

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

What is Youth and Government?

The Indiana YMCA Model Legislature & Court is a statewide youth educational program involving eighth graders, high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, in a "hands on" experience.



The program has used a variety of activities to build, encourage, and strengthen those life assets and character traits that will help high school youth become involved, responsible adults who are decent and respected citizens. The tool used is a high quality experiential and educational simulation based upon Indiana's State government. The program is very comprehensive, and its impact on the youth participants is dramatic.

Youth and Government teaches the values of democracy by creating citizen leaders from a cross-section of the State's high school population, providing them with the opportunity to experience government first hand and to learn how to solve community problems through the democratic process. The program also helps develop within these youth an attitude of self-help and self-confidence for their personal futures.

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Mission: To ensure that leadership, democracy, and the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility are learned by each generation.