

Youth Solutions Council Agenda

July 23, 2026

Youth Solutions Council Vision: We are committed to youth-led solutions, envisioning a collaborative network to increase viable housing options, eliminate barriers, and apply equitable standards of care within our community.

Attendees: Monique Carter, Lauren VanKeulen, Stacy Datena, Devonte Tillar, Myracle Watkins, Courtney Salisbury, Moe Barnes, Noah Danis, Stephanie Collier, Alondra Trammell, Charles Sanders, Dani Shields, Shakerah McRae, Tanise Clipper, Alyssa Anten, Maddie Martin

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions: *Name, organization and what brought you here today?*
- Review 1 Year Goal Suggestions from YAB
- Review Last Quarter Rocks
- Set This Quarter's Rocks Based on 1 Year Goals
 - **Prevention and Diversion:** Identify a strategy and recruit X number of former foster youth who are interested in mentoring current foster youth.
 - Lead: Shakerah McRae
 - YAB Lead: Myracle Watkins
 - **Access:** Start the groundwork and research for a dedicated resource "hub" by understanding timeframe, cost, and community buy-in and feedback. Connect with Jason O. from Hope Network.
 - YAB Lead: Noah Davis & Courtney Salisbury
 - *Will reach out for service provider support if necessary*
 - **Youth-Centered Approach:** Have social media up and running, ensuring all posts honor youth but do not exploit their stories.
 - YAB Lead: Piper
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 - **Education and Employment:** Compile a list of what skills-building programs exist for career development/education readiness and evaluate from there. (what exists, are people connecting, is it enough)
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- Create an Issues List
- Next Steps/Adjournment

Notes:

- **Welcome & Introductions:** *Name, organization and what brought you here today?*
 - Icebreaker: Attendees shared the last thing they took a screenshot of.
- **Review 1 Year Goal Suggestions from YAB**
 - 1 Year Goals were developed at the last Youth Solutions Council (YSC) Meeting with a sticky note exercise. Over the last month, the Kent County Youth Action Board (YAB) has been reviewing the goals and generating potential Q1 Rocks to make progress.
 - Kent County YAB Representatives presented its [Coordinated Community Plan](#) (CCP) Goals.
 - The CCP Goals were characterized by 4 Categories: Prevention & Diversion, Access, Youth-Centered Approach, and Education & Employment
- **Review Last Quarter Rocks**
 - After reviewing last quarter's rocks, it was decided by YSC leadership that new Rocks should be made that are more guided by YAB.
- **Set This Quarter's Rocks Based on 1 Year Goals**
 - Meeting attendees split into four small groups (one per category from the CCP presentation) to decide what is the biggest priority for the next 90 days. Each group chose 1 priority from their category to set as a Rock.
 - Meeting attendees shared their Rock with the entire group:
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- Jason O. from Hope Network shared during Access Category's Rock that Hope Network is currently working on a "Resource Village" website for youth. He recommends YAB connect with Hope Network to see if both groups may collaborate.
- Lauren reminded Rock Leads they would be asked to provide an update on their Rock at the next Youth Solutions Council Meeting on Aug. 13.
- **Create an Issues List**
 - N/A
- **Next Steps/Adjournment**
 - Lauren facilitated the group determining a new meeting cadence. Attendees decided to meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9-11 AM.