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Thank you for expressing interest in volunteering on the **Los Angeles County Suicide Prevention Network (LASPN) Youth Advisory Board**.

The LASPN Youth Advisory Board is an inclusive group of 25 youth who are advocating for improving mental health and well-being and its related social determinants of health for youth countywide.

Youth Advisory Board members will be supported by vetted adult members of the LASPN - mental health professionals, advocates, survivors, providers, researchers, and representatives from various agencies and organizations across Los Angeles County. These adult allies will provide support and mentorship to the Youth Advisory Board and pathways to support when dealing with the sensitive topic of mental health and suicide.

We are currently accepting applications from young adults aged 16-23 years old. Membership requires a minimum one year commitment, with an opportunity to serve up to 3 additional years as Youth Advisors in a mentorship role (or until they reach the age of 23).

Youth Advisory Board meetings will be virtual for the coming year of 2021. In person meetings may take place in the future when public health guidelines advise it is safe to do so, however virtual attendance will always be available. Monthly meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of each month in the early evenings (time TBD). In order to ensure the work of the Youth Advisory Board is impactful, we strongly encourage attendance at all meetings. Other meetings and events may be necessary depending on the needs or plans of the Youth Advisory Board.

Due to the limited number spaces available, we cannot interview all who apply. We will notify you as soon as possible whether or not your application is selected. Applications will remain open until **January 4, 2021** or until the first **65** applications have been received.

If selected, you will receive confirmation of an interview via Zoom date for **January 2021**. Completion of the interview process does not guarantee selection for the Youth Advisory Board. Final acceptance is based on written application, interview, and the needs of the Youth Advisory Board.

Please submit your application here: [www.lasuicidepreventionnetwork.org/youth-advisory-board/](http://www.lasuicidepreventionnetwork.org/youth-advisory-board/)

References are not required but can be submitted to accompany your application if you wish. References should be emailed to **youth@laspn.org** directly from your reference and not from you. We want your references to provide honest recommendations for this work, so need them coming directly to us.

**Please include the parent/guardian letter signed by a parent/guardian with your application if you are under 18.**

If you have any further questions, please email [youth@laspn.org](mailto:youth@laspn.org). Thank you for applying for this opportunity and we look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

**Tracie Andrews and Michelle Carlson**

**Co-Chairs of the Los Angeles County Suicide Prevention Network (Youth & Schools Workgroup)**