



Legal Counsel for
Youth and Children

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC) Board Job Description – Volunteer Position

Mission

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children protects the interests and safety of youth in Washington by advancing their legal rights.

About Us

We accomplish our mission through direct legal representation, strong community partnerships, and systemic advocacy. LCYC serves roughly 600 young people on an annual basis through four core programs: child welfare, juvenile court, youth and family immigration, and youth homelessness. The majority of youth served by LCYC are between 12 – 24 years in age. Young people of color and LGBTQ+ young people are overrepresented within these systems and among those served by LCYC. LCYC is committed to becoming an anti-racist organization and embraces a commitment to continual learning with board and staff members.

The Role

Our volunteer Board of Directors supports LCYC in meeting its mission by providing expertise, leadership, and strategic governance.

Responsibilities

- Be an amplifier for the organization and provide connection to external audiences to help raise LCYC's profile in the community
- Provide expertise to support LCYC in meeting its mission
- Participate in 10 annual board meetings with at least 80% attendance. Meetings may take place in-person in Seattle, but a call-in option will always be available
- Participate in at least one committee
- Actively participate in the board's evaluation and planning efforts
- Participate in fundraising for the organization, including attendance at the annual fundraising event
- Approve LCYC's annual budget, audit reports and material business decisions; stay informed of, and meet all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities. Here is a [helpful resource](#) on board member areas of practice.
- Assist the ED and BOD in identifying and recruiting other Board Members



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Term

LCYC Board Members serve three-year terms

Qualifications

LCYC seeks board members who are diverse in perspective, professional, and lived experience. LCYC is a statewide organization, and we welcome interest from individuals from communities across Washington. Board members must demonstrate a commitment to race equity. Board members must have an understanding of the populations that we serve, and a passion for expanding access to justice for youth and young adults.

Current Desired Expertise

Needed skills and background may shift as the board composition changes. Below are current areas of expertise desired:

- Finance/Accounting
- Housing/Homelessness (including lived experience)
- Youth Services/Child Welfare (including lived experience)
- Policy/Advocacy
- Research and Evaluation
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Nonprofit and/or Public Sector Leadership

How to Apply

Please fill out the Board Interest Form [here](#).

Questions? Please contact Emily Meltzer at emily@lcyawa.org or 206-406-3069