

# Become a Chapter

Bring a minimum of 4 youth together from a school, church, or neighborhood to form the chapter.

Together, they will meet weekly and learn organizing strategies for an issue they want to address.

They will conduct research and build relationships with city officials.

They will become a part of the YOUTH VOICE network and attend events for free, sponsored by YOUTH VOICE.



YOUTH VOICE currently has chapters in Brightmoor, Cody Rouge, Northwest, North, and Eastside of Detroit. They meet monthly as a coalition on city wide policies and collectively plan to solve citywide youth issues.



## What Services do Students Receive?

Community Service Hours: Schools require it to graduate and service is required when applying to colleges.

College and Career Support: UofM students work with YOUTH VOICE members on understanding the college process and career opportunities.

Trainings and Field Trips: The subjects include learning ones leadership, a power analysis of Detroit, understanding community organizing, building your team, addressing community Issues, and how to make community change.

*"I thought the world was never going to get any better. Now I'm involved in something that can actually change things in Detroit!"  
-Quentin McKinnon, Cody DIT*

## What is YOUTH VOICE?

YOUTH VOICE is a network for young people to build individual and collective power. In individual chapters and a youth-led executive board, YOUTH VOICE members become leaders by developing solutions to issues that affect their lives and community.



## What Skills do YOUTH VOICE Students Gain?

Leadership & Management

Planning & Goal Setting

Conflict Resolution & Negotiating

Research & Computer Skills

Problem-solving & Analytical Thinking

Public Speaking & Confidence

Relationship Building & Team Work



To stay updated with meetings  
and events we plan or attend,  
visit our site!

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## Contact YOUTH VOICE Today!

Start a YOUTH VOICE chapter!  
Collaborate with us!

Contact Kayla Mason, Lead Organizer  
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<http://facebook.com/YOUTHVOICEmovement>



## What are some Accomplishments?

YOUTH VOICE worked with Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, the Chief of Police, and US Attorney Barbara McQuade to fight for a citywide violence reduction program Ceasefire, which secured \$1.5 million from DOJ.

YOUTH VOICE leaders were invited to participate in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention in Washington D.C. and was selected from the Mayors office to govern a \$10,000 youth-led violence prevention grant.

YOUTH VOICE leaders organized a march against the school to prison pipeline. As a result DHS director committed to working with us on restorative practices.

YOUTH VOICE was awarded a grant from Mobilize.org to launch a reading literacy initiative allowing YOUTH VOICE members to mentor PreK-8<sup>th</sup> youth.

Cody Schools partnered with Greening of Detroit to plant 200 trees at Stein Park.

YOUTH VOICE members were selected to be on the board of youthsoup, the youth component for DetroitSoup

YOUTH VOICE has become international and started a chapter in Romania! Visit their facebook for more information "Vocea Tineretului Romania