

Nevada County Youth Commission (NCYC)



Background

- A Youth Commission is comprised of local adolescence, ages 14-19
 - These future leaders are dedicated to working with Nevada County Officials to advocate on behalf of our County's youth.
- This group of young people will collaborate with various stakeholders, businesses, cities, special districts, schools, and non-profits in the County to ensure a widespread influence

Role of the NCYC in our Community

Advisor

Board of Supervisors: Will be advised by the Nevada County Youth Commission on possible 'plans of action' regarding current issues facing local youth

Convener

Community: Will be connected by commissioners in hopes of creating a sense of openness and acceptance

NCYC will serve as a bridge between youth and county resources



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Process of the Founders

The Founders began creating the outline for the Youth Commission during June of 2023

Research

Other California Youth Commissions

Possible Local stakeholder businesses

Outreach

Developed beneficial relationships with County department heads

Presented at county meetings and spoke on local radio (KNCO)

Advisory

Founders attended steering committee meetings with representatives from youth organizations to obtain recommendations on the establishment of a Youth Commission

Creation

Founders developed a mission & purpose as a base for the establishment of bylaws, resolution, & staff report

Founders created the layout for future website & media

Process of the Founders

Community, Commissioner, & Founder enrichment

Leadership Development

Community:

Leadership development will be facilitated by the Youth Commission for all local young people

Youth Commissioners:

While working to advocate for Nevada County Youth, Commissioners will be emersed into leadership roles thus strengthening their skills

Individual Takeaway

The Founders each had a unique opportunity to shadow a county official in their field of choice to gain additional insight in our county

Goals & Challenges

One of the Youth Commission's primary goals is to connect young people with existing programs that can provide them with the assistance they may need by developing close relationships with organizations who have a stake in the future of our youth.

During the process of creating the Youth Commission's foundation, the most prominent issue became ensuring representation for everyone in the county.



The contribution of each Founder resulted in the creation of an entirely new and unique program: The Nevada County Youth Commission.

Purpose & Mission

The Founders utilized the resources of our county to gain a widespread understanding of government dynamics and issues facing our youth to determine the following:

The Youth Commission's purpose is to serve as a bridge between the youth and the Board of Supervisors, while advocating for Nevada County youth and providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to facilitate positive change.

Our mission is to identify, connect, and advocate for the issues facing youth in Nevada County.



Mechanics of Commission

Commissioner Requirements:

- Enrolled in 14-19 years old at the start of their term, reside or attend school in Nevada county
- 1 year terms (July 1st-June 30th.)
- 4 terms maximum may be served
- Board members approve the appointment of 7-14 commissioners

Outreach:

The commission will use flyers, partnerships, and multimedia to gain community support & spread information

Recommendations

Nevada County's mission:

"To work with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner"

After considering our County's Mission, the need for a Youth Commission was determined.

With the advisement of Jeff Dellis and Karyn Muller, the Founders worked to establish the foundation for a Youth Commission this summer.

By adopting the NCYC's resolution, the vision for our future can be a reality.



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Next Steps

Upon approval, the Youth Commission will begin work immediately:

- Advertisements & applications for Commission positions will be sent out
- Interviews will be held, and Commissioners will be selected by this fall
- Website, media, and other outreach will become active
- Regular monthly meetings will begin

Together, we will inspire change



THANK YOU, JEFF AND KARYN!!!



Under their supervision, the foundation for a Youth Commission was created: the only program in Nevada County that represents, advocates, and communicates directly with youth