



WICHITA
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Youth Advisory Council
2024-2025
New Member Application
(316) 263-7501

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Deadline for applying: August 9th, 2024

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What is the WFCC Youth Advisory Council?

Wichita Family Crisis Center (“WFCC”) is excited to provide leadership opportunities for local high school students to become more actively involved in the prevention, education, and awareness of intimate partner violence and human trafficking throughout our community.

The WFCC Youth Advisory Council (“YAC”) was established to provide local youth with the opportunity to develop their advocacy skills, their understanding on the issues of intimate partner and sexual violence, and human trafficking within our community. WFCC YAC *will work together to create awareness opportunities and events to support and assist the work of the WFCC on behalf of survivors. Through their involvement with the Advisory Council, students will be exposed to, and learn from professionals working with victims of, and the issues and causes domestic and sexual violence, and human trafficking efforts at all levels including local, state and federal.*

WFCC YAC is composed of high school students grades 9-12. Members have opportunities to develop their leadership skills through community engagement activities, volunteer and academic projects, to advocate for survivors, and to represent the youth in our community taking a stand against intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and human sex trafficking.

Qualifications

Members must have the following qualifications:

- Currently a student in grades 9-12
- Have a passion for advocating for victims of intimate partner and sexual violence, and human trafficking
- Be a leader among your peers, wanting to educate others on domestic and sexual violence, and human sex trafficking
- Be flexible, open minded, respectful, and hard working

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Youth Advisory Council or this application, please contact: Lauren Koehler, Volunteer and Communications Manager.

lkoehler@wichitafamilycrisiscenter.org
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How to Apply

1. Complete (please print or type) and sign this application.
2. Obtain your parent's or legal guardian's signature, giving you permission to participate on the Youth Advisory Council (if you are under 18).
3. Submit your application by using one of the following methods:

Mail or deliver the application to:

1. Wichita Family Crisis Center
Administrative Office
C/O Volunteer and Communications Manager
7824 E 32nd St. N.
Wichita, KS 67226
2. Email a signed copy of the application to lkoehler@wichitafamilycrisiscenter.org
In the subject line, please type, "Youth Advisory Council Application"
Send only PDFs or Word documents, no image files or pictures of the application.

Selection Criteria

1. The youth's interest in serving on the Council.
 2. Good standing with the law.
 3. The student's desire to assist with community awareness on domestic and sexual violence.
 4. An interview with the selection committee.
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Requirements

1. Attend monthly Youth Advisory Council meeting (allowed to miss up to 3/year)
 2. Attend a quarterly training hosted by WFCC or other community partners on intimate partner violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, trauma, advocacy, self-care, or other related topics.
 3. Participate in a minimum of 1 outreach event per semester. This may include but is not limited to: leading a volunteer day, hosting a donation drive, conducting a training on the topic of teen dating violence for your peers, or accompanying our outreach team at a booth/fair event.
 1. Outreach events can be held at your school, place of worship, club meeting, or any kind of communal place/organization, etc.
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Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Grade Level for the **2024-2025** School Year: *Freshman* | *Sophomore* | *Junior* | *Senior*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Best Way to Reach You: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please list any specific talents, skills, hobbies, etc. that you believe might be beneficial to YAC:

Essay Responses

Please respond thoroughly to the following questions on the lines provided below.

1) What does the term “advocacy” mean to you?

2) If you could educate your community on just one fact about teen dating violence, intimate partner and sexual violence, and/or human sex trafficking, what would it be, and why?

3) What are your reasons for wanting to be a member of YAC? How do you hope to benefit from the experience?

4) In what ways have you shown leadership?

Additional Information

Meeting Availability: Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM. Each member is allowed three (3) excused absences from these meetings per school year. If you have a reoccurring conflict with these meeting times, please contact the WFCC Volunteer and Communications Manager to discuss other options.

- I am available to attend meetings at those times.
- I am not available to attend meetings at those times, but would like to serve within the agency.

Certification

By signing below, you hereby certify that you have read this application in its entirety and that all statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of your knowledge and the essays submitted are your own work. Any applications with incomplete sections will be returned to the applicant.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

As the parent / legal guardian of the applicant, I hereby grant my permission to the applicant to participate in the WFCC's Youth Advisory Council which includes, but is not limited to, monthly meetings, volunteering outings, assisting with and/or leading donation drives, educational trainings, booth events, and other activities as they arise. I understand that if accepted, the applicant will need reliable transportation to events and activities. By signing, I give the WFCC permission to run a background check on the applicant.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____