Interested? Contact Nadia or Ariel to get started. No prior experience necessary!

If you’re staying in a shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, or permanent supportive housing, let your case manager know you’re interested.

***Here’s how to get at us:***

**WNY Coalition for the Homeless**

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**Be Counted!...End Youth Homelessness!**

*A campaign to end youth homelessness*

The Youth Action Board is a group of young leaders, policy makers, and advocates with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who are under the age of 24. Does that sound like you? Does that sound like someone you know? As a YAB participant, you’ll be able to build upon your strengths and ideas by working alongside adult allies to end youth homelessness (while getting paid to do it)!

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**Are you a youth or young adult under age 24?**

**Do you know a youth or young adult experiencing homelessness or unstable housing?**

**Have you ever experienced homelessness or couch-surfing or feeling like you weren’t in stable housing?**

**Do you want to get paid for doing something fun and helping your community?**

**Would you like to make a real difference in your community while learning leadership skills you can put on your resume?**

**If you answered YES to any of these questions, you should really check out the Youth Action Board**

#### **YAB Activities**

**Opportunities for paid positions**

Leadership Development

Professional Training

Resume Building

Networking

Advocating

Policy Evaluation and Development

Socializing

Event Planning

Media and Graphic Design

More…

#### Who is Responsible for the YAB?

The YAB will ideally be led by youth with lived experience of homelessness. All agencies serving youth in the NY – 508 Continuum of Care have a responsibility to recruit youth for the YAB.

\*The YAB is a part of the NY-508 Continuum of Care (CoC).The CoC is a partnership of agencies that must adhere to certain HUD requirements under the CoC funding program. CoC funding is authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**. Visit** [**https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/**](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/) **for more information about the Continuum of Care.**

#### It’s Up to You(th)!

The Youth Action Board is youth driven and youth led. The YAB gets to decide what is important to focus on and what solutions the community needs to be focusing on – because youth voice and leadership is critical to develop housing solutions that work for youth!

### Youth Action Board – Who?