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# METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2020

Program Sessions | Tuesdays • 4:00–7:00pm  
Louisville Free Public Library – Main Branch

January 28  
February 4  
February 18  
February 25  
March 10

March 24  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21

Metro Youth Advocates (MYA) works to develop high school students who are inspired, informed, and engaged to become effective advocates at the community level. During MYA sessions, participants strengthen their advocacy, public speaking, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

Application Deadline: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

Learn more and apply at: [www.kyymca.org/mya](http://www.kyymca.org/mya)

# MYA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Metro Youth Advocates, a joint effort of the Greater Louisville YMCA and Kentucky YMCA, elevates the youth voice across the Louisville Metro area by engaging students on local issues, both with policymakers and their peers.

During MYA sessions, students meet with experts from the government, social, and business sectors. They spend the remainder of each session working in teams to develop an advocacy proposal about a local issue area, which they present to the community at our culminating Town Hall.

Past issue areas have included:

**Child Abuse Prevention**  
**Newcomer and Refugee Outreach**  
**Vacant and Abandoned Properties**  
**College and Career Readiness**

**Violence Prevention**  
**Substance Abuse Prevention**  
**Relationships & Sexual Health**  
**Environmental Protection**

Throughout MYA, students will be introduced to topics such as:

- Introduction to Advocacy
- Advocacy Opportunities
- Scope & Role of Government
- Community Stakeholders
- Businesses & Advocacy
- Communications & Media
- Philanthropy

## VOLUNTEERS

If you or a colleague would like to serve as a facilitator for one of our Youth Advocate teams, or as a panelist and presenter at one of our sessions, please contact Elizabeth Penava:  
[elizabeth@kymca.org](mailto:elizabeth@kymca.org)

For general information, please contact Cheyenne Jones at  
[cheyenne@kymca.org](mailto:cheyenne@kymca.org)

the **MYA** METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2019  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**60** STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



**RESIDENTS OF ALL**  
**26** Metro Council Districts



**25**  
ZIP CODES



**9** SESSIONS OVER 4 MONTHS

**MYA PARTNERS**



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**19** LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS

Atherton HS  
Ballard HS  
Butler Traditional HS  
Central HS Magnet Career Academy  
DeSales HS  
Doss HS Magnet Career Academy  
DuPont Manual HS  
Fairdale HS Magnet Career Academy  
Iroquois HS  
Jeffersonville High School  
Kentucky Country Day  
Louisville Male HS  
Mercy Academy HS  
Metro Homeschool  
North Oldham HS  
Seneca HS Magnet Career Academy  
Southern HS Magnet Career Academy  
St. Xavier HS  
Waggener HS

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