

# Where's the Action?

## Who are we?

- The King County YAB was started in Seattle, WA in 2017 with YHDP funding.
- We have between seven and ten members, ranging in age from 13 to 25.

## How we operate

- Our annual budget is \$20,000. YAB members are paid \$20/hour by their choice of check, automatic deposit, or gift cards.
- We meet twice a month, plus extra meetings for committees on issues like young adult justice, student homelessness, and behavioral health. YAB members must participate in at least two meetings before voting on any topic.

## What makes us unique

- The Youth Action Board is working on how to be a fellowship.

## Our 3 Biggest Challenges

- Adulthood and other isms impact our work. There is a lot of stigma on those who experience homelessness.
- Our local homeless housing and services system is undergoing restructuring.
- Resources are limited for youth and young adult populations.

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 King County Youth Action Board

## Our 3 Biggest Successes

- Together with other decision-makers, our YAB helped direct about \$3.4M in federal funding to four projects.
- In early 2019, we changed the name of our group from the Youth Advisory Board to the Youth Action Board – this is more accurate!
- YAB members have been trained in homeless housing and services, stress management, sexual violence awareness, anti-oppression, and other topics.

