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**“Promoting Change Through Youth Voice and Leadership”**

**Youth In Action Referral/Participation Guidelines**

- \*All candidates will need to be screened and deemed appropriate for the Youth In Action Council by the referring organization and the Youth Engagement Specialist.
- \* The referring organization will make the Youth Engagement Specialist aware if there are any behavioral concerns, lawful probationary limitations or stipulations on any outside activity participation or critical health concerns.
- \*A youth application form should be completed, e-mailed to [kbabb@tnvoices.org](mailto:kbabb@tnvoices.org) or given in person to Kashonda Babb, the Youth Coordinator. **Please include all necessary information along with any health/mental health diagnosis/codes.**
- \*Parents/guardians must complete the youth application form before the first meeting as well as make an initial contact call to (Kashonda Babb at 269-7751 ext.146) or a parent group informational meeting can be scheduled.
- \* Youth are required to participate, exhibit proper behavior, follow the proper dress code (no sagging/attire that reference profanity or sexual connotations), engage and be attentive in all meetings.
- \* The Program will run concurrent for 12 months with a total of 1 to 2 meetings out of the month (unless otherwise noted) with the commitment of all outside community activities unless illness, probationary restrictions or unforeseen circumstances arise (**NOTE: Documentation must be provided for more than 2 absences**).
- \* **If youth would like to use their council participation hours as community service hours. They must commit to 6 meetings and 3 outside community events with 16 hours of participation.**
- \* Youth should have no less than **5 absences incurred for 1 year** unless due to illness or unforeseen circumstances discussed and approved by the Youth Engagement Specialist.
- \* Youth may serve as event support leaders, plan events and attend conferences to support community awareness.
- \* Youth will need to sign in each meeting to assist with tracking progress.
- \* Youth should attempt to obtain a good scholastic grade point average, work towards good behavior and a positive attitude!
- \* Community Organizations are asked to please offer a functional, comfortable and safe environment to hold meetings with a reporting staff member on the premises during meetings.

**I understand and will follow the guidelines and elect to participate in the Youth In Action program.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_