

Where's the Action?

Who are we?

- We founded the [Anchorage Youth Task Force](#) in June 2016 thanks to YHDP funding. We receive support from Covenant House Alaska and other local grants.
- Our members range between 18 and 25 years of age with diverse and inclusive representation from many populations; including LGBTQI+, Alaska Native, Polynesian, people of color, and white populations.

How we operate

- Yearly Budget: approximately \$9,000.
- We recruit through various events, online posts, and youth groups. “Mini-parties” have proven the most effective.
- We communicate to members through Facebook, phone, and email.

The [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#) (YHDP) is an initiative of the Department of Housing and Urban Development that supports coordinated local efforts to end youth homelessness. Each YHDP community forms a Youth Action Board (YAB) that brings youth and young adults to the forefront of planning and implementation. In addition to YHDP-funded communities, other communities too have worked to incorporate youth and young adults into their planning. In the fall of 2019, TAC worked with consultant Lauren Leonardis to survey YABs in different areas and at different stages of development, capturing a snapshot of how these vital groups are functioning. Visit TAC's [Gab on YABs page](#) for more community fact sheets and topic spotlights!

The Gab on YABs

meet the Anchorage Youth Task Force

3 Biggest Successes

- Bringing youth voice to the forefront of every decision-making process.
- Creating space for participants to share and express their true selves.
- Hosting our first event with no adult involvement other than the logistics.

3 Biggest Challenges

- Finding grants to create events, activities, and awareness.
- High turnover of youth coming in and out.
- Keeping our members involved and occupied to push and enhance the passion they have within.

What makes us unique

- The talent and mentorship we each bring to the table. Check out the music video “[Streets 2 Success](#)” we put together for the Community Thrive Challenge representing Anchorage as a community.

