

## **Youth Peer Navigators**

### **Child and Family Charities- Gateway Youth Services Division**

**Averages 10 hours per month**

**Position Summary:** Youth with lived experiences of homelessness who are currently aged 18-24 will be provided a paid leadership experience to participate as part of a Youth Action Council and to provide guidance, support, and expertise for providing programs and services to runaway and homeless youth in Michigan's Capital Region.

**Chain of Command:** These positions will report directly to the Outreach Program Coordinator.

#### **Primary Job Responsibilities:**

1. Actively participate in Gateway's Youth Action Council. The Youth Action Council will meet monthly to evaluate the programs and services available to runaway, homeless, street, and at-risk youth. They will identify gaps in the community to effectively preventing and ending youth homelessness. They will provide guidance to the Gateway division, Child and Family Charities Board of Directors, and the local Continuums of Care as the voice of homeless youth.
2. Act as a founder of Gateway's Youth Action Council, determining the Council's structure, governance, and decision-making procedures. Youth will learn Robert's Rules of Order, a leadership skill which can be transferred to other local community committees and workgroups.
3. Youth are expected to work an additional 8 hours each month alongside Gateway's Street Outreach Team.
4. Youth may assist the team in identifying locations throughout the community where at-risk youth are known to congregate. Youth will provide insight into a respectful outreach approach. Youth will provide expertise in overcoming homelessness when connecting with other homeless youth.
5. Youth may assist the Outreach Team in expanding our virtual presence by providing insight into frequently used social media applications and websites youth use to obtain information. Youth will assist in creating a stronger outreach plan to effectively reach runaway, homeless, street, and at-risk youth.
6. Youth may participate in legislative advocacy events, educating local, state, and national government and foundation leaders about the prevalence and needs of runaway, homeless, street, and at-risk youth.
7. Youth, by group consensus per the YAC's governance policies, will develop priority projects and action plans for implementing projects including project budgets, potential sources of funds, and implementation plans.

**Compensation:** Youth will receive a monthly stipend or incentive for participation at a rate of \$12/hour.

**To Apply:** Submit cover letter and resume to:

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