

OPLC YAS Subcommittee Membership Description

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Youth Advisory Subcommittee (YAS) for the Oklahoma Prevention Leadership Committee (OPLC). Our YAS was started in 2018 with the help of the Oklahoma State Department of Health in Oklahoma City, the Women's Resource Center in Norman and the collaborative recommendations made by the Higher Education Subcommittee (HES).

Mission: This subcommittee promotes sexual violence prevention through education and resource navigation for Oklahoma youth, so that they feel empowered to make healthy decisions about their actions, bodies, and relationships.

Vision: We will work to encourage Oklahoma youth to be the generation that talks.

Values: Respect, Social Justice and Intersectionality

Participation in YAS involves three essential goals:

1. Partnering with others that are hosting community trainings, workshops or programs that meet the mission
2. Utilizing various media platforms to promote prevention initiatives in Oklahoma
3. Collaborating and networking with peers and professionals for continuing education

Minimum Membership requirements:

1. Available to attend in person or virtually bi-weekly meetings
Disclaimer: The YAS Council will make every attempt for accommodation via setting up the ability to call in or video conference call in, in lieu of ability to travel. However, those who miss more than three meetings consecutively without valid excuse or communication with YAS Council may no longer participate in the YAS.
2. Attend a full-day training orientation in the summer. Tentative date: 5/30/2020
3. Be a resident of Oklahoma between the ages of 18-25 and are passionate about ending sexual violence. *Disclaimer: You do not need to be a student attending a college or university*
4. Maintain a respectful, non-judgmental, inclusive and caring attitude
5. Baseline knowledge of issues relevant to sexual violence
6. Exhibits good verbal, written and listening skills
7. Demonstrates leadership on a campus or in the community OR has the desire to develop their leadership skills
8. Ability to receive critical feedback and grow individually as well as in a group setting

Additional Duties and Responsibilities:

- Takes initiative in coordinating activities and projects that relate back to the three goals of YAS
- Is accountable for a project's success
- Inspires fellow peers and adults to action
- Has consistent contact with YAS members and YAS council

Opportunities for leadership growth:

- Involvement in quarterly OPLC meetings in order to collaborate with other subcommittees: *Oklahoma Prevention Education Network (OPEN), Higher Education (HES) and Policy & Legislative (PLS).*
- Involvement in Youth Prevention Summit (YPS) Taskforce in order to create and launch a summit lead by and for youth
- Being on the YAS council, which encompasses OSDH and WRC. The council takes notes and distributes notes, determines monthly agenda with calendar invites, engages in community partnerships, recruits trainers to come in for professional development, gets venues/rooms reserved, secures food options and helps guide YAS to fulfilling the vision and mission.

Benefits:

- Gain awareness of the tools and knowledge to create equitable change in their communities
- Actively engage with diverse populations
- Strengthen advocacy, activism, and community leadership skills
- Become a recognized and valued young adult leader within OPLC through YAS
- Letter of recommendation for members who have had a consistent commitment to YAS
- Professional development and networking opportunities with those in the fields of prevention and intervention involving: suicide, drug & alcohol, teen pregnancy, domestic violence and sexual violence

To apply contact the Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Coordinator at the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) in Injury Prevention Service (IPS): Michelle Stansel at: michellexs@health.ok.gov and submit the following:

- Resume
- Application form
- Membership Agreement
- Three references: Name, Title, Years known and in what capacity and contact information
- Be willing to interview by phone, video conference or in person with the YAS Council

“We welcome youth from all backgrounds and experiences to apply. The participation of driven and caring members elevates the voices of the YAS to make impactful, effective and sustainable change in Oklahoma. Members will be the generation that talks about bodily autonomy, consent, healthy relationships and how to prevent sexual violence. They will advocate for and create a space for the cultivation of a better future, one that does not condone, justify or tolerate violence.”

Note: *The application process has guidelines to follow and deadlines to meet. However, if you find yourself reading about YAS and wanting to get involved, but it is outside the parameters of the application time frame please do not hesitate to contact the RPE Coordinator for further information and to inquire if exceptions can be accommodated.*