



Young Advocates Institute's Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault?

The North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) is a nonprofit organization that serves as the sole statewide expertise and alliance working to end sexual assault and human trafficking through education, advocacy and legislation. NCCASA provides prevention education, intervention resources, and public policy to end all forms of sexual assault. Our dedicated staff works with over 80 rape crisis centers across the state in addition to the military, law enforcement, college campuses, attorneys and allied professions to create a coordinated response to sexual assault.

What is the Young Advocates Institute?

Launched in 2012, the Young Advocates Institute is a social justice summer camp that empowers and trains 200 youth, ages 13-17, from across North Carolina during a weekend of prevention/intervention education, advocacy and leadership development seminars. Hosted at a local university, the Institute features national speakers, peer to peer education, campus tours, and team building activities.

What is the purpose of the Young Advocates Institute?

The purpose of the Young Advocates Institute is to give youth a voice, the opportunity to share their experiences regarding social justice issues and to help them become an integral part of the solutions. Not only do young people from across North Carolina, who represent our state's rich diversity, have access to learning about violence prevention, healthy behaviors and leadership, but they also build relationships with peers and carve out their niche in creating safer communities.

What is the Young Advocates Institute Advisory Council?

The Young Advocates Institute Advisory Council is a team of ten (10) youth, ages 13-17, who are committed to promoting advocacy and leadership. Members will shape the direction, content and marketing efforts of the 2018 Young Advocates Institute.



What are the duties of the Young Advocates Institute Advisory Council?

Selected council members are expected to:

- Attend monthly meetings/conference calls
- Help plan and implement the Young Advocates Institute, including attendance at the planning retreat
- Assist with the marketing and social media relations related to the Young Advocates Institute
- Research, design and/or help lead youth-specific trainings

What are the successes of the Young Advocates Institute?

- To date, the Institute has trained 1,200 students through 72 course offerings of social justice issues and leadership development themed content. An additional 300 students and staff at youth serving organizations have been trained outside of the Institute.
- Through the use of both pre and post tests, participants increased their understanding of sexual assault, human trafficking and skill-set development by 80%.
- Fifty (50) participants became published authors in NCCASA's first book "Who Am I?"
- Students have created assessment tools, hosted focus groups and surveyed over 150 of their peers. This qualitative research has served as the framework for the coursework of the Young Advocates Institute.
- "My children have been greatly impacted by the Institute. Recently, my daughter gave a speech on her thoughts around the movie Selma. She talked about the impact of racism, civil rights and how she wanted to be a leader for her generation. These are things that I know were instilled in her during the three years she has been an Institute participant."
- Featured speaker at the 2016 White House State of Women Summit.
- Featured panel at NCCASA's 2017 Statewide Conference.
- Representation from advisory council at Raliance's This Gen Conference.
- Financial commitments from state, community and corporate investors including the global brand AutoTrader.

How can I help support the Young Advocates Institute?

You can help support the Young Advocates Institute through sponsorships, donations, volunteer opportunities and sharing information. The investment into North Carolina's youth has infinite possibilities

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How can I find out more information about the Young Advocates Institute?

- Visit www.nccasa.org for updates
- Follow us on Twitter @NCCAASA, or join our Facebook pages at NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

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