

Youth Advisory Group General Membership Positions

1. Clinical

A licensed, registered, certified or recognized professional under California's scope of practice statutes, in a field related to youth with SUDs.

- **Practicing licensed clinicians in youth SUD services**

The licensed clinician either currently works or previously worked in the behavioral health field providing youth SUD services. The individual will be an active member of the YAG and will utilize their clinical knowledge regarding one or more of the services across the continuum of care.

2. Community Representatives

Community representatives includes youth and parents of youth who have experience with SUD prevention and/or treatment programs

- **Youth representatives**

Youth representatives will be between 15 to 25 years of age, and may be in recovery or have been personally affected by SUDs. NOTE: Youth under the age of 18 will need to obtain parental consent to participate. The youth may participate in the YAG, and provide feedback and recommendations regarding the development of culturally sensitive and age-appropriate SUD services across the continuum of care.

- **Parent representatives**

Parent representative will have a child 12-25 years of age that is or was receiving SUD services. The parent will actively participate in the YAG and provide assistance in the development of culturally sensitive and age-appropriate SUD services across the continuum of care.

3. Field Experts

Professional experts in the field of youth SUD services or technical assistance providers for youth SUD services.

- **Youth advocates**

SUD youth advocates have experience working with or representing foundations, non-profit organizations, or other organizational affiliations that serve or advocate for youth. The advocate will actively participate in the YAG and will provide their expertise in the development of a system of care for youth SUD services across the continuum of care.

- **Technical Assistance Providers**

Technical Assistance (TA) organizations that provide TA to SUD providers and professionals of youth SUD services. The TA provider will share their expertise in the development of a system of care for youth SUD services across the continuum of care.

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4. County and State Agency Representatives

Representatives from one of the following county or state agencies.

- **County representatives**

- Rural/Small

Representatives will be from one of California's rural/small counties, in which outpatient treatment services are 60 miles or 90 minutes from the beneficiary's residence. The representatives will share their knowledge regarding capacity and access to SUD services for youth from the perspective of a rural/small county.

- Medium

Representatives will be from one of California's medium counties, in which outpatient treatment services are 30 miles or 60 minutes from the beneficiary's residence. The individual will share their knowledge regarding capacity and treatment services for youth from the perspective of a medium county.

- Large

Representatives will be from one of California's large counties, in which outpatient treatment services are 15 miles or 30 minutes from the beneficiary's residence. The representatives will share their knowledge regarding capacity and access to SUD services for youth from the perspective of a large county.

- **State Agencies**

- Department of Education

Representatives will be a staff member from Department of Education. The representatives will provide their knowledge/assistance regarding educational components of youth SUD treatment services.

- Juvenile Justice and Probation

Representatives will be a staff member from either Juvenile Justice or Probation. The representatives will provide their knowledge/assistance regarding youth with SUD from the Juvenile Justice or Probation perspective.

- Department of Social Services

At least one of the representatives will be from the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing and one from foster care services. The representatives will provide their expertise regarding services and programs available for youth with SUDs.

- California Department of Public Health

Representatives from the Department of Public Health may be from one or more programs affiliated with youth services and substance use. The representative(s) will share their knowledge/expertise regarding the needs from a community health perspective.

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- **Managed Care Plans**
Representatives may be from any of the six managed care models: Two-Plan, County Organized Health Systems, Geographic Managed Care, Regional Model, Imperial, and San Benito. The representative(s) will share/assist with developing and ensuring quality care, performance measures, continuity of care, etc. for youth SUD services.
- **Local Law Enforcement**
Representatives may be from any of the local law enforcement agencies. The representatives will share their knowledge/expertise of youth with SUDs who have had involvement in the criminal justice system.