Hello Youth MOVE Supporters!

Wow! What a year! I am so proud of the work of the Youth MOVE family. Our team at National has been working hard to develop more robust programming for our chapter network and challenging the field to authentically engage youth in all areas of work. We are excited to collaborate on these new initiatives that help increase access and engagement to mental health supports for culturally diverse, rural, LGBTQ+, and other youth.

The growth we have experienced this year is thanks to many people. I’d like to make a special shout out to the awesome staff in the National Leadership team. This team is absolutely rocking current work, while making sure to take time to grow big plans for the future. Dedication to the Youth MOVE mission shines through everyone’s work.

New programs! Have you seen our youth program start up package? We are ready to join you in community activation around youth program start up. What about the Youth Advocate Leadership Academy? This peer developed and peer delivered adaptive leadership training is all about building the capacity of Youth MOVErs across the network.

Youth MOVE continues to be a small but mighty organization. We have continued our multi-year trend in 2018 of seeing increased funding for our work. This year we expanded our work in participatory action research and entered into new training contracts. We’ve seen our direct work with states and counties increase. All of this is exciting as it shows the interest in the field in engaging youth voices into the work.

It is with immense excitement that I look forward to the coming year. Youth MOVE National will be joining several international youth partnerships, will deepen our support of a growing chapter network, and is already energized to center youth voice in the work of our social systems.

2018 was great, but please join us in motivating others with voices of experience into the future!

Johanna Bergan
Executive Director

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achievements at a glance

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FOREWORD
CHAPTER NETWORK

FIND A CHAPTER

4 new chapters
71 chapters total
35 states
4 tribal chapters
25 statewide chapters

53,000 people reached

more than 3/4 of chapters serve these populations
mental health
lgbtqi2-s
criminal justice
child welfare
substance use

Is your chapter affiliated with any of the following initiatives?

- System of Care
- Family Run Organization
- NAMI
- Other

31.6%
30.1%
14.3%
24.1%

top three programs chapters provide
leadership & advocacy training
stigma reduction
social & recreational

self-identified biggest accomplishments of 2018
raised awareness
identified new partnerships
trained adults
placed youth on councils
increased membership
Youth MOVE has changed my life by giving me an outlet to share my experiences, while also getting to help others in their journey.

RAE LABRIE
Youth MOVE Massachusetts Member

My proudest moment as a Youth MOVE member is when I testified before the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee at the Indiana State Capitol in support of SB506, which established a State Suicide Prevention Coordinator and ensured that schools employ evidence-based policies and standards to prevent suicide.

TYLER GIRTON
Youth MOVE Indiana Member

I have been able to be myself, to be better than I was the day before. I have been able to become more of a leader. I’ve been able to explore, travel to different places, and meet new people.

CADERRICK DEVON LINDSEY
Youth MOVE North Carolina Member

In the past decade, Youth MOVE National has included effective advocates and leaders for youth and youth voice across systems. They have been great partners with and supports to adults who are working to make a difference for youth, families, and communities. Our field is better because YMN is thriving in it.

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Youth MOVE National Partner
Funds at Work
Revenue by Type and Year

FY 2018 Revenue by Year

Note: Contract funds are restricted whereas donations & membership funding is unrestricted.

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