

YEP: Email Template for Research Group Recruitment

Hi [name],

We are excited to kick off the Hilton Foundation Youth Engagement in Policy Study! As [funding partner staff] mentioned, this is a collaborative research project that will explore how the Foundation's Foster Youth and Opportunity Youth Initiatives' grantees involve young people in policy advocacy and their relationship to policy outcomes.

To do this, we plan to center youth and organizational partner voices through the creation of a research group, which will inform the design of research questions, methods, analyses, interpretations, and dissemination. This research group will:

- Be made up of 10 people – one young person and one adult representative from each grantee organization.
- Pay members \$100/hour for up to 40 hours of work during the timeframe of March 2024 – January 2025.
- Meet approximately 12 times.
- Partner with Child Trends research staff to collect and interpret information about how each grantee organization involved and supported youth in policy advocacy efforts.
- Offer feedback and guidance on study findings, written product development, and dissemination.

We would like your support in nominating two representatives involved in your organization's youth policy advocacy work. Staff from the Foundation have identified a policy win of yours that would be relevant to this project as advocating for the needs of transition-age youth. The individuals you nominate should both have experience with this policy win and be:

- One adult (likely a staff member) currently or recently affiliated with your organization and these policy advocacy efforts.
- One young person (aged 18-26) who was involved in these policy advocacy efforts.

If your organization has had another policy win that engaged youth that you'd prefer to highlight through this project, please let us know that too. We're happy to hop on a quick call if anything is easier to chat through.

If you have questions about the [Authentic Youth Engagement in Policy Project](#), please contact co-Principal Investigators Amy McKlindon at amcklindon@childtrends.org and Samantha E. Holquist at sholquist@childtrends.org.

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When you have your two representatives identified, simply reply to this email to let me know their names and email addresses. Once identified, we will follow up with them to work out the details.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Alyssa