



Sojourner Project, Youth Advisory Board

Title: Youth Advisory Board Member	Reports to: Sojourner Outreach and Education Team
<p>Position Summary: The Sojourner Project Youth Advisory Board (YAB) empowers high school students to become leaders in promoting safe and healthy relationships among their peers. Board members will work collaboratively to raise awareness about teen dating violence, educate their communities, and support Sojourner's SafeU program by providing youth perspectives on curriculum development and outreach efforts. Members will also get the chance to work on an individual project, connect with professionals in the field, and learn about violence prevention to create a safer and more informed community.</p>	

The Sojourner Youth Advisory Board provides a platform for young leaders to:

- Reduce the stigma associated with unhealthy and abusive relationships
- Educate peers and the community about the warning signs of dating violence
- Work on individual projects and campaigns to increase understanding of teen dating violence
- Review and contribute to Sojourner's SafeU curriculum to ensure relevance to youth experiences
- Raise awareness of available resources for individuals experiencing dating violence
- Promote active bystandership and safe relationship practices
- Engage in continued education on TDV-related topics and advocate within their own communities

Eligibility and Requirements:

- High school students (Grades 9-12) residing in or attending school in Western Hennepin County
- Passion for promoting healthy relationships and preventing teen dating violence.
- Comfortable working in a team and engaging with peers
- Ability to commit to monthly meetings (September-May), as well as 1-5 hours of work outside of meeting times.
- Must be able to travel to Sojourner
- Attend a mandatory full-day orientation covering:
 - Domestic Violence/Teen Dating Violence 101
 - Sojourner Programs and Support
 - Leadership Development

Preferred Qualifications:

- Leadership and/or Volunteer experience
- Strong communication skills
- Organizational and time management skills
- Reliability and commitment to board's mission
- Respect for diverse perspectives and a willingness to collaborate in an inclusive environment

Benefits:

Sojourner Project strives to create a mutually beneficial experience for youth board members.

Youth who complete all the required duties will have the opportunity to:

- Build hands on leadership and communication skills essential for the workforce
- Network with professionals and community partners with decades of experience
- Shadow legal advocates to family or civil court
- Work on a special project of your choosing to add additional experience to your resume
- Receive volunteer hours validation or a certificate of completion
- Receive a letter of recommendation or reference for future education or employment

To Apply:

- Complete an application by submitting this [Microsoft form](#)
- Participate in a 30 minute interview with one of our Outreach Team members.

Sojourner Project is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. We encourage applications from students of all backgrounds, identities, and experiences. Join us in advocating for safe and healthy relationships among youth!