets online (on Zoom) every other month for about an hour and a half.
- ⇒ Members share thoughts, opinions, advice and recommendations on important and current health topics, including reproductive health, physical health, mental health, and healthy relationships.
- ⇒ Members also review and give feedback on adolescent health materials—like flyers and webpages - that will be shared with families and young people.

What will I get if I join?

- ⇒ Help experts make decisions about how public health is delivered to young people.
- ⇒ Earn volunteer or community service hours (if permitted by the managing organization).
- ⇒ **Receive a \$50 Amazon e-gift card after every meeting or activity.**

Do I need permission?

Members who are under 18 need:

- ⇒ Parent or guardian permission to take part, and
- ⇒ A trusted adult who is available to help during meeting times (but does not have to attend meetings).

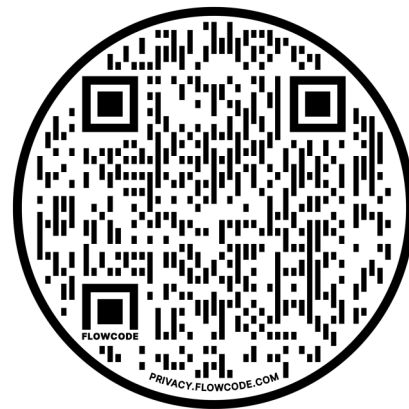
Who can apply?

- ⇒ Anyone age 13-21 who lives in Washington state
- ⇒ Has access to internet, social media (like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram), email, and Zoom
- ⇒ We will prioritize young people from communities that have been most affected by health care inequities. **We encourage young people with these experiences to apply:**

- **Physical or mental disabilities**
- **Juvenile justice or child protective services involvement**
- **Mental health and treatment**
- **Substance use and treatment**
- **Challenges at school**
- **Challenges with health care**
- **Houselessness and/or unstable housing**
- **Marginalized and underserved communities, like LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and rural communities**

How can I learn more or apply?

- ⇒ **To learn more and to apply go to our webpage:** <https://waportal.org/partners/home/adolescent-health/youth-advisors>
- ⇒ **Or use the QR code to apply now!**



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