The **ACMH Youth Advisory Committee** provides the opportunity for youth with personal mental health experiences to have a voice in decision making that affects their lives.

The Youth Advisory Committee empowers and supports all Michigan youth to create positive changes in policies that impact them, giving them the opportunity to advise legislators, mental health administrators and community members about important issues that matter to youth.

**PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES:**

- Advising ACMH and other state leaders about the experiences and interests of youth with mental health challenges;
- Promoting youth voice in decisions impacting Michigan youth;
- Providing opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills and become active citizens;
- Fostering and supporting partnerships and relationships between youth and adult leaders throughout the state.

**PARTICIPATION CRITERIA:**

- Between the ages of 15-20 years old;
- Have had personal experience or are currently dealing with a mental health or behavioral challenge;
- Possess the passion and desire to advocate for positive systems change for children’s mental health;
- Have the ability to work in collaboration with fellow committee members

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