

2011 Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet Presentation



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Youth Commission - Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet

Goal: The Youth Commission will serve as "state representatives" for youth across the state, and uphold an efficient and effective partnership to implement the vision and mission of Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet.

Youth Commission - Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet

- As the Youth Commission, we strive to:
 - Assist the Cabinet with issues facing Florida's youth.
 - Engage the Cabinet on current issues the Youth Commission feel are the most important to Florida's youth.
 - Engage other Florida youth to get involved with the Youth Commission and the Cabinet

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2011 Youth Commission Duties & Responsibilities

The 2011 Youth Commission will:

- Serve as Youth Commissioners from Sept. 1, 2011 to Feb. 28, 2012.
- Provide recommendations, advice and assistance to Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet as needed during tenure as Youth Commissioners.
- Have a Youth Commissioner attend each meeting of Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet throughout the year, and provide updates to the 12-member Youth Commission on a monthly basis.
- Host monthly Youth Commission conference calls to discuss and address topics that may be assigned to the Youth Commission by Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet.
- Commit to educate the next group of students on the progress of the Youth Commission and ensure a smooth transition to the 2012 Youth Commission who will start March 1, 2012.
- Collaborate with liaisons from state agencies represented on the Cabinet (i.e. attend additional meetings, conferences and discussions as needed).

2011 Youth Commission Projects

Develop Youth Commission Organizational Structure

- Research other states that have a Youth Commission or Youth Council
- Develop Bylaws and Youth Commission Handbook/Operations Manual.
- Assign President, Working Committees and Chairpersons.

Communications/Outreach

- Surveys (administer surveys to youth, and report back to the Cabinet).
- Utilize Facebook and Twitter pages for Youth Commission outreach.
- Develop e-mail contact list of youth across the state to boost readership of Cabinet and Youth Commission e-updates.
- Website – Update Cabinet website and/or develop new website for Youth Commission.

2011 Youth Commission Projects (Continued)

Engaging Youth

- Monthly statewide conference calls – invite public comment from youth.
- Annual "Teens Only" Town Hall Meeting with Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet (Jan. 31).
- Host "Youth Advocacy Workshops" organized by youth for youth (Florida Youth Shine – Jan. 31)
- Awareness Days in local communities addressing specific Cabinet issues.
- Host a "Youth Conference" for youth across the state.

Supporting Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet Initiatives

Assist in implementing the Cabinet's Strategic Plan by serving on several of the workgroups below.

- Children's Services Integration Taskforce: Human Trafficking, Background Screening, Death Review Teams, and Community Service Delivery Models.
- Headline Indicators: Access to Healthcare, Kindergarten Readiness, Homelessness, and Child Abuse Prevention.
- Information Sharing and Budget.

Create a Youth Commission Workgroup to identify and work on a youth specific topic.

Thank You

- We'd like to thank Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet for providing us with the honor of being Florida's 1st ever Youth Commission!
- We will work hard to ensure the voices of Florida's youth are heard.

Questions, Thoughts,
Feedback?