

Youth Mentor

Volunteer Opportunity: Youth Action Board (YAB) Mentor

Arizona's Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) is launching a Youth Action Board (YAB) to ensure that youth with lived experience have a direct voice in shaping the services and policies that affect them. We are currently seeking dedicated individuals to volunteer as mentors to support YAB members in their journey as youth leaders and advocates.

Each YAB member will represent one Local Coalition to End Homelessness (LCEH) jurisdiction. Given that members are located throughout the state and will meet virtually, local mentors will play a vital role in providing grounded, one-on-one support.

Who

 Active member of your Local Coalition to End Homelessness

What

- Regular communication (approx. 4 hours a month)
- Weekly check-ins
- Monthly mentorship conversations
- Minimum of 12 months commitment

How

- Virtual
- Phone/text
- In-person (as feasible)

What We're Looking For

- Experience working with youth, particularly those with lived experience of homelessness.
- Familiarity with the BoS CoC and LCEH systems, and ability to guide youth through them.
- Availability to connect with youth virtually, by phone/text, and in-person if geographically possible.
- Commitment to building long-term, supportive relationships (minimum 12 months).
- Passion for youth empowerment and leadership development.

Mentor Responsibilities

 Consistent Support: Check in with your assigned YAB member weekly, and remain available as needed for support (text, phone, virtual/in-person).

- **Guidance:** Help youth understand meeting content and how the LCEH works, navigate youth-adult collaboration, and engage in personal and professional development.
- **Preparation & Encouragement:** Assist with meeting prep and encourage active participation, goal-setting, and confidence in leadership roles.
- Collaboration: Participate in a monthly check-in meeting with other BoS mentors.
- **Communication:** Serve as a bridge between your mentee and YAB leadership to flag any concerns or needs for additional support.

Contact below with questions or interest!

