



# L.A. OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

## Job Description

**Job Title:** OYC Young Leaders

**Reports to:** OYC Associate Director

### Background

The Los Angeles Opportunity Youth Collaborative (LA OYC), spearheaded by the Alliance for Children's Rights, focuses on building partnerships across sectors to improve educational and employment outcomes for transition age foster youth. The OYC works collaboratively with 50 partners, including government agencies, education institutions, philanthropic and community-based organizations, and provide sector employers. The OYC has five focus areas, which are: advancing systems and policy, fostering connections, promoting awareness and engagement, building capacity, and elevating foster youth voices.

### Position Overview

The OYC Young Leaders Program is a one-year training program in leadership development, public speaking, advocacy, and much more. Young Leaders will hear from a variety of leaders and experts in the child welfare field and other systems. Through regular meetings, activities, trainings, and active participation in several OYC efforts, members will feel empowered to use their collective experience to champion the needs of transition age foster youth and become impactful agents of change in the Los Angeles community.

The OYC is committed to recruit, train, and support foster youth in Los Angeles who will become the next generation of leaders in their community and shape the future of foster care. The Young Leaders will play a key role in furthering the common agenda of the L.A. OYC, influence decision-making, and inform the work of the collaborative.

Benefits of participating in this group include but are not limited to: leadership training, exposure to decision-makers, learn how to be effective advocates, work with peers, learn about resources and services for foster youth, and build a supportive network in addition to, developing and executing a community project that makes a difference in the lives of other foster youth.

### Roles & Expectations

- Attend, engage, and actively participate in monthly Young Leaders meetings, as well as any speaking engagements
- Uphold virtual meeting expectations by being present on camera and engaging in discussions on virtual platforms
- Co-develop recommendations with systems leaders to implement change using your expertise of lived experiences to improve systems for transition age foster youth
- Work with other youth leaders throughout the county and the OYC in the design and decision-making phases of systems, programs and initiatives impacting foster youth
- Take initiative and follow through when commitments are made

- Outreach to other transition age foster youth when needed (i.e. focus groups, resources, leadership opportunities)
- Maintain constant and open communication with the OYC Outreach and Engagement Fellow
- Demonstrate and maintain professionalism at all OYC related meetings, events, and activities
- Be on time and accountable
- Maintain a positive attitude, an open mind, and be willing to learn new things
- Be respectful of other's opinions and treat fellow peers and staff with respect
- Create and maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all identities of young leaders

### Qualifications

- Current or former foster youth or probation crossover
- Ages 18-25
- Fully committed to the length of service and responsibilities
- Ability to commit to attending meetings, meeting prep sessions, focus groups, and speaking
- Proof of COVID 19-vaccination/exemption status

### Pay & Time Commitment

- Position pays a stipend of up to \$3,000 over the course of a year  
*(Required attendance to monthly meetings in order to receive the monthly stipend)*
- Commitment will be of one year

For any questions, please contact [info@laoyc.org](mailto:info@laoyc.org).