

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FACTS AND QUESTIONS



UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) is:

DSCC is a statewide program that partners with Illinois families and communities to help children and youth with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN) and their families connect with services and resources. Every state receives federal funding through the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. DSCC has been Illinois' Title V program for CYSHCN since 1937. One of our Title V goals is to strengthen support for the transition to adulthood for all Illinois youth.

What is DSCC's Youth Advisory Council (YAC)?

The YAC is a diverse, youth-driven group that aims to develop more youth-focused ways to help families and youth with special healthcare needs with transition planning, resources and services. The YAC's goal is to support positive outcomes in employment, health care, independence, and quality of life in adulthood for all Illinois youth with special healthcare needs. The YAC's role is to:

1. Bring a different and personal perspective on issues important to youth.
2. Partner with DSCC to enhance care coordination by helping develop more youth-focused methods.
3. Develop strategies to improve communication between 15- to 24-year-old youth/young adults and older adults.

Who is eligible to apply to the YAC?

Youth with special healthcare needs who are:

- Ages 15 to 24
- Living in Illinois
- Planning for the transition to adulthood in the areas of education, health care, employment and home and community-based support

What does it cost?

Nothing! The YAC is free to join. Plus, as a member you will receive a \$30 gift card for each meeting you participate in.

What responsibilities will I have as a YAC member?

YAC members must participate in YAC meetings, which will occur every three months. YAC members will share input and feedback on DSCC activities, materials and program development to improve transition supports. YAC members will share their thoughts and feedback on transition needs for youth with special healthcare needs.

How will the meetings work?

Meetings will occur quarterly (four times per year). All meetings will be virtual and take place at a time most convenient for all members.

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