

Collaborators

HCTAYC is made up of organizations and individuals committed to making positive change for youth in Humboldt County:

The transition age youth in Humboldt (ages 16-26), including our Youth Advisory Board members, making a positive impact on Humboldt's future.

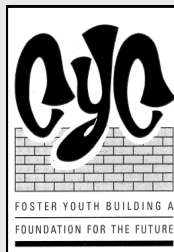


Y.O.U.T.H.
training project

The Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project (YTP) develops the leadership and inherent expertise of youth to

improve systems of care. YTP supports youth-led training and opportunities for youth engagement in social welfare agencies.

California Youth Connection (CYC) is a foster youth advocacy organization that promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system.



Youth in Mind is a statewide organization of youth impacted by mental health systems seeking to promote positive change in the mental health field through leadership and advocacy.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services is the integrated agency that offers many of the services HCTAYC is working to improve, it also funds this collaboration.



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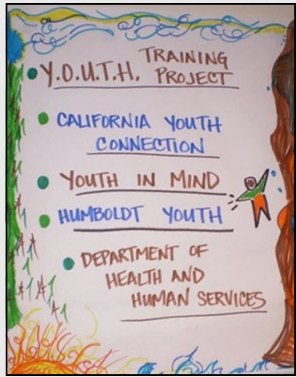


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Welcome to HCTAYC!

The Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration (HCTAYC) unites organizations and individuals to improve the services Humboldt's youth receive as they transition into adulthood.

Our goal is to ensure that transition age youth (TAY) are receiving timely, appropriate, youth-friendly, efficient, and complete services. Achieving this means service providers need to hear from the youth who have experience with, and who currently or formerly utilized, TAY services.



HCTAYC brings together youth development leaders in mental health, foster care and social services fields to work with Humboldt's youth. Together we're finding what the needs of TAY in Hum-

boldt are, and how those needs can best be met.

Our areas of focus for improvement include:

- mental health services
- homelessness services
- alcohol and drug abuse services
- foster care
- transitional housing
- employment services
- juvenile justice



and any other services TAY use.

How can HCTAYC help you?

For Youth...

- Leadership and skill development opportunities at local, state and national levels
- Empowerment to make changes to TAY services and have an ongoing say in them
- Opportunities for community involvement
- Improved services and outcomes through the work HCTAYC accomplishes with you
- Alternative activities and engagement opportunities in Humboldt



For Humboldt County residents, county employees, and community at large

- Humboldt is positively represented at local, state and national levels
- Improved services to Humboldt's youth, resulting in improved outcomes
- Opportunities to build partnerships with youth in Humboldt
- More positive development opportunities for youth from all backgrounds



Check out humboldtyouth.org for resources for youth and people working with TAY. You can also see our calendar with upcoming events, photos, and HCTAYC's policy recommendations.

The Future is Already Happening and HCTAYC'S Youth Advisory Board is Leading It

Preston Reed Massey, 18, YAB member since 2009. Preston was born and raised in Humboldt. A current foster youth making his way to college, he is a future lawyer starting at the bottom ranks as an intern.



Tia Richardson, 25, YAB member since 2009. Tia was born and raised in Humboldt. She is an activist committed to reducing stigma for others facing the mental health, addiction, and homelessness challenges she has overcome.



Helen Weaver, 20, YAB member since 2009. Helen entered foster care in Humboldt County at the age of 15. She attends College of the Redwoods, majoring in Business Administration and Economics. She is committed to promoting social justice.



Kenny Bennett, 18, is a former foster youth, born and raised in Humboldt County. He is in the process of defeating addiction, and is working hard to find a way out of homelessness. He is enrolled in College of the Redwoods, with the goal of earning a degree in network security.



If you're a Humboldt resident with the passion and ideas to change the world, and are between the ages of 16 and 26, go to humboldtyouth.org/yab to get a YAB application and get more information on current and former YAB members.