



Ohio Youth Advisory Board

Statewide Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026



OHIO YAB Mission

We exist to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care.



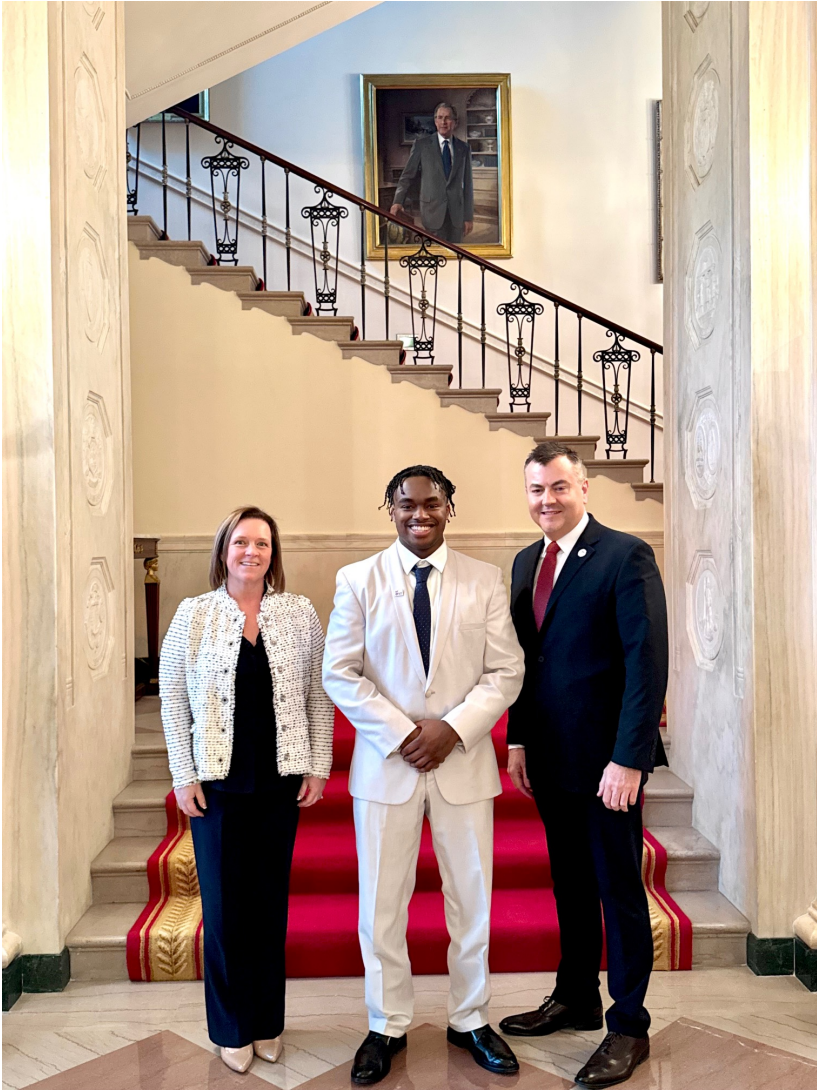
Brainstorming Topics

- 1. Youth Voice in Child Abuse Prevention:**
Christian Anderson, Cuyahoga County YAB
- 2. Certified Peer Support (CYPS) Pathway :**
Jolene Thomas, Ohio Department of Mental Health
- 3. TableSense: Youth Design Team:** Caitlyn Eccles,
Manager of Partnerships and Programming
- 4. Youth Voice on DCY Subcommittee:** Denielle
Rittinger, Bureau Chief

Six Bipartisan Federal Bills:

- [Foster Youth Postsecondary Education Access and Success Act](#), HR 7463
- [Foster Youth Workforce Opportunity Act](#), HR 7343
- [Foster Youth Housing Opportunity Act](#), HR 7432
- [Fresh Starts for Foster Youth Act](#), HR 7529
- [Support for Expectant and Parenting Foster Youth Act](#), H.R. 7655
- [CONNECT Act](#), H.R. 7995

Updates



New and Good

