

Are you a current or former foster youth?

Do you think the foster care system needs change?

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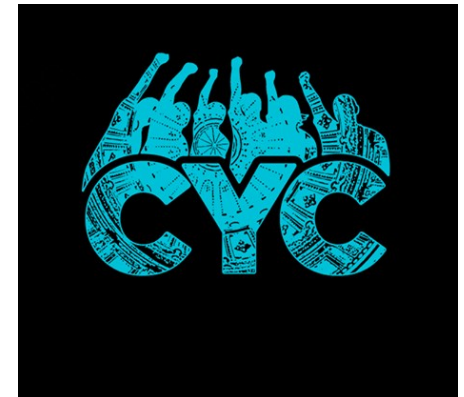
Those between the ages of 14-24 and who are current or former foster youth are eligible to become a member of California Youth Connection (CYC).

If you are wondering what CYC is, read on!

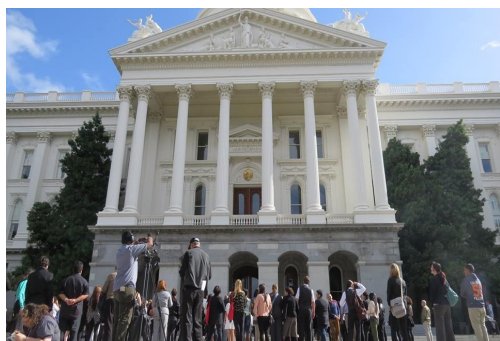
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Our Voices, Our Future



Some of CYC's Bills

Current and former foster youth involved in CYC are so dedicated and hardworking they have changed the lives of current foster youth by getting support to pass the following bills.

- **Foster Youth's Right to Private, Regular Social Worker Visits – SB 342**
- **Extension of Foster Care Services Until Age 21 – AB 12**
- **Priority Housing for Foster Youth on College Campuses – AB 1393**
- **State Foster Care Ombudsman – SB 933** The ombudsman's office has a statewide toll free number, 1-877-846-1602 where youth can register complaints or concerns regarding the foster care system.

The work that CYC members put in will continue to change the lives of foster youth, even long after they are gone. .

What is CYC?

California Youth Connection (CYC) is a youth led organization that is made up of current and former foster youth, who use their voice and experiences to advocate for change in the foster care system.

CYC Chapters

CYC is made up of over 30 chapters throughout California. All chapters have the opportunity to gather at least twice a year to address foster youth issues on a statewide level. When chapters are not working on statewide issues, they are addressing local issues in their communities.

San Luis Obispo Chapter

Are you interested in CYC?
Join our local chapter!

Typical Meeting Information: Meetings are in San Luis Obispo and are typically every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

Dinner is provided.

Contact the local chapter for more info

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Reasons to Join CYC's Efforts

- ◆ As a current or former foster youth, you are an expert on what the system should look like
- ◆ You can prevent future foster youth from experiencing the same hardships you may have faced
- ◆ You get to travel all over California with your chapter
- ◆ You get to meet other foster youth who come from similar circumstances
- ◆ You get free dinner at the meetings
- ◆ You get invited and sometimes paid to speak at community events and trainings
- ◆ You get to be a part of positive change

