

**MORRIS COUNTY
YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
FACT SHEET**

MISSION: The YSAC is to serve as the mechanism to develop a responsive, accessible and integrated system of care for youth and young adults (ages 0-21 years) with special social/emotional needs and their families, as well as juveniles (0-18 years) charged or adjudicated delinquent. This should be achieved through the involvement of parents, consumers and child serving agencies. The YSAC will provide a forum where the system of services for children with special social/emotional needs can be developed, reviewed, revised and/or redirected through a collaborative decision-making process to promote optimal service provided in the least restrictive setting possible. YSAC will also provide the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the juvenile justice service system.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE/MEMBERSHIP: Members are appointed by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. YSAC should represent the entire child serving system such as mental health, child welfare, health, education, corrections, juvenile justice and developmental disabilities. The YSAC should also reflect the natural family supports such as community based organizations, churches, synagogues and family members and neighbors. They should also reflect a racial/ethnic balance of the target population. Every effort should be made to include this broad-based representation and the YSAC should be able to document how they have tried to achieve this goal.

FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY: The YSAC has the responsibility to develop funding recommendations that respond to the County of Morris youth behavioral health and juvenile justice system prevention, education and treatment needs. The funding sources are State/Community Partnership Grant, Family Court Grant, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) and County Grant-In-Aid. The Board recommends the allocation of funds to the Board of Chosen Freeholders via the Department of Human Services and the County Administrator. YSAC makes recommendations on a total of over \$660,000 in State and County funding annually.

MEETING TIMES: The YSAC meets on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at M.C. Department of Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor Conference Room, Morristown.