



Howard County Office of Local Children's Board

April 17, 2017

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Youth Member on the Howard County Local Children's Board for the 2017-2018 school year. Also known as the Local Management Board, there is a functioning board in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland. The Howard County Local Children's Board is comprised of public and private members working collaboratively to ensure a strong continuum of services for families and children in our community. We work in partnership with the Governor's Office for Children to ensure all children and youth in Howard County are safe, healthy, and have many opportunities to succeed supported by adults who provide them a stable and nurturing community. The Board provides funding, planning, program development and implementation, and technical assistance to programs and services working to improve outcomes for Howard County's children, youth, and teens.

The responsibilities associated with this position are extremely challenging, but also very rewarding. Your desire to serve the citizens of Howard County in this capacity is commendable. Because the responsibilities of this position are extensive, it is important that prior to making the decision to pursue this position, you carefully consider your ability to commit a significant amount of time outside of school as well as your ability to transport yourself to meetings and events.

In order for you to be considered for this position, you must **submit a completed application packet by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 2, 2017**. A completed application packet must contain a:

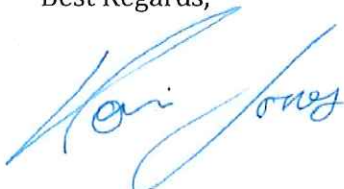
- **Letter of Interest** expressing why you are interested in this position and the perspective and impact you will bring that will be beneficial to the Local Children's Board
- **Resume** indicating your education and experiences relevant to this position
- **Completed Application** with appropriate signatures

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. All applications will be checked for completeness and eligibility. Applications will then be reviewed and qualified candidates will be asked to **observe the June Local Children's Board Meeting. (Date and time to be announced)**

Applications of Qualified Candidates will be forwarded to the County Executive, whom will make a recommendation on the Youth Member of the Local Children's Board. The County Executive will forward his recommendation to the County Council for approval.

Please review the attached information and carefully complete the application packet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 313 - 0039 or kjones@howardcountymd.gov.

Best Regards,



Kori D. Jones
Howard County Office of the Local Children's Board



The Local Management Board for Howard County

Our Mission

The Local Children's Board (LCB) acts as the neutral convener that facilitates interagency collaboration, youth empowerment, and community engagement creating a shared vision for children, youth, and families in Howard County. The LCB strives to ensure all children and youth in Howard County are safe, healthy, and have many opportunities to succeed supported by adults who provide them a stable and nurturing community.

Our Collaboration

The Local Children's Board is a Collaborative Effort with participation from the following partners:

- Howard County Citizens
- Office of the State's Attorney
- Howard County Department of Community and Resource Services
- Howard County Department of Social Services
- Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
- Voices for Children
- Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Community Action Council
- Howard County Police Department
- Department of Juvenile Services
- Howard County Mental Health Authority
- Howard County Health Department
- Maryland State Department of Education
- Howard County Public School System
- Voices for Change

Our Impact

The programs funded by the Local Children's Board have had the following impact on Howard County:

- Teach and facilitate Restorative practices to youth and their families.
- Improve parenting skills and family relationships in order to reduce behavior problems, delinquency and alcohol/drug abuse.
- Provide support services for youth and parents.
- Identify unaccompanied youth living in Howard County and provide resources.
- Provide one-to-one mentoring and tutoring sessions to students from and encouraging and dependable adult.

For More Information Contact:

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Youth Member Position Description

A successful Youth Member will:

- Articulate and understand the function of the Local Children's Board
- Demonstrate maturity and tact while working with adults
- Maintain regular communication through email and/or phone with his/her mentor and assigned staff
- Collaborate with Voices for Change to promote and broadcast board issues to Howard County Youth at large
- Engage in meaningful conversation with adults about Howard County issues
- Proactively address concerns with the appropriate person/organization
- Participate in Board meetings and events
- Prepare for Board meeting discussions
- Maintain confidentiality
- Conduct himself/herself in ways appropriate for public leadership
- Voice a youth perspective on business coming before the Board

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. To serve a one-year or two-year term from July 1 through June 30.
2. To attend one regular Board meeting each month.
3. To attend Voices for Change executive committee and general meetings.
4. To participate in public functions of the Board, following stated procedures if it is necessary to miss classroom time to attend.
5. To attend an introductory meeting with the Chairman of the Board.



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Youth Member Application

General Information: *(Please Print Legibly)*

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Youth Signature:

Please sign below confirming your interest in serving as a Youth Member on the Howard County Local Children's Board. Your signature also acknowledges an understanding and agreement of the role, responsibilities, and attendance requirements of the Youth Member.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

To fulfill the requirements of the position, your child will be expected to spend at least one morning per month in attendance at Board meetings. As a voting member of the Board, the Student Member must devote considerable time prior to each meeting to reviewing policies and programs scheduled for action or review by the Board. In addition to the monthly Board meetings, the youth member attends all Voices for Change (V4C) meetings. As a Board member, a large part of the position will be speaking to other students and community members to gather information and opinions to be used when making informed decisions. Accepting the position of Youth Member of the Board and making the required time and energy commitments affect not only the student but also his or her family. The student and student's family are responsible for transportation to and from meetings and other events. Student's time away from schoolwork and family obligations may be an adjustment for your family. Please sign below in acknowledgement and support of your child taking on this role.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date