



Texas Department of  
**Family and Protective Services**  
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# Statewide Youth Leadership Council (YLC)

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- The State and Regional Youth Leadership Councils were created in 2005.
- During the Legislature required HHSC to adopt rules, regarding the purpose, structure, and use of advisory committees by DFPS
- Rule §702.515 was approved and formally established the Youth Leadership Council
- This rule exempts the YLC's from the "Open Meetings Act"

## What is Statewide YLC?

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- Youth in the Preparation for Adult Living program who are in or recently out of foster care represent each region on a statewide Youth Leadership Council.
  - This group provides a mechanism for key representation from the children and youth receiving CPS services.
  - The Youth Leadership Council regularly provides input and feedback to those responsible for policy development. Youth representatives develop leadership skills as Youth Leadership Council representatives.
  - The Statewide YLC meet in person at least three times per year on dates and locations convenient to the majority of members.
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The Statewide YLC provides a way for youth in foster care and alumni of foster care to learn and demonstrate skills, such as:

- Communication
- Decision-Making
- Conflict Resolution
- Building Leadership
- Advocacy

- Renaming and restructuring of the Aging out Seminars (Youth Take Flight)
- Providing feedback on CPS policies and practices
- Participating in surveys conducted by HHSC for STAR Health to improve services

# YLC Projects for FY19 continued

- Implementation of Youth Connections Instagram Account



# Youth in Action Day

- Youth and young adults met with key legislators from their home community at the Capitol
- Youth prepared and present their priorities item to share with legislators





Thank you!

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