



Youth Leadership Team Charter

Role:

The role of the NE Connected Youth Initiative Youth Leadership Team is to implement with fidelity and enhance a statewide Youth Leadership system based on the four components: Youth Leadership Curriculum, Youth as Leaders, Activity Programming, and Service Learning.

Accountable To: Nebraska youth ages 14-24 (up to their 25th birthday) and their communities

Reports To: Nebraska Connected Youth Initiative Leadership Team

Responsible For:

The Nebraska CYI Youth Leadership Team responsibilities:

1. Establish common resources and core practices for community based Youth Leadership development at CYI sites across Nebraska in consideration of the Youth Thrives framework.
2. Develop a framework for identifying and enhancing local resources and persons outside of the statewide system who to serve as additional coaches.
3. Develop an online resource library of curriculum and activities.
4. Establish a core training plan for Child and Youth Care staff serving as youth leaders, and for youth as leaders within the Child and Youth Care framework.
5. Assuring common Youth Leadership data collection process and practices among multiple Connected Youth Initiative sites.
6. Develop a data report process to be used in local communities for to use on a regular basis for Continuous Quality Improvement.
7. Promote Child and Youth Care as a profession through the collaborative work of the team.
8. Establish common implementation processes for utilizing the trained Youth Thrive trainers in each community.
9. Identify policy issues which impact youth and youth serving systems and forward these to the Policy Team.

Composition: The Nebraska CYI Youth Leadership Team is comprised of:

1. Child and Youth Care staff charged with leading youth leadership from each CYI community that is serving an expanded population. Central Navigators from Lincoln and Omaha may choose to attend to learn the expanded system process.
2. At least one youth with experience in a Youth Leadership role, and interest in statewide system development.

Chairpersons:

1. Three Chairpersons will form a team for overall leadership. The Chairpersons will be one person from Nebraska Children, one Child and Youth Care staff selected by the team, and one youth selected by the team.
2. The Chairpersons will represent diverse areas of the state.

Resource: Nebraska Children will provide support staff to the Youth Leadership Team.



Time Commitment: The NCYI Youth Leadership Team will meet no less than six times in person. These meetings may be held in conjunction with the State Leadership Team meetings wherever possible to share transportation costs. Meetings may also be conducted by teleconferencing calls when required and agreed by the group.