

Benefits for Youth

- Leadership
- Professionalism
- Future employment
- College applications
- Emotional connections
- Positive memories
- Peer support



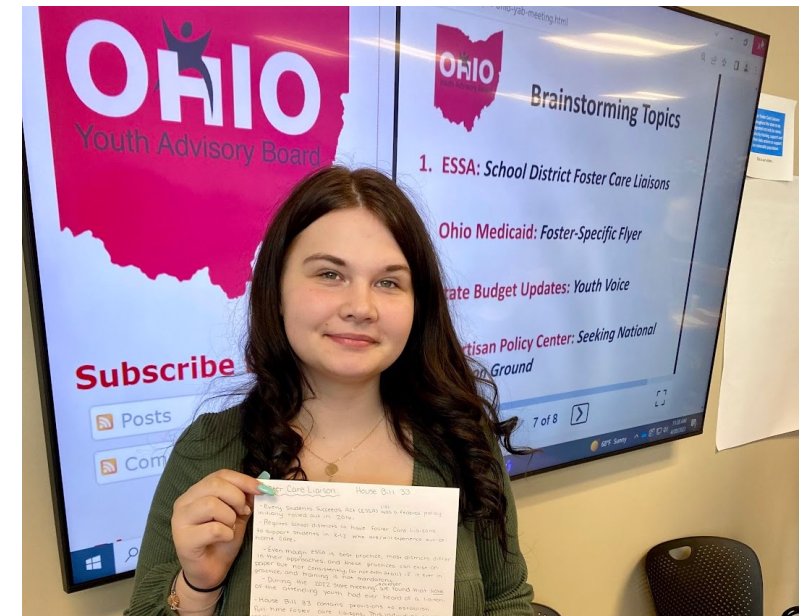
Benefits for Professionals

- First-hand expertise
- Valuable insights
- Better outcomes for youth
- Revitalize youth work
- Add value to conferences
- Organizational goals
- Able to pass legislation



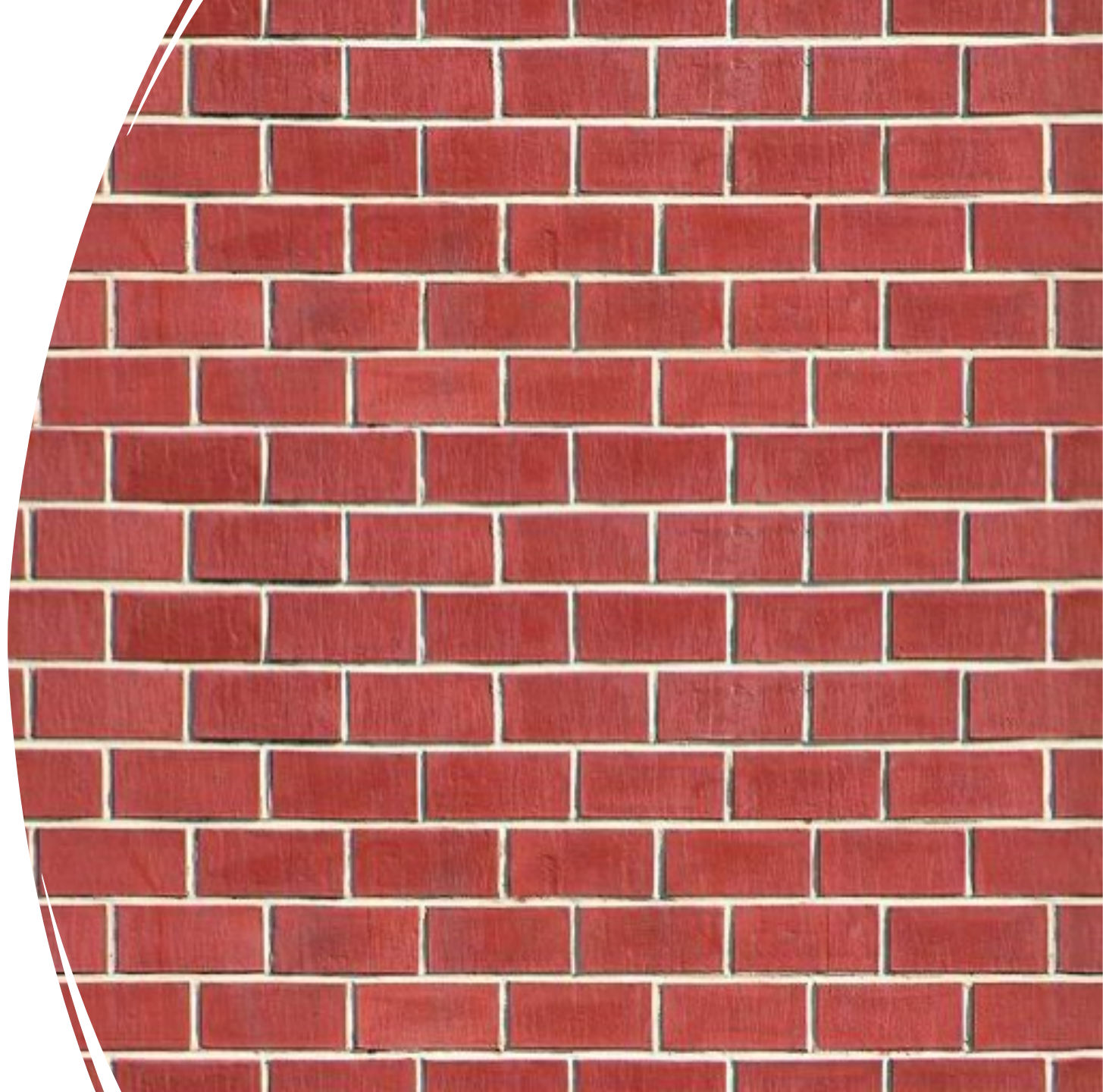
Equip Youth for Success

- Strategic Sharing
- Preparing before opportunities
- Writing out thoughts beforehand
- Debriefing after events
- Brainstorming sessions, reporting out
- Resume creation and updating
- Letters of recommendation



Barriers to Success

- Transportation Challenges
- Loss of local Independent Living Department or Worker
- Lack of Local Support
- Lack of Experience



Overcoming Challenges

- Transportation Support
- Seeking local champions and supporters
- Youth Outreach
- Peer Mentoring
- Training



Long-Term Impact

Today's foster youth leaders become:

- Tomorrow's Child Welfare Trainers
- Tomorrow's Foster Parents
- Tomorrow's Social Workers
- Tomorrow's Program Directors
- Tomorrow's Counselors
- Tomorrow's Nonprofit Directors

