The Youth MOVEment

At Youth MOVE we rely heavily on local chapters to be our eyes and ears at the community level as we work on fulfilling Youth MOVE’s mission and vision. We live in a vast and diverse country, so in order to reach people and make positive changes in local communities, we depend on our large collection of chapters to support and carry out that work! Our Chapters range in size and reach, from statewide, to regional, to local, to tribal, and within these Chapters amazing and important youth leadership, programming, and advocacy is happening at every level.

Benefits

- Monthly Coaching Calls
- Tipsheets, Templates & Toolkits
- Branding & Marketing Support
- Chapter Chats
- Exclusive Webinars & Trainings
- Weekly Emails, Newsletters & Alerts
- National Network Partner Opportunities
- Funding Opportunities

Ready to Join the MOVEment? Become a Chapter Today!

We’re always looking to increase our Chapter presence all over the U.S. If you would like your youth group to be a part of a national effort, check out our checklist form below and review it with your group. If you feel that the group is ready to apply, reach out to Chapter Services at info@youthmovenational.org or complete an application using the link below. The Youth MOVE Chapter application process is created to ensure that groups are truly diverse, social justice focused, and youth-driven and ready to successfully engage in our national network of youth advocates.
Do you have what it takes to Motivate Others through Voices of Experience?

Chapter Readiness Checklist

Are you ready to become a Chapter? The checklist below is a guidance tool suggested to complete prior to filling out the actual application. The Youth MOVE Chapter application process is created to ensure that groups are truly diverse, social justice focused, and youth-driven and ready to successfully engage in our national network of youth advocates.

___ We have a minimum core group of 5 young people committed to building a chapter whose mission and vision are in alignment with that of Youth MOVE National.

___ We are currently active.

___ We meet at least once a month.

___ We have been meeting regularly for 6 months or more.

___ We have committed youth who have been introduced to what Youth MOVE National is and does.

___ We have identified Chapter Leaders. This can include: Youth Leaders (between ages 10 – 29), elected Officers (Chapter President, Treasurer, etc.), and at least one Youth Advocate (age 16 - 29) to receive YMN information and take on the responsibility of chapter reporting.

___ We have developed a Mission and Vision statement for our group.

___ We have identified potential partners, adult supporters, stakeholders, community members, and organizations who are interested in supporting our process to become and sustain this chapter.

___ We have engaged in strategic planning and asked ourselves, “Where are we going as a group and how do we plan to get there?”

___ We have connected with the other Youth MOVE Chapters in our state.

___ In the case that there is an existing statewide chapter, we have established an initial connection.

___ We have the ability to access social media platforms for outreach and engagement.

___ We will involve youth voice in the filling out of a Youth MOVE National Chapter Application.

___ We have contacted Youth MOVE National Member Services via email or phone about our interest in becoming a chapter within the last 6 months.

Other things to consider:

- You do not have to check off every item in order to proceed to the application questionnaire.

- Do you already have an existing relationship with a host organization? Work together to determine what your relationship will be.

- We encourage youth voice to be applied throughout the entire application.

- Youth MOVE National frequently works with communities throughout the process of building their MOVEment with technical assistance (TA). From start-up support to strategic plans for sustainability - we’ve got you covered!!

- Contact a Chapter Services team member at info@youthmovenational.org.
2022 Chapter of the Year Award - Youth MOVE PA

Congratulations to Youth MOVE PA for being awarded Chapter of the Year of 2022! One project from Youth MOVE PA that we would like to bring attention to is Wellness Days! Youth MOVE PA started Wellness Days in 2021 with the intention of bringing youth and young adults together by getting outside and participating in a fun-filled day.

Youth MOVE Nevada Hosts a Podcast!

Our Youth MOVE Nevada chapter has a youth inspired and youth led podcast that explores mental health and youth serving systems. They recognize the power of lived experience and are bringing important youth topics to the table.

Youth MOVE Suncoast Shares Resources & More Across Their Social Media!

Youth MOVE Suncoast is a youth-driven Sarasota chapter dedicated to improving services and systems that support positive growth and development by uniting the voices of those who have lived experience in various systems including mental health, juvenile justice, education, and child welfare. Youth MOVE Suncoast has been sharing resources, inspiration, and more on their social media channels. Give them a follow-on Instagram, Tiktok, Twitter, or Facebook!