

WHAT IS YOUTH ORGANIZING?

Youth organizing has a long-term vision of building powerful intergenerational or youth-led organizations, is forever seeking to bring in new young members and build a base of support, identifies issues by listening to its constituents, and sees itself as part of a broader social movement. An essential part of its approach to youth engagement is the youth development, healing, community-building, and action that is directly informed by young people most impacted by systems.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Built on a legacy of collective action led by young people, youth organizing places current and former foster youth front and center in improving their communities and the lives of their peers in foster care. Youth Organizing is also distinct from other forms of youth engagement in its potential to center the leadership of the most marginalized youth to engage at the community level in direct action that addresses their concrete concerns and reflects the priorities of a broader base of young people.



FOSTER YOUTH IN ACTION

LOCAL TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Foster Youth in Action's Training & Capacity Building Programs offer a variety of opportunities for local groups seeking to build their capacity to organize young people directly impacted by the foster care system, identify important issues, lead grassroots campaigns, and raise up the next generation of leaders.

FYA offers competitive, sliding – scale rates for consulting and on -site training services. Please contact us for a quote. Average cost \$1,500/per day for one trainer and \$2,500/per day for two trainers.

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BUILDING BLOCKS TA PACKAGE

Looking to build a movement of Foster Youth Organizing in your community? FYA's Building Block series is an opportunity for groups to build their capacity to increase membership and build their base, lead youth-led campaigns, and develop the next generation of leaders. Local groups work directly with FYA Staff to customize the training and services to fit your local needs and priorities.

BUILDING BLOCKS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Foundational Youth Organizing Session (1- 2 days)

This session is an interactive training to help groups deepen their understanding of the fundamentals of youth organizing, how to organize your group in ways that increases your membership base, develops leadership, and builds community and connection with parent-organizations.

Foster Youth Organizing Training (2 days)

FYA's Foster Youth Organizing Training for Trainers is a 2-day training for youth & adult allies to build their skills to organize their peers, listen to their community to identify important issues, and take action. Training topics include: political education: root cause analysis and the history of the child welfare system; youth organizing 101; base-building and leadership development; and creating campaigns for system change.

Consultation and Technical Assistance as needed)

FYA will provide consultation and resources in the implementation of key youth organizing practices developed in the Building Block Series, as needed

FOSTER YOUTH ORGANIZING SERIES

The Foster Youth Organizing Training for Trainers can be offered in its entirety as a single session or as individual trainings.

History of the Child Welfare System (2.5 hours)

This session will guide participants to critically analyze the social and political conditions that influence the child welfare system from past to present while connecting individual experiences to larger institutional conditions and root causes.

Foster Youth Organizing 101 (2.5 hours)

This is an interactive introduction to the legacy and impact of youth organizing in the United States, fundamental youth organizing practices, and tips and tools for participants to start organizing in their local community.

Base-Building & Leadership Pipeline (2.5)

This training will provide groups with the tools to organize their membership in a collaborative leadership model that allows young people to contribute in meaningful ways at varying levels of your organization while continuously recruiting and supporting new leaders.

Campaigns 101 (3 hours)

Participants will learn the basic elements of campaign strategy and gain powerful root cause analysis and power mapping as tools for developing effective campaigns to win systemic change.

Cultural Organizing (1 hour) Cultural organizing is the intersection of organizing, art, and culture. Participants will reflect on ways to create space for, and use, art and culture as way to bring awareness to their issue and build community among members.

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