Where's the Action?

Who are we?
- The Vermont Youth Action Board was founded in 2018 as part of a YHDP award to the Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC).
- We currently have four members, from 15 to 25 years old, who live in four different regions of our rural state.

How we operate
- Our annual budget is $6,000, which covers travel costs and youth stipends of $25/hour. YAB members are paid in Visa gift cards.
- Regular YAB meetings are held online or by phone. YAB members also attend quarterly in-person meetings of the CoC’s stakeholder group and the Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan Committee.

What makes us unique
- The geographic area covered by our YAB is most of the state, which lacks public transportation. This has shaped the way that meetings are held (online or by phone).

3 Biggest Challenges
- We need ongoing recruitment and engagement.
- Payment for staffing at a meaningful level would help strengthen the YAB.
- Our geographic spread makes it hard to have engaging meetings.

3 Biggest Successes
- Our initial recruitment was strong, bringing in eight members at our peak.
- We secured funding for the YAB from the Vermont Department for Children and Families for the first 2 years of our operation.
- YAB members feel like a meaningful part of the CoC’s Coordinated Community Plan.

The Gab on YABs

meet the Vermont Youth Action Board