

Hancock County Opportunities for Youth



We believe strongly that youth are the leaders of today, not tomorrow; all youth should be equal partners in the process of change; and that youth can motivate others through their voices of experience.

YouthMOVE is a monthly youth-led group devoted to improving services and systems to support youth inclusion, mental wellness, positive supports and healthy transition. YouthMOVE empowers youth to advocate for themselves and live healthy, meaningful lives.

YouthMOVE members work as a diverse collective to unite the voices of youth while raising awareness around youth issues. We advocate for youth rights and voice in mental health and the other systems that serve them, for the purpose of empowering youth to be equal partners in the process of change.

When and where: YouthMOVE meets the 2nd Monday of every month at The LOFT (128 E. Crawford St. 4th Floor)

How to get involved: Email Brittany Schindler at brittany@namihancockcounty.org, or call 567-525-3435

YouthMOVE is provided by NAMI Hancock County. namihancockcounty.org/programs



We believe that youth need a place to just be. At the loft, all are welcomed with no expectations and no stress. Just a place where you can be you.

The LOFT is place for youth to be themselves and connect with other young people from diverse backgrounds and similar life experiences. The LOFT offers support for youth impacted by mental health, addiction and/or trauma-related issues.

When and where: The LOFT is located at 128 E. Crawford St. 4th Floor. It is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. No need to sign-up, just show up and hang out for a while.

How to get involved: No need to sign-up or be invited. Just show up. All are welcomed. For more information contact Torri Williams at torri@focusrwc.org or call 419-423-5071

The LOFT is operated by FOCUS Recovery and Wellness Center. focusrwc.org



It is our vision that every qualified child will be actively engaged in a mentoring relationship designed to enhance their personal growth as competent, caring and confident individuals.

Volunteers and children work together in an asset-building relationship in the areas of growth and development, prevention, life-skills, problem solving and decision making. **Youth with mentors** have increased likelihood of going to college, better attitudes toward school, increased social and emotional development, and improved self-esteem.

When and where: Mentoring schedules are developed to meet the needs of the mentor and mentee.

How to get involved: To become a mentor or to be matched with a mentor, contact Stacy Shaw stacy@hancockmentors.org or call 419-424-9752

Mentoring is provided by the Children's Mentoring Connection (CMC). www.cmchancock.org



Youth LGBTQ+ Support Group

Our vision is to create a Findlay that welcomes all walks of life no matter what age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.

This time is intended to allow space for our local youth (13-18) to meet other folks of similar ages and discuss the issues that are affecting them. This will be available in-person and online.”

LGBTQ+ Group is provided by LGBTQ Spectrum of Findlay.

How to get involved: Visit www.https://spectrumoffindlaylgbt.org/events/, email Jas Bradley at jbradley@spectrumoffindlaylgbt.org, or contact@spectrumoffindlaylgbt.org



A program designed for students to gain valuable experience and develop crucial leadership skills.

How to get involved: Visit WWW.FindlayHancockChamber.com/HYL

Hancock Youth Leadership is provided by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

ENGAGE is a youth council with the purpose of promoting service-learning, youth philanthropy, and civic engagement. ENGAGE is for youth who possess a strong passion and commitment to their community and serving others

How to get involved: Visit <https://www.findlayymca.org/schoolage/school-age-arts-humanities-leadership/>

Engage is provided by the Findlay YMCA.
