

## Members of SITY

- Contribute to the Improving Outcomes process by sharing their insights about their experiences as recipients of services through DHS;
- Engage in a mutually respectful give-and-take with service providers, policy-makers and other youth advocacy groups active at the county, state and national levels to strengthen the overall system of supports and services for youth in the wider community;
- Influence the lives of community youth as well through a peer mentoring program that establishes a peer support system, promotes personal development, and educates youth about the value of having their voices heard;
- Engage in candid, culturally competent and efficient exchange of ideas with DHS senior management and direct service staff through representatives from various DHS service areas;
- Learn the value of youth/professional cooperation in decision-making and long-range planning as regards to child- and family-serving systems by interacting with professionals in the field;
- Be assisted to develop leadership skills as advocates and system advisors, be provided with positive experiences of social service careers and policymaking; and
- Be encouraged in their professional development.

## Service to the wider community

Members of SITY also assist other community organizations complete projects that are related to their interests. Organizations may submit a Request for Project Partnership form for consideration by the DHS Youth Engagement Specialist and members of SITY.

## Apply to Join SITY

You are eligible to be a member of SITY if you are

- 16 through 25 years old,
- Live in Allegheny County, and
- Currently or previously received services through DHS.