



YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

VISION

Youth thrive and feel hopeful, respected, empowered and connected to their communities.

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The Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) promotes shared responsibility across state and community stakeholders for achieving positive outcomes for youth and young adults in Vermont. The Council promotes, advocates for, and monitors the continued evolution of culturally competent, holistic, strengths-based service systems for Vermont's young people, advocates for improved quality of and access to these services, and organizes policy responses to remove barriers to achieving these goals.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT WE DO

The Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) is made up of community and state partners who present an organized and unified voice for youth services by:

- Understanding and clarifying services and supports that make up the youth serving system
- Identifying gaps in services and making recommendations to bridge those gaps
- Increasing the skill of staff working with young people
- Leveraging funding opportunities
- Mapping and connecting to other groups providing youth services

HOW DO WE KNOW WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT?

The YSAC seeks to support better outcomes and increased resilience for youth, including:

- Increased job opportunities and levels of employment
- Increased positive relationships
- Increased mental health and decreased substance use
- Increased access to safe and stable housing
- Increased educational engagement, including post-secondary opportunities
- Decreased involvement in the justice system
- Increased access to health care