



## TNOYS Day of Action for Youth

March 6, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Austin, TX

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### **What is TNOYS Day of Action for Youth?**

TNOYS Day of Action for Youth (TNOYS DAY) will bring together youth, young adults (YYA), and youth-serving providers at the Texas Capitol to advocate for stronger, well-funded supports and resources for systems-impacted youth and young adults. The day will start with a presentation on TNOYS' policy agenda and strategy, followed by legislative visits at the Texas Capitol. The TNOYS policy agenda was developed with input from YYA and youth-serving providers and looks to improve supports for YYA by promoting cross-systems collaboration, strengthening youth services, and seeking well-funded youth-serving systems.

### **Why is TNOYS bringing providers and YYA together on the same day?**

Policymakers want and need to hear from those who will be impacted by the policies they are working on. Bringing youth and providers together to advocate for the same policy priorities/changes makes a powerful statement. Having both those impacted by the systems and those implementing the policies makes clear that the policy changes we are asking for are necessary, workable, and have a broad base of support.

### **When and where is the event?**

The event will start at the First United Methodist Church of Austin Family Life Center, two blocks away from the Texas Capitol (1300 Lavaca St, Austin, TX 78701), on March 6, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. In the afternoon, the group will head to the Capitol (1100 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701) together. You can expect to be finished by 5 p.m. on March 6 at the latest.

### **Where can I find an agenda?**

TNOYS DAY will start with a light breakfast, an overview of the TNOYS policy agenda, and tips on storytelling and advocating for change. We will then have lunch available for all participants. After lunch, everyone will walk to the Texas Capitol, where we will hear from YYA and why they support specific policies on the TNOYS Policy Agenda. We will prepare participants for their office visits with legislators and staff before and after everyone starts their office visits.

A detailed agenda is being finalized and will be sent to registrants soon!

### **How can I register? Is there a cost?**

There is no cost to register. Providers and the youth/young adults they work with can register on this form: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5034673> through February 27, 2023. Those interested in participating in the virtual advocacy training should register by February 20. If you are a young person who wants to register as an individual, please email [membership@tnoys.org](mailto:membership@tnoys.org).

### **Who is invited?**

Systems-impacted youth and young adults, TNOYS members, and youth boards/councils are invited to register for this event. If you have questions about your eligibility, please email [policy@tnoys.org](mailto:policy@tnoys.org).

**Will there be a training for young people or providers wanting to learn more?**

Yes! Save the date, as we have a virtual training scheduled for February 23, 2023, for registered youth and young adults (and providers wanting to learn more) to prepare them to advocate at the Texas Capitol. The virtual training will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to TNOYS' policy agenda
- Introduction to TNOYS' advocacy toolkit
- Tips on how to tell your story
- Tips on how to schedule and organize a legislative meeting

*All registered participants for TNOYS Day of Action for Youth will receive an invitation and information on how to join this optional virtual training.*

**Logistics and Venue****Will meals be provided during the event?**

TNOYS will provide all attendees with light refreshments in the morning and a lunch mid-day.

**What COVID-19 precautions will be put in place to protect the health and safety of attendees?**

All TNOYS DAY attendees must comply with applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health authorities. If anyone feels sick or has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you stay home and follow CDC guidelines. TNOYS will have hand sanitizer and a limited supply of optional masks for attendees.

**What transportation options are available? Does TNOYS provide funds for transportation to attendees?**

TNOYS is unable to provide transportation or funding for transportation for this event.

**Is parking available?**

We recommend parking in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage (1201 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701.) It is one block East of the Texas Capitol and about an 8 -10 minute walk across the Capitol grounds to our first meeting space west of the Capitol grounds. We will end the day at the Capitol, so it will be a quick walk to the garage. Parking in the Capitol Visitors Garage will cost \$12 for the entire day.

Metered on-street parking is available around the FUMC Life Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. However, hourly pricing changes the longer a car is parked and could cost \$30 or more for the day, if spaces are available. Be cautious, many metered parking spaces have a 10-hour limit but others allow for only 3-hours of parking.

See a map on the next page.

