

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council?

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council (DPH YAC) is a team of passionate young leaders throughout Los Angeles County that are dedicated to improving the health of their communities. The DPH YAC brings valuable youth perspectives to DPH and works to advise the Department's leadership and staff on its programs and policies.

The mission of the DPH YAC is to raise awareness of health issues plaguing our communities, while working in collaboration with DPH leadership to advise on public health solutions that improve the health and well-being of youth in Los Angeles County.

What is the role of the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

The DPH YAC will work in partnership with adults to develop more youth-created and youth-informed programs and services. Council members are placed to work alongside public health professionals at one of our public health centers throughout Los Angeles County (*please see back for sites) and gain valuable experience.

Some of the roles and responsibilities include:

- Attend and actively participate in monthly DPH YAC meetings
- Create or participate in community service projects, programs and outreach and education activities
- Represent the DPH YAC at events and meetings
- Advise DPH Leadership on recommendations for improvements of programs

What are the benefits of participating in the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

Membership in the DPH YAC is a unique opportunity for students to gain work experience, leadership skills, and influence policies and programs within the Department of Public Health that impact youth. Some of the benefits include:

- Raising awareness of important health issues impacting youth.
- Developing and lead projects of interest that can help make an impact in your community.
- Advising Department leadership and staff regarding public health issues impacting youth, and ways to improvements of programs and policies.
- Expanding network that includes a broad range of public health professionals, while developing positive youth/adult relationships.

Are members of the DPH Youth Advisory Council paid?

Yes. YAC members are paid by activities they participate and/or complete (fee-for-service).

What is the term limit the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

The membership term for the DPH YAC is one year with a maximum limit of two terms. Individuals must apply each year.

Who can apply and how do I apply?

Youth residing in Los Angeles County who are 16-21 at the time of application are eligible to apply to the DPH YAC.

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When can I apply for the next cohort?

The 2020 DPH Youth Advisory Council will begin in the summer of 2020. Applications for the 2020 DPH Youth Advisory Council are currently open and available on our website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/> (click on "DPH Youth Advisory Council" under the list of MCAH Programs on lower right hand side).

Please check the Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health website for program updates <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/> or send an email to YouthAdvisoryCouncil@ph.lacounty.gov

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER JOB PLACEMENT SITES*	
<u>Antelope Valley Public Health Center</u> 335 E Avenue K6 Ste B Lancaster, CA 93535	<u>Whittier Public Health Center</u> 7643 S. Painter Avenue Whittier, CA 90602
<u>Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center</u> 7555 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91405	<u>Curtis R. Tucker Public Health Center</u> 123 W. Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301
<u>Monrovia Public Health Center</u> 330 W. Maple Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016	<u>MLK Jr. Center for Public Health</u> 11833 Wilmington Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90059
<u>Central Public Health Center</u> 241 N. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	
* Placement Sites may change for the 2020 cohort	

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