



The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is currently accepting applications for new statewide board members. We will draw from youth that are actively engaged in IVPA supported youth initiatives including: current YAB, Choose Respect, Youth- Led Mini Grants, and Safety Net Works. The Youth Advisory Board provides a unique opportunity for youth to learn skills that develop them as violence prevention leaders and advocates in their communities. Youth interested in applying for YAB, must be recommended and sponsored by an Adult Ally.

As Youth Advisory Board members, youth will have the opportunity to:

- Receive training and resources on violence prevention areas that impact youth
- Learn skills that develop youth as violence prevention leaders and advocates in their communities and in statewide violence prevention initiatives
- Learn from their peers about youth led violence prevention activities taking place around the state
- Participate in the planning and implementation of a statewide youth summit to take place in Spring 2010
- Run for YAB Co-Chair and participate on the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority's Governing Board, if elected
- Gain real life experiences toward college or employment opportunities
- Make new friends with a diverse group of youth who are also passionate about preventing violence
- Make funding recommendations for youth-led violence prevention projects

To participate on YAB, youth must be 14-21 years of age , nominated by an Adult Ally and be actively engaged in one of the following IVPA supported youth initiatives: current YAB, Choose Respect, Youth- Led Mini Grants, or Safety Net Works. **Selection of Youth Advisory Board members will reflect the diversity in age, culture, economic status, and geography of Illinois youth.**

Youth interested in applying to YAB must be recommended and supported by an Adult Ally. More than one youth may be supported by the same Adult Ally. Adult Allies work directly with individual YAB members to support them as successful youth leaders. Adult Allies are also afforded the opportunity to learn more about violence prevention, youth development and network with other statewide youth workers.

To apply, both the Adult Ally and the youth must complete an application. Attached to this email you will find the applications for both YAB members and the Adult Allies. Applications may also be downloaded from the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention website at www.ilaacp.org.

Please contact Chris Sang (csang@ilaacp.org or 312-850-4444 x 221) if you would like additional information.

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