



Youth Empowerment

SIGNATURE PRIORITY AREAS



Our Youth Empowerment programs empower young people to use their voice while working in partnership with adults to positively impact their communities.

How can we help youth positively contribute to their communities as young people and as adults?

Why

When young people are connected to their communities through service they are more likely to be invested as leaders who contribute to their community's success both now and in the future.¹ Youth and adults working together creates stronger and more well-connected communities that better serve their residents.

Intended Outcomes

Youth Empowerment is where youth practice leadership skills while exploring important issues in their communities and making informed decisions with adults.

State Youth Empowerment Programs

- Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit
- Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership
- Summer Academy
- 4-H Statewide Service-Learning Projects

Local Youth Empowerment Programs

- Youth in Governance Programs
- Youth Advocates for Community Health
- Teen Courts
- Youth Government Days
- Raise Your Voice Clubs
- Youth Leadership Summits

33%

of young people say they are not engaged in their communities.²

76%

of young people believe they have the power to make a difference.³

77%

of youth believe there are ways for them to be involved in their communities.⁴



References

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