

## **Advisory Board Members**

Advisory members are youth and young adults between the ages of 13-25, who have lived experience in 'the systems' and want to help make improvements so youth can live healthy lives and pursue their dreams. Our meetings work to improve these systems for youth by sharing information with each other, collaborating on projects, hosting trainings, and raising awareness about the issues that are important to us.

We also offer many ways for young people to develop leadership and advocacy skills. Members are encouraged to take an active role in leading meetings, serving on workgroups, planning events, and making important decisions with the group. Approved members may be eligible to receive mileage reimbursement for our meetings and other activities. Meetings are currently held on (date) at (time) at (location address).

Experience are self-identified, and can be in the private or public systems of Texas. You are not required to share your experience, but advisory members often draw from their personal experience to inform decisions and advocate for others.

### Advisory Member Eligibility

- Be between the ages of 13-25 at the time of application
- Have an interest in advocating for others and for creating change
- Have regular access to e-mail or other technology to receive meeting and communication updates.
- Self-identify as being:
  - A person with experience receiving mental health services
  - A person who is in recovery from substance use
  - A person who has been part of the juvenile justice system
  - A person who has been part of the child welfare/foster care system

### Membership Expectations

- Attend new member orientation
- Join Advisory meetings as a contributing member in-person or via web call
- Read and respond to emails or other communication related to the Advisory meetings
- Serve on at least one Advisory meeting project per year
- Participate in Strategic Sharing and Leadership trainings
- Share information related to the purpose of the Advisory meetings, as requested
- Work through conflicts with the group, as needed. This includes including Advisory meeting leads to resolve issues when needed.

### Advisory Member Application Process

Individuals who are interested in joining or want to learn more are encouraged to contact:

Name:

Title:

Phone:

Email: