



# Youth Fostering Change

a project of Juvenile Law Center

## What is Youth Fostering Change (YFC)?

YFC is a group of young people who have been involved with the child welfare/foster care system. YFC works with Juvenile Law Center to create a campaign that improves the lives of youth who have been in the system. Juvenile Law Center is the oldest non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country.

## What does YFC do?

Each year, Youth Advocates learn how the child welfare system works and, based on this information and their own experiences, create a project to improve the system. As part of their campaign, Youth Advocates present their experiences, opinions, and project to different child welfare officials and workers such as judges, lawyers, DHS workers, social workers, and policymakers to promote their ideas for change.

## How often do Youth Advocates meet?

Youth Advocates meet for 2 hour workshops once a week from October to June and as needed. Youth Advocates are required to attend and participate in each session.

**Have you been involved in the Child Welfare system?  
Do you want to improve the system and your voice heard?**

**Become an Advocate with Youth Fostering Change!**



## Are Youth Advocates paid?

**Yes! Youth are paid for each session and receive stipends for additional work. First year advocates are paid \$10.00 per hour. Each year advocates complete a year, they receive a raise.**

## How do I become a Youth Advocate?

**Fill out the application and email it to Marcia Hopkins at [mhopkins@jlc.org](mailto:mhopkins@jlc.org) or Cathy Moffa at [cmoffa@jlc.org](mailto:cmoffa@jlc.org).**

**Applications are due August 31st, 2020!**

# Youth Advocate Application

## Final Deadline: August 31st, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) where we can reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender pronoun(s): \_\_\_\_\_

[Common examples of gender pronouns are:  
She/Her/Hers; He/Him/His; or They/Them/Theirs.]

**Additional Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently attending school?    Yes    No

If yes,  
where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working?    Yes    No

If yes,  
where? \_\_\_\_\_

1) Have you ever been involved with the child welfare/foster care system (DHS)? (Please note that all Youth Fostering Change members must have experience with the child welfare system.)    Yes    No

2) Have you lived in any of these settings? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

Foster Home      Group Home  
SIL or SSIL      Kinship Care  
None of These

**3) Why do you want to be in Youth Fostering Change, which is a group that wants to make improvements to the foster care system? Please write a few sentences or bullet points.**

**4) What is something about your experience in foster care that you would like to change for other youth? How would you change it? Please write a few sentences or bullet points.**

**5) Do you have any leadership or public speaking experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.**

**6) Do you have any work, volunteer, or extracurricular experience? If so, please explain in complete sentences.**

**7) Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

**8) If we are unable to return to the office in the Fall due to COVID-19, will you be able to join our YFC Meetings remotely (using Zoom or Google Hangouts)?**

**Yes      No      I'm not sure**

**9) Have you ever used Zoom or Google Hangouts before?**

**Yes      No      I'm not sure**

**10) If we call you back for an interview what is the best way for you to do a virtual interview? (Select all that apply).**

**Phone      Zoom      FaceTime      Google Hangouts**

**Please check ALL of the times and days of the week that you are available to meet for J4J workshops:**

**MONDAYS:      4-6pm**

**TUESDAYS:      4-6pm**

**WEDNESDAYS:      4-6pm**

**THURSDAYS:      4-6pm**

**FRIDAYS:      4-6pm**

**Submit applications to: Marcia Hopkins at [mhopkins@jlc.org](mailto:mhopkins@jlc.org) or Cathy Moffa at [cmoffa@jlc.org](mailto:cmoffa@jlc.org) at Juvenile Law Center by e-mail.**

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