



**JOB TITLE:** Memphis Youth Action Board Leadership Cohort - Community Liaison

**\*NOTE: This is a 1-year cohort position starting May 1st, 2025 and ending April 30th, 2026.**

**DEPARTMENT:** Continuum of Care Youth and Special Populations

**REPORTS TO:** Continuum of Care Youth and Special Populations Administrator  
or Project Coordinator

**DIRECTLY SUPERVISES:** None

**HOURLY:** \$20/hour; Up to 15 hours/week

**Location:** Currently Hybrid

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit a resume and cover letter describing your interest in and qualifications for the position to [YABleadership@cafth.org](mailto:YABleadership@cafth.org) with the subject line: *Memphis Youth Action Board Leadership Cohort - Community Liaison*

**\*NOTE:** Applicants may apply for up to two leadership positions. If applying to more than one position:

- Please specify in your cover letter the two positions you are applying for and your interest in and qualifications for BOTH positions. Please also specify your first choice and second choice position.
- When sending your resume and cover letter to [YABleadership@cafth.org](mailto:YABleadership@cafth.org), please specify in the body of the email which two positions you are applying for.

**SUMMARY:** The Memphis Youth Action Board (YAB) is a coalition of youth and young adults ages 18-24 committed to advocating for and working to end youth homelessness within Memphis and Shelby County. The YAB Leadership Cohort is a 1-year professional development and leadership position designed to inspire young people to assume positions of leadership, receive specialized training, and develop professional skills that will support their personal and career growth. As a Leadership Cohort member, you will work alongside four other cohort members to spearhead activities and projects that further the YAB's mission and goals.

As a Leadership Cohort member, you will also receive training to become a certified Peer Support Specialist and will spend approximately half of your working hours providing group and individual peer support to youth and young adults at risk of or currently experiencing housing insecurity and/or homelessness.

The Community Liaison Cohort Position strengthens relationships between the board and the broader community, fostering relationships to amplify impact.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Network with local organizations, businesses, and policymakers to build partnerships.
- Represent the board at community events and discussions.
- Gather and share insights about community needs and opportunities.
- Work to ensure the board's activities align with the community's priorities.
- Work with the CoC Youth Team and YAB Leadership Cohort to plan and execute the activities of the Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grant
- Represent the YAB at all required CoC committee meetings including Planning, Continuous Quality Improvement, and Youth
- Attend required training and conferences
- Perform other related duties as assigned by management
- Attend and represent the YAB at the statewide level, attending statewide YAB meetings and bringing YAB feedback
- Facilitate trainings for youth service providers on topics including anti-adultism, positive youth development, youth and provider collaboration, etc.
- Host weekly peer mentorship group and individual sessions

## **WEEKLY TASKS:**

- Identify potential community partners and draft outreach communications.
- Research upcoming events or initiatives in the community for potential involvement.
- Attend community meetings, events, and webinars.
- Update the board on community opportunities or feedback received from partners.
- Follow up with current partners to maintain strong relationships.
- Plan collaborative activities or campaigns that align with the board's mission.
- Reach out to YHDP agencies and maintain working relationships.

## **DESIRED SKILLS FOR VICE CHAIR POSITION:**

- Strong interpersonal and networking abilities.
- Cultural sensitivity and knowledge of community dynamics.
- Commitment to collaborative problem-solving.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be available to start May 1st, 2025
- Must be able to commit to the full cohort year (May 2025 - April 2026)
- Must be enthusiastic, self-motivated, possess the ability to motivate others
- Must possess a passion for combating homelessness
- Must have knowledge of local homeless system(s) with preference for candidates with lived experience
- Public speaking skills and ability to lead and facilitate group meetings
- Computer skills required: Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Internet Use, and Additional Software, as needed
- Individuals 18 - 23 years of age strongly encouraged to apply
- Active members of the Youth Action Board strongly encouraged to apply
- Must complete Certified Peer Support Specialist Training (CYAPPS) training

administered by the State of Tennessee within the first three months of hire.

## COMPETENCIES:

- **Diversity** - Demonstrates knowledge of EEO policy; Shows respect and sensitivity for cultural differences; Educates others on the value of diversity; Promotes a harassment-free environment; Builds a diverse workforce.
- **Ethics** - Treats people with respect; Keeps commitments; Inspires the trust of others; Works with integrity and ethically; Upholds organizational values.
- **Dependability** - Follows instructions, responds to management direction; Takes responsibility for own actions; Keeps commitments; Commits to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals; Completes tasks on time or notifies appropriate person with an alternate plan.
- **Interpersonal Skills** - Focuses on solving conflict, not blaming; Maintains confidentiality; Listens to others without interrupting; Keeps emotions under control; Remains open to others' ideas and tries new things.
- **Oral Communication** - Speaks clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations; Listens and gets clarification; Responds well to questions; Demonstrates group presentation skills; Participates in meetings.
- **Professionalism** - Tactfully approaches others; Reacts well under pressure; Treats others with respect and consideration regardless of their status or position; Accepts responsibility for own actions; Follows through on commitments.
- **Teamwork** - Balances team and individual responsibilities; Exhibits objectivity and openness to others' views; Gives and welcomes feedback; Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Puts success of team above own interests; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives; Supports everyone's efforts to succeed.
- **Technical Skills** - Assesses own strengths and weaknesses; Pursues training and development opportunities; Strives to continuously build knowledge and skills; Shares expertise with others.
- **Written Communication** - Writes clearly and informatively; Edits work for spelling and grammar; Varies writing style to meet needs; Presents numerical data effectively; Able to read and interpret written information.

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