



DANE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Health & Human Needs Committee Presentation – June 11, 2021

WHO WE ARE

The Commission was created in 1980 by the Dane County Board to work on behalf of the interests of young people in Dane County

Consists of eleven members appointed by the County Executive:

Two Board
Supervisors

One MMSD
representative

One representative
from a school
district outside of
Madison

One representative
of a youth serving
organization

Six citizen members
including two youth
under age 25

WHAT WE DO

Encourage & promote youth participation in decision-making which affects them

Conduct youth needs assessments & surveys

Work with agencies & community groups in establishing priorities for youth services

Work with planning & funding agencies on development & allocation of funding for youth services

Work with agencies to evaluate the efficiency & effectiveness of youth programs

Submit reports & recommendations to the County Board & County Executive

HOW WE DO IT



**Youth Governance
Program (YGP)**



**By Youth For Youth
(BYFY) Grants**



**Dane County Youth
Assessment**



**Advocacy for
Programs &
Services**

YGP & BYFY PROGRAMS

Both programs provide opportunities for high school youth to learn, lead, gain new experiences, and connect with other youth and supportive adults



YGP recruits and pairs young people with a Board Supervisor to learn more about local government and policy-making



BYFY recruits and trains young people to make decisions about a grant program benefiting other youth

YGP & BYFY PROGRAMS (CONT.)

YGP & BYFY were put on hold for the 2020-21 program year due to the COVID-19 pandemic

New high school-aged program participants will be recruited for this coming program year:

- Youth Governance Program Interest Form
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthgovernanceprogram/2021/06/03/interested-in-ygp/>
- BYFY Interest Form – coming soon!

DANE COUNTY YOUTH ASSESSMENT (DCYA)

Conducted regularly since 1980 – currently every three years since 2009

Funding partners include Dane County Human Services, City of Madison, United Way of Dane County, Public Health Madison Dane County, and local school districts

Data includes demographics, individual health behaviors and outcomes, peer and social influences, school environment, family and community characteristics, and more

Primarily used locally to inform services, programs, and funding, and data analyses have also been published in academic research journals

November 2019 – Voices of Our Youth Summit

DCYA 2021 UPDATE

In close consultation with the schools, administration of the 2021 survey occurred this the spring (January-May) to help understand and respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth

New sections included the COVID-19 pandemic, civic engagement, racial equity, immigration, and additional mental health questions

Overview Report will be released later this summer

Second Voices of Our Youth Summit is being planned for November 2022

2019 LISTENING SESSIONS

In 2019, the Commission went to Youth Resource Centers and other youth programs in the county to talk directly with youth

Youth overwhelmingly felt that their community and neighborhood centers and other out-of-school-time programs met many needs that were not met at school – this was especially true for BIPOC youth

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO
YOU HAVE?**