

## Our Partners

The Youth Advisory Board partners with the Youth Community Coalition. The Coalition is a group of parents, students, and local organizations that all work together to empower youth in Columbia to make healthy choices. Here are a few of our awesome partners:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Boone County Juvenile Office	Fun City Girl Scouts Heart of MO Intersection
Boone County Health Department	Lutheran Family Children's Services
Boys & Girls Club	MADD of Mid-Missouri
Boys & Girls Town Bridges	McCambridge Center
CARE Program	Missouri National Guard
Columbia Chamber of Commerce	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Columbia Housing Authority	Pathways
Columbia Office of Community Services	Phoenix Programs
Columbia Parents for Public Schools	Prevention Resource Center
Columbia Parks & Recreation	Rainbow House
Columbia Police Department	SODA
Columbia Public Schools Boone County	State Farm Insurance
Community Partnership Family Counseling Center	Teen-to-Teen InterACT
	The Shelter
	United Community United Way
	University Behavioral Health
	Woodcrest Church Youth Empowerment

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# Youth Advisory Board

**Empowering Youth to  
Make Healthy Choices**



## What Is The Youth Advisory Board?

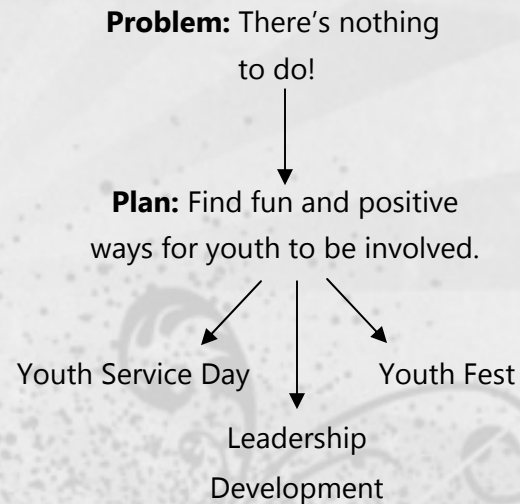
The Youth Advisory Board is a group of teens from Columbia that work together to make Columbia the best place possible to grow up. There are a lot of issues that face teens in our town, so the Youth Advisory Board is a way for youth to have a voice and be able to make a difference. Here are some things we focus on:

- Planning fun teen events
- Reducing drug & alcohol use by teens
- Volunteering
- Leadership
- Violence prevention
- Academics



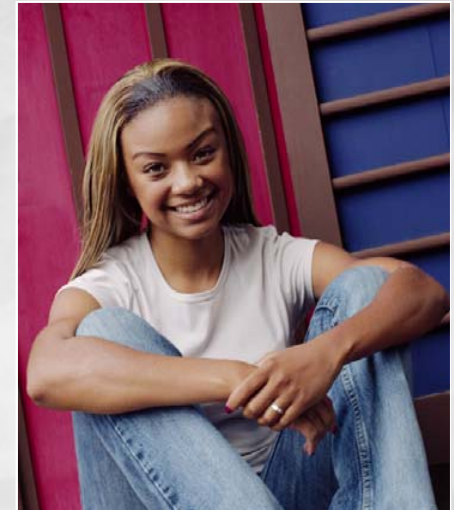
## What Do You Do?

Our plan is simple. We look at our community and figure out what problems teens are facing, then we do something about it. It's like this...



**Result:** Youth have new opportunities and make better choices.

See how it works? Good. Now it's your turn to join us and make a difference. It takes a lot of ideas and help to make this all happen. We have a ton of fun and there's always room for more people to help. So, fill out an application and join the team today.



## How Do You Do It?

The Youth Advisory Board meets two times each month to plan projects, learn new skills, and meet with key people in the community. To be a part of the Youth Advisory Board you must be a teenager in Columbia and agree to attend the monthly meetings and special events.

## What You Gain?

- FUN!!!
- Leadership Experience
- Community Service Hours
- Attend Exciting Conferences
- Make New Friends
- The Ability To Make A Difference