

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD (YOAB)

ABOUT

The Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) is comprised of 16 City of Boulder resident high school students, ages 14 to 18. YOAB promotes the youth voice in the community, provides opportunities for city youth, and advises the municipal government on youth-related policies and issues. Board members represent many aspects of Boulder's youth community, are appointed by the City Manager and serve one-year renewable terms.

YOAB board members:

- Help allocate approximately \$130,000 annually to local youth programs through competitive grant processes
- Advise City Council, city departments, and local agencies on youth-related issues
- Implement community projects to help address youth needs
- Celebrate outstanding youth volunteers
- Promote the youth voice in Boulder
- Plan and run their own meetings

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/child-youth-family/youth-opportunities-advisory-board>

GROWING UP BOULDER

MISSION

Our mission is to empower Boulder's young people by offering opportunities for inclusion, influence and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives, with a special focus on children and youth from underrepresented populations.

ABOUT:

Growing Up Boulder (GUB) is a "child- and youth-friendly city initiative" that began in the spring of 2009 as a partnership between the Children, Youth and Environments Center at the University of Colorado, the City of Boulder, the Boulder Valley School District, former State Senator Dorothy Rupert, local nonprofits and businesses, and Boulder's children and youth. Child- and youth-friendly cities are locales in which children's rights are reflected in local policies, laws, programs and budgets. While Boulder already does much to support its children and youth, there is still work to be done.

GOALS:

- Give all GUB partners a voice in setting the direction of GUB projects.
- Make Boulder a more inclusive place for children and youth of all income levels, ethnicities, and abilities.
- Ensure meaningful opportunities for young people's participation in Boulder decision-making.
- Disseminate lessons learned from GUB to the community, such as Boulder-at-large, youth, academics, GUB partners, and other child- and youth-friendly communities.

<http://www.growingupboulder.org/>

