

GJJC Youth Voice Commission

The Youth Voice Commission is an opportunity for young people to learn, raise their voice, and effect change on the local, state, and national juvenile justice system! Young people between the ages of 14-28, especially if they have had experience within the juvenile justice system, and are interested in making their voice heard, are invited to join the Youth Voice Commission!

Youth who participate in the Youth Voice Commission will have the opportunity to:

- Use their unique perspective, knowledge, and experience to make change in the juvenile justice system.
- Engage in professional and academic development with adult professionals.
- Collaborate with other youth to make their voices heard.
- Build their resume.
- Gain leadership experience.
- Learn about how government works.
- Learn about the juvenile justice system.
- Be compensated for their time.

Who can join The Youth Voice Commission?

- Young people between the ages of 14 and 28 and their adult advocates.¹
- Young people currently or previously involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Young people with an interest in making the juvenile justice system better.

When and Where are Meetings?

- Meetings will be held virtually on the last Wednesday of every month from 4:30-5:30pm.

How to Join?

- Apply to join the YVC using the online form here: https://wisdoj.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6rHDxRHmzq4lpUW.
- Contact Kiley Komro at Komrokr@doj.state.wi.us or calling or texting (608) 716-9185 for more information!

Youth who regularly attend Youth Voice Commission meetings and engage in leadership activities will have the opportunity to apply for appointment to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission and become a GJJC Youth Commissioner! Serving as a GJJC Youth Commissioner is an honor. See the GJJC Youth Commissioner Summary for details!

For interested adults: To help keep this a youth-centric space, we would like to limit adult supporters attending without accompanying a participating young person. Please consider if there are young people you work with who may be interested in this opportunity and who you can accompany.

¹ Adult advocates can include parents, grandparents, guardians, other relatives, mentors, social workers, or other adults in your life that support your success!