

The  
**Youth  
Advisory Council**

is a part of the  
Fremont Inter-agency Oversight Group  
serving a Collaboration of Agencies within  
the Fremont County community.

- The Youth Advisory Council strives to encompass a wide range of opinions and life experiences reflected and influenced by its Youth Advisory Council members.
- The YAC is committed to give young people opportunities to make a difference.
- It is important to present a forum for youth to speak about and participate in the planning, policy development and evaluation of program services.
- Creating and truly utilizing the input of the YAC are additional means of giving youth the chance to participate in changing the world.



**Agencies collaborating together to  
better serve youth and families:**

Fremont County Department of  
Human Services

Eleventh Judicial District Courts and  
District Probation Department

West Central Mental Health Center

Rocky Mountain Behavioral Health

Fremont County Schools Canon City  
RE-1

Fremont County Schools Florence  
RE-2

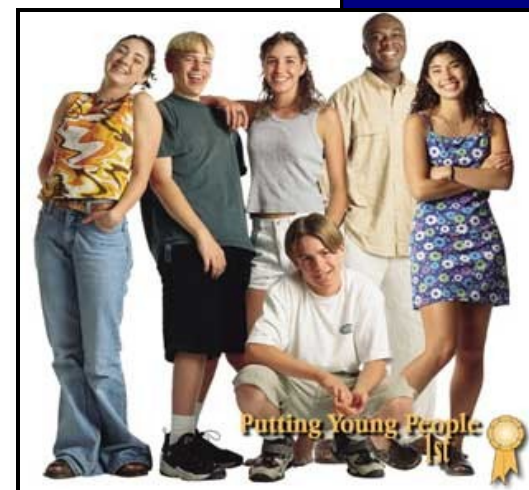
Fremont County Public Health

State of Colorado Division of Youth  
Corrections

**How Can I Join?**

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**Youth  
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Council**



**Seeking teenagers from  
across Fremont County  
who wish to express their  
views, opinions, and  
concerns regarding issues  
in Fremont County.**

## YAC – What is it?

The Fremont Interagency Oversight Group (FIOG) has created a new advisory council of young people like you to ensure that youth issues and youth concerns are heard regarding community decisions. Your role on the YAC would include:

1. Giving feedback to community organizations on youth issues they ask the YAC to weigh in on.
2. Being aware of and pointing out youth issues that the community should pay attention to.
3. Being a part of the progress by actively contributing to improving Fremont County for all young people.

## YAC: What does it do for you?

- An opportunity for leadership
- Have your voice heard in the community
- Represent your peers in a positive way
- Opportunity for recognition
- Character-building skills
- Career-building skills
- Improving Fremont County for all youth



## YAC: What are the goals?

1. Serve as a resource for ideas and concerns of the youth of Fremont County.
2. Provide community organizations with information about local youth issues.
3. Promote community youth activities and events.
4. Increase awareness of educational opportunities and promote the importance of education of youth.
5. Promote the contributions of youth as volunteers and volunteer opportunities in Fremont County.
6. Increase awareness of youth issues and solutions.

## YAC – What is the Mission?

The mission of the YAC is to advise community organizations on issues affecting youth. The Council will gather youth concerns and help identify possible solutions. The Council will help youth connect to services that benefit them and may sponsor events or activities to provide information on programs, youth development, higher education, and youth health and employment.

## YAC – Why is it important?

The YAC is composed of highly motivated young people from all areas of Fremont County who wish to serve the community by providing a youth's perspective on important issues regarding services and benefits provided by community organizations. The YAC represents diverse ideas and youth from different cultural backgrounds.



## YAC – Who Can Join?

- Any young adult enrolled as a full-time student in grade seven through twelve (including home schools and college) that accepts students who reside in Fremont County.
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Have been a resident within Fremont County for at least six months prior to the date of appointment.
- Complete an application and interview process.

## YAC: What is Involved?

1. YAC meetings will be held once a month during the year.
2. A one year commitment is requested.
3. Participate in at least one service project each year.
4. Some attendance at FIOG monthly meetings.

## YAC – What is the Vision?

The Youth Advisory Council will be recognized as the voice for all youth in Fremont County and as a resource for decisions-makers. The community will value youth and recognize them for their skills, abilities, and contributions.