



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL



Do you want to “Improve the Experience of Foster Care for All Young Adults”? You can, by joining the Arizona Department of Child Safety Youth Empowerment Council (YEC).



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- Be a representative voice for young adults who have experienced foster care.
- Participate in Youth Leadership panels at conferences and community events.
- Serve as role models for young adults in foster care.
- Provide advice for independent living program goals and objectives.
- Advocate for DCS improvements by examining policies, procedures and practices, and recommend adjustments that will result in positive outcomes for young adults in foster care.

If you would like to join a meeting or have any QUESTIONS, please contact DCSYEC@AZDCS.gov. Follow us on Instagram @AZ_YEC

“We are not a lost cause, but a found future.”

- Faith S.

YEC SPECIFICS

- Official young adult membership is open to all young adults, ages 14-23 that have experienced foster care in Arizona.
- Council meets once a month, in person or virtually.
- Enjoy dinner with your peers and adult allies when in-person meetings are possible!
- Opportunity to participate in projects that interest you.
- Participation at the DCS annual summer Young Adult Conference.
- Foster Care Alumni over the age of 23 are welcome to attend meetings, activities, and share their experiences.
- Network, make friends, enjoy incentives for participation, and HAVE FUN!