

An Invitation to Youth

Many projects do not succeed because the targeted population is treated as by-standers rather than active participants.

Involving youth directly in planning and implementing policies is important, since young people are among the most effective advocates for change. When youth are involved in the planning and developing of programs that are targeted at them, they will have a sense of pride and empowerment. Many youth groups have already begun taking action and speaking out about services and programs designed to meet their needs. Who better to speak for youth than youth?

Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (LAFFCMH) seeks to engage the imagination, energy and hope of young people in order to productively and responsibly involve them as leaders in the organization.

We know that youth are not only the future of LAFFCMH--they are also doing amazing things today! Wouldn't you like to be a part of this great youth movement?



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LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Bringing people and resources
together to increase individual and
organizational capacity

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TEN REASONS TO JOIN LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- 1. One Focus**

Louisiana Federation of Families (LAFFCMH) was founded as, and remains, the only family ran organization in the state that focuses exclusively on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental challenges and their families.
- 2. Leadership and Leadership training**

LAFFCMH is a strong, family-run organization that is governed and supported by a dedicated group of family members, professionals and youth whose vision is to strengthen the voice of Louisiana's youth and families.
- 3. Accessibility that is all Inclusive and Statewide**

All youth and/or their families can access LAFFCMH and receive supports through the toll free 1-800 number from anywhere within the state.
- 4. Individualized Supports**

LAFFCMH realizes that although most families may have some of the same needs, no two families are identical and provides only those supports that are identified by the family or youth
- 5. Knowledge and Information Exchange**

Through LAFFCMH parents, as well as professionals, has easy access to needed information in various formats, verbal, written and in the form of training.
- 6. Opportunities for Building Partnerships**

LAFFCMH provides a platform for parents and professionals to work together. Collaborative partnerships have also been created with other child advocates and children and youth service providers.
- 7. Networking Opportunities**

Because Louisiana Federation of Families is the recognized state organization for the National Federation of Families you have the ability to network nationally as well as locally with other families and youth.
- 8. National Membership**

Membership with Louisiana Federation of Families automatically qualifies you for membership with the National Federation of Families. As a member of the National Federation of Families, you qualify for discounts on registration to the annual conference.
- 9. You Are Not Alone**

As a member of LAFFCMH you are a part of a national movement and voice for child and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental challenges and their families.
- 10. Collectively, we can improve outcomes for children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental challenges and their families.**

To activate the membership process, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Alternate Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

I am a:

Youth Parent/Caregiver

Concerned individual

Service Provider

As a member I am interested in participating in the following areas when needed: (check all that apply)

Volunteer Board Member

Committee Member Trainer

Advocate Speaker

Mentor *please choose: family mentor/youth mentor*

Other involvement (Please describe)

