



**State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families**

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**Statewide Youth Advisory Board**

*Monthly Meeting*

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Minutes Details:**

**I. Welcome | Kyle Johnson – Youth Advisor, OCFW – DCF**

- a. Attendance – Youth/Young Adults: xx
  - i. *M. Funicello, E. DuRoss, B. Gory, Q. Peeples, S. Rose, R. Hurley, D. Smith, A. Cabrera*
- b. Attendance – Support Staff: xx
  - i. *Kyle Johnson, John Watson, Janessa Collins, Keona O’Neal-Givens, Venus Motley*
- c. Attendance – Other: xx
  - i. *Maria Peralta*
- d. Introductions & Icebreaker
  - i. *CrowdParty – “Over or Under”*

**II. Presentation | Overview of DCF Summit**

- a. Overview of scholarships for voting members
  - i. Additional interested members: B. Gory, D. Smith, A. Cabrerra
  - ii. Provided overview of costs included
- b. Overview of required vendor forms
- c. Overview of Summit activities
  - i. Requested members for Summit workshops
  - ii. Interested members:
    - 1. A. Cabrerra\*, M. Funicello\*
- d. Questions for Follow-Up
  - i. Question regarding scholarships from other youth organizations – Kyle to follow up with Maria from FYS
  - ii. Question as to when scholarship recipients will be identified – Kyle to reach out to CBC POCs to confirm

**III. Youth Advisory Board Bylaws**

- a. Provided overview of Youth Advisory Board bylaws development
  - i. Will be developed over future meetings
  - ii. Discussion around age range for voting members
  - iii. Request to have more open discussions to get different perspectives in future meetings
  - iv. Discussion around potential limitations for young adults receiving funding outside of Chafee eligibility

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**IV. Closing | Kyle Johnson – Youth Advisor, OCFW – DCF**

- a. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, from 5 PM – 7 PM via Zoom.
- i. During this next meeting, we will begin working on developing the structure and bylaws for the Statewide Youth Advisory Board.