



Indiana
Department
of
Health

**MEET THE INDIANA
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
(IYAB)**

What is the IYAB?

- Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) collaboration
- Funded by the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant
- Launched in July 2022 to assess youth-targeted public health, mental health and suicide prevention initiatives
- Led by a diverse group of young leaders ages 14-24 from all corners of Indiana



What Does the IYAB Do?

IYAB members have incredible opportunities!

- They **attend conferences, meet with decision makers, consult on relevant programming,** and most importantly, **share their voices and opinions with others.**



What Does This Look Like?



Developing...

Menstrual Health Awareness Month & Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Media Tools
Believe in You, Change the Frequency, and 988 Messaging
Youth Access to Mental Health Care & Services Webinar

Presenting at...

2023 Indiana Roundtable for Mental Health
Mental Health America of Indiana 2023 Conference
Public Health Day at the Indiana Statehouse
Indiana Society for Public Health Education Fall Conference
YRBS Data Walks at School Board Meetings
AHI Conference on Adolescent Health

Participating in...

Youth Day at the Statehouse
Black Youth Suicide Prevention Policy Academy
AFSP Suicide Prevention Community Walks
Job Shadowing Opportunities

And so much more to come!





Prioritizing Youth Engagement

These experiences encourage members to remain engaged and motivated in achieving their goals, highlighting how much youth's voice and input matter in the field of public health. Youth have a VITAL place in decision-making.

They not only have a seat at the table during important public health discussions but also witness the impact of their work firsthand.

