

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"





- 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.



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

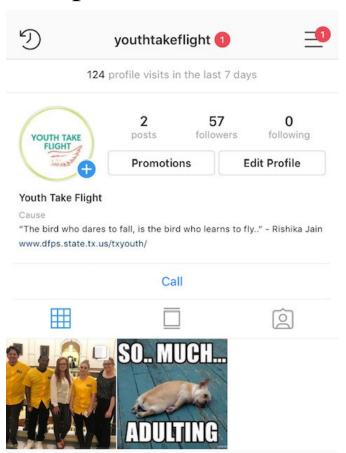


- Renaming and restructuring of the Aging out Seminars (Youth Take Flight)
- Providing feedback on CPS policies and practices
- Participating in surveys conducted by HHSC for STAR Health to improve services



YLC Projects for FY19 continued

• Implementation of Youth Connections Instagram Account







• Youth 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







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