



## Youth Leadership Advisory Team

Maine's YLAT is a dynamic group of young people from foster care and adult partners who are working to improve outcomes for all youth in foster care by improving the child welfare system and creating resources for youth.

In 2008 YLAT was a finalist in the Innovations in American Government Awards vying for the Annie E. Casey Innovations Award in Child and Family Systems Reform.

## What do we do?

YLAT members help to educate the community about the needs and challenges of youth in foster care!

YLAT advocates for positive changes within the child welfare system on local, state, and national levels!

YLAT is committed to creating comfort, safety and opportunity for all youth in foster care!

**...And we have FUN doing it!!**

YLAT is a youth & adult partnership committed to improving the short-term experiences and long term outcomes for youth who are or have been in foster care.

## It's Youth Driven!

[www.ylat.org](http://www.ylat.org)      [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)  
1-877-792-YLAT  
780-5845

## You're invited to join YLAT!!

If you are 14 or older and (choose any that apply):

- Currently in foster care
- Aged out of foster care
- Reunified with your family
- Adopted out of foster care
- Live in a kinship placement

OR

If you are an adult who is committed to partnering with youth while sharing resources & experience that support youth leadership capacity.

## Stuff We've Done!

**Answers Handbook  
Camp To Belong Maine  
Sibling Policy & Law  
Driver Education Policy  
Youth Bill Of Rights  
Tuition Waiver Law  
Annual Teen Conference  
Youth Leadership Summit  
Permanency Summit  
Local, State &  
National Conference Presentations**

## Contact Us!

*For more information about how you can be involved:*

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