

TNOYS Digital Town Hall:
Strengthening Youth Services
Through Policy Advocacy



March 30th, 4 pm - 5 pm

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Questions:

4:05	Q1: The 87th legislative session is in process. How can organizations and advocates make sure youth and families are prioritized this session? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:10	Q2: The COVID-19 pandemic and the recent winter storm disaster has changed many priorities for this session. What resources and services do youth and families need to recover from the COVID-19 crisis and Texas disasters/emergencies? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:15	Q3: Youth-serving providers went above and beyond in response to COVID-19 and the severe winter storm. How can the #txlege support providers and ensure they are prepared during future disasters? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:20	Q4: What supports do youth involved in foster care or transitioning out of foster care most need? How can policy solutions make a difference for these youth? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:25	Q5: How can policy make a difference in the lives of Texas youth experiencing homelessness? What policy changes would you like to see to support youth experiencing homelessness (or even to prevent youth homelessness)? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:30	Q6: What can the #txlege do to keep more youth out of the juvenile justice system? Once they are in the system, what can advocates, youth-serving providers, and legislators do to support them? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:36	Q7: The past year has brought many new challenges for youth who are already working to overcome past traumas, systems involvement, or marginalization. How can the Texas Legislature improve health and behavioral health supports for youth? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege

4:42	Q8: The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many young people's plans for entering the workforce or furthering their education. How can #txlege make sure young people's dreams aren't put on hold and help them attain economic security? #TNOYSTownHall
4:48	Q9: Youth-adult partnerships are key to TNOYS' policy advocacy work. Why is it important for policymakers to hear from youth and young adults with lived expertise when making decisions? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege
4:54	Q10: How else can legislators prioritize youth, young adults, and youth-serving providers this session? #TNOYSTownHall #Txlege

Tips for Answering Questions:

TNOYS' Digital Town Halls are a great way to elevate your organization's work and expertise. We encourage you to prepare your answers ahead of time, and keep the following tips in mind:

- You will notice that the questions above are labeled as Q1, Q2, etc. When answering a specific question during the town hall, add 'A' and the question number you're answering at the start of your answer. For example, if you are answering Q1, your answer should begin with A1.
- Share specific statistics, examples, trends, and stories from your work.
- Share illuminating facts or figures that the average Texan or even policymaker may not know.
- Use the hashtag #TNOYSTownhall and #Txlege in every answer.
- Use gifs, photos, or other engaging material to add to your answers.

We look forward to seeing you at the town hall!