



Rally for Youth Day at the Capitol APPLICATION TO ATTEND

Homelessness Prevention • Mentoring • Out of School Time
Youth Intervention • Workforce Development

The Youth Policy Alliance (YPA) invites teams of 5 or less youth/1 adult to apply for participation in the 2009 Rally for Youth Day at the Capitol. Because of space and budget considerations, only 500 total participants will be selected to attend based on:

- Their connection to the focus areas of the YPA and Rally for Youth Day at the Capitol themes and messages.
- Geographic representation. We believe that it's extremely important for youth attendees to connect with legislators from their own districts, in every district in MN.

Applications are due January 9th, 2009. Selected organizations will be notified by January 15th.

Organization & Adult Information

Organization Name:	
Adult Contact (must be person attending w/ youth):	
Position/Role at Organization:	
Service Area:	
Email:	Phone: ()
Mailing address:	
City/State/Zip:	

Check the organization that your organization is affiliated with or heard about this from (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Youth Intervention Programs Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Community Connections | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Alliance With Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran Social Services | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Workforce Council Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MN Coalition for the Homeless/MN Youth Advancement Act | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above/Other | |

Check the area that your organization is involved with (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of School Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Prevention | |

Describe the connection your organization has to the above issue(s). This could include the organization's mission, a special project, a special interest of the youth, etc. Use additional sheets or supplemental material if needed.

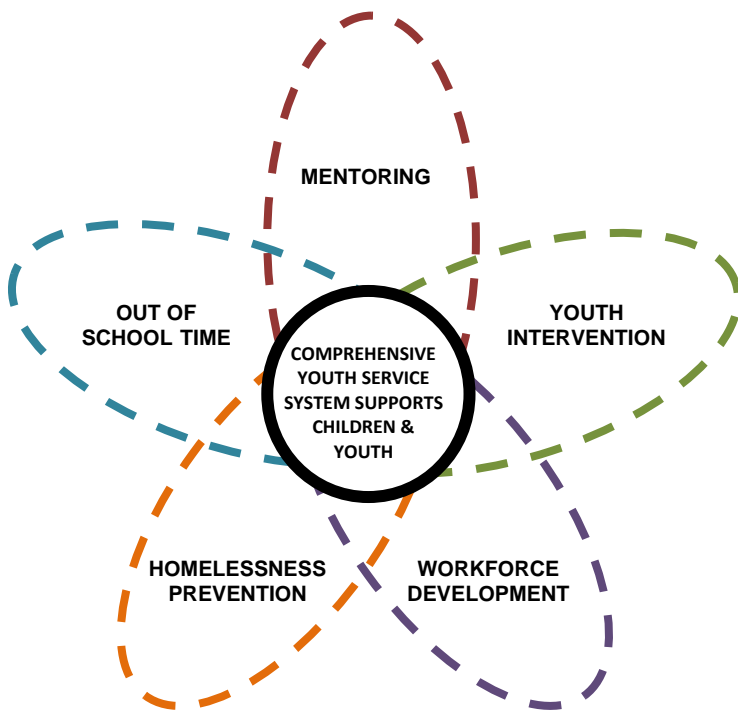
All applications must be submitted to the address/email/fax below and are due January 9, 2009.

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Fax (612) 370-9195

If you have questions about the rally, please contact Lindsey Carlson at 612-370-9134 or email at promisefellow@mentoringworks.org

Notes to applicants:

- Groups will be notified of acceptance no later than January 15, 2009. At that time, participating organizations will be asked for youth names and legislative districts (due Feb. 5th).
- Selected groups will be invited to attend all events of the Rally for Youth Day at the Capitol, including the Kick-Off Event, the Rally in the Rotunda, meetings with legislators, the art project, workshops, and other events during the day.
- The adult leader from the selected groups will be required to attend a pre-event webinar on one of three dates (Feb 10-12). This is a combo conference call/website viewing that will prep you and your group to attend. We also encourage you to have your youth participate via speaker phone in the room with you.
- We regret that we will not have space or the budget to accommodate all interested organizations and youth. Please know that we will need to be strategic about ensuring equal representation of the core issues and also show a statewide effort. Your organization and interest might fit perfectly with our goals and we just might not have space for you to attend the day's activities. **However, we invite all interested youth and adults to attend the Rally in the Rotunda at 12:00 p.m.**
- Lunch will not be provided for all participants this year. Upon notification of selection, we will let you know about lunch opportunities, including surrounding restaurants, capitol cafeteria options, etc. Additionally, you may bring your lunches.



Rally for Youth Day at the Capitol's Key Messages

We want youth to carry their stories about how mentoring, youth intervention, workforce development, homelessness prevention and out of school time changed their lives!

A Call to Action for Legislators

To Engage Communities

- Ask, listen & talk to young people. Hear their stories!
- Sustain your support for leadership teams of community organizations and alliances who are working to support children and youth.
- Carry the message that it is time to create a system that fully supports all children and youth into adulthood.

To Enact Policy

- Grow your vision! Continue to coordinate with the YPA and legislators to move comprehensive youth policy forward.
- Support a youth caucus to facilitate policy discussions across legislative committees.
- Identify current state funding for children and youth through a children's budget. Assess gaps and complementary investments.
- Prioritize investments for youth services and opportunities.

The Youth Policy Alliance (YPA) is a coalition of youth serving organizations, associations and collaborative working together to ensure that all young adults are "Ready for Life."

