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**Your future with INYaG**

**INDIANA YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

# What is Youth and Government?

## How does it work?

- Established in 1936 with the motto: "Democracy must be learned by each generation"
- A national program that involves 150,000 participants in state-organized, model-government programs.
- Indiana YMCA Youth and Government (INYaG) is a program of the Indiana Alliance of YMCAs with more than 100 Hoosier participants from 13 cities.

- Girls and boys from grades 7-12 meet in their local INYaG delegations throughout the school year for leadership development and to discuss issues that affect citizens of our state and to propose legislation.
- Participants select from fascinating, in-depth programs areas focusing on the Indiana legislature, judiciary, government administration and media. There's even a special program for middle school students.
- The program culminates with teens taking over the Indiana Statehouse serving as delegates during the annual Model Government Conference

Delegations come from:

- YMCAs – Local YMCAs serve as the conveners with INYaG-trained staff and volunteers facilitating delegation meetings
- Schools – Delegations are hosted by local school, usually as an afterschool club, with teachers as sponsors and advisers trained by INYaG
- Community-based organizations – Delegations are hosted and meetings are facilitated by community-based organizations like churches, community centers, clubs, etc.



# What do you do?

- Meet in your school or your community, gain an awareness of social issues and develop your own possible solutions
- Attend regional and statewide leadership development and mock government experiences
- Advocate for your positions by debating and voting on legislation you and your friends developed, or making oral arguments that you develop for the judiciary
- Have fun making friends and getting to know Indiana students who want to make a difference just like you do

# What do I get out of it?

- Learn about important issues and the legislative process
- Hear and respect varying viewpoints
- Develop networking communication skills
- Polish your public speaking and professional writing skills
- Enhance your resume with an impressive accomplishment
- Master the etiquette of lawmaking and the art of compromise
- Friends and experiences you'll cherish for years



# How do I get involved?

## Meet our teammates

- Ask your teachers and advisors to start an INYAG Delegation
- Contact the Indiana Alliance of YMCA's to find a Delegation near you
- Contact your local civic-minded community groups and ask them to start a Delegation
- Get ready to lead, learn, make friends and have fun

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