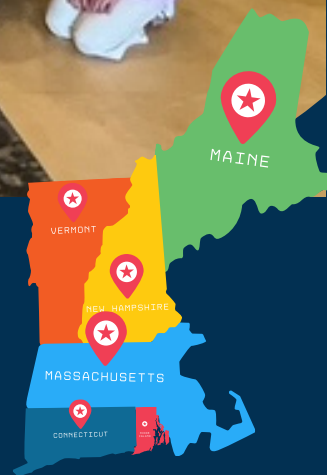




New England Youth Coalition

Youth with foster care experience and adult supporters who work together to improve the quality of life for youth involved with the foster care system through education, advocacy, and improvement of policy and practice.

REPRESENT YOUR STATE AT A REGIONAL LEVEL



Learn from other states

Develop your leadership and professional skills



Build peer connections

Youth earn a stipend for attending events



Influence child welfare policy

Advocate at a regional level



Questions? Talk to your adult supporter or email Shannon at neyouthcoalition@gmail.com or visit www.bakercenter.org/neyc

THE NEW ENGLAND YOUTH COALITION

FOUNDED IN 2008, NEYC CONSISTS OF CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND ADULT SUPPORTERS FROM ALL SIX NEW ENGLAND STATES.

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR YOUTH IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

OUR SUCCESSES

- Enactment of the Sibling Bill of Rights
- Enactment of the Normalcy Bill of Rights
- Development & Distribution of Normalcy Toolkit
- Representation at Regional and National Conferences

BECOMING A MEMBER

Members are selected by their home state to represent them regionally on monthly calls and bi-annual conferences

- **Youth Advocates:**
 - 16-23
 - Connected to their local YAB or have a leadership role in home state

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Enhance leadership & advocacy skills
- Build community of others with lived experience
- Peer support
- Opportunities for workgroups and committees
- Represent their state as a leader at a regional level

ADULT SUPPORTERS

- Assigned through their local state
- Recruit, prepare & support youth advocates
- Believe in youth-adult partnership
- Gain a community of peer professionals
- Learn what is happening in other state's child welfare agencies