



SchoolHouse
Connection

STATE POLICY COP #5: YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY WORK

Thursday, October 14, 3:00 - 4:00PM

About SchoolHouse Connection

SchoolHouse Connection works to overcome homelessness through education. We provide strategic advocacy and practical assistance in partnership with schools, early childhood programs, institutions of higher education, service providers, families, and youth.



- Website:
<http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org>
- Newsletter:
<https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/sign-up/>
- Federal and state policy advocacy
- Q&A from our inbox
- Webinars and implementation tools
- Youth leadership and scholarships

**Please sign in on the virtual
whiteboard. 😊**

Why is it important to engage youth with lived experience?

- They are the experts on which policies we should be pursuing and how to approach them.
- They are the best advocates with legislators.
- They have invaluable perspectives, innovative ideas, and critical feedback.

If we want to improve our programs, policies, and practices, we must engage as many youth as we can, as often as we can.



SHC's Principles of Youth Engagement

- Written by our scholars and young leaders.
- 11 steps to ensure safe, respectful opportunities for authentic leadership and engagement.
- <https://bit.ly/3iCVJBY>



Youth Leadership in Advocacy Work:



Cece

UCLA
Sophomore;
Education
Advocate



Irene

BSW TX State;
Entrepreneur;
Peer Leader



Roxana

FIU Student
Leader;
Legislative Aid

Questions?

Please type them in the chat.



Next Community of Practice:

End of Year Review:

**2021 Highlights in federal and state policy
on youth homelessness**

November 10, 2:00 - 3:30

Register today! <https://bit.ly/3AkHQhE>

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