



Juvenile Grant Planning and Review Council Maryland's State Advisory Group

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Maryland's State Advisory Group (SAG) is seeking youth members!

This great opportunity offers an experience unlike any other. The SAG is seeking college-age students to apply to become a member. The SAG's focus is on juvenile justice and the SAG is seeking out youth who can be a voice for those involved in the juvenile justice system. Therefore, the SAG is looking for members who have had personal experience with the juvenile justice system- this can be past or current experience.

What is the State Advisory Group?

SAGs are required by federal statute and are called on to serve as the voice of juvenile justice in their States and Territories. Strong and knowledgeable SAGs can be a catalyst for change and a great benefit to a State's youth.

What are SAG member's responsibilities and roles?

- Participate in the development of the three-year plan stating the goals and objectives for the SAG
- Advise the Governor and Legislature on compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- Obtain input from juveniles in the system through different outreach methods (i.e. focus groups, surveys, tours, etc.)
- Review and comment on grant proposals and monitor programs
- Know Maryland's state and federal juvenile justice laws
- Understand the flow of the juvenile justice system in Maryland
- Be able to attend monthly meetings (some meetings may take place during school hours, however, in the past, youth members have been able to obtain excused absences for meetings- speak with your advisor/counselors about this.)
- When making important decisions, youth SAG members will have an equal say in each issue- each youth vote is the equivalent to a vote made by an adult SAG member

What are the benefits of becoming a SAG member?

- Be a voice for other youth who have been or currently are involved in the juvenile justice system
- Take part in reforming and bettering Maryland's policies surrounding juveniles
- Gain a wide variety of experience within the field of juvenile justice
- Make connections with key leaders in Maryland's juvenile arena
- Obtain additional hours of volunteer service through membership

What are the next steps?

If becoming a SAG member is something you are interested in, the next steps are to complete the application steps below and send the completed application to Jessica Wheeler, Director of Juvenile Justice at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention at JWheeler@goccp.state.md.us.

All applications are due by September 20, 2015 and applicants will be contacted if they are selected for an interview.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jessica Wheeler, Director of Juvenile Justice at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, at [410-821-2844](tel:410-821-2844) or via email at JWheeler@goccp.state.md.us.

APPLICATION:

Please be creative with this next section. Either in writing (1000 words or less; can be hand written or typed) or by video (5 minutes or less), please tell us a little about yourself. Here are some ideas for you to discuss:

- Explain why you are interested in joining the Council
- What sets you apart from other candidates
- What your goals are for the future
- How this will help you achieve your goals
- How have you been a leader (formally or informally)
- How will you devote your time to the Council and/or youth subcommittee
- If you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change about the juvenile justice system

Again, email your submissions to Jessica Wheeler, Director of Juvenile Justice at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention at JWheeler@goccp.state.md.us by September 20, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wheeler via email or by phone at [410-821-2844](tel:410-821-2844).