



COMMITTEE MEMBER OPPORTUNITY
Lived Experience Advisory Committee Member
Youth Representative

POSITION: Lived Experience Advisory Committee Member, Youth Representative.

LOCATION: Currently virtual (on the Microsoft Teams meeting platform) but will transition to in-person meetings in the future.

SCHEDULE: Approximately 2-3 hours per month (additional opportunities for increased participation may be available) to be served within standard business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, for a two-year term, with the opportunity to serve additional terms as desired.

COMPENSATION: \$25 per hour (compensation to be initially provided in the form of Visa gift cards while plans to provide compensation in other forms is finalized).

SUMMARY:

The Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC), established by the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, is an advisory body to the Orange County CoC Board and exists to provide and include community-level feedback from individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness in the CoC's efforts to address homelessness in Orange County.

The LEAC is intended to ensure that the voices and perspectives of individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness are heard and considered in the decision-making process of the CoC Board. This includes, creating working relationships with individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness on policies, procedures, and standards development and input on improving the quality and types of services provided. The LEAC also provides a mechanism to share recommendations and feedback on the CoC and its programs and services. The LEAC may be called on to collaborate with and/or support other CoC Committees for the purposes of evaluation and systems improvement.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

As part of the LEAC, you will:

- Assist in the assessment of Orange County's CoC and its ability to effectively support and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Inform changes in the practices, policies, and processes in the homeless service system that may be creating barriers or challenges for people experiencing homelessness.
- Serve as a liaison between the LEAC and other local community partners and stakeholders, including community members with current and/or recent lived experience of homelessness.
- Ensure timely and consistent attendance at LEAC meetings.
- Actively participate in trainings and working meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL:

Meetings of the LEAC are currently being held virtually through Microsoft Teams, which can be accessed

via computer and/or phone application. It may also be possible to access virtual meetings by utilizing office space with one of the local community providers. Meetings of the LEAC may transition to being held in-person, similar to CoC Board and other CoC Committee meetings. The Office of Care Coordination will work to provide support with transportation (specific methods to be determined).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A young person ages 18 to 24 with current or past lived experience of homelessness in Orange County.
- A willingness to self-identify as having an experience of homelessness.
- A passion for advocacy work and centering on the experiences of those most impacted by homelessness to inform programs, policies, and practices within the Orange County CoC.
- A desire to work with various stakeholders of the Orange County CoC.
- Willingness to offer constructive feedback and recommendations on CoC-related programs, policies, and processes.
- A commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in homeless service programs and processes.
- A commitment to teamwork and an ability to participate in a collaborative learning and working environment.
- An ability to engage with diverse opinions and perspectives.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are interested in applying, please complete the LEAC Youth Representative Interest Form via SurveyMonkey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthInterestForm>. The Office of Care Coordination will prioritize Interest Forms received by Friday, April 5, 2024, but will connect with additional interested youth on a rolling basis until the position is filled. If you have any questions, please email the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com with the subject line “Lived Experience Advisory Committee”.

We value your expertise and hope that you will partner with us to create a more equitable system that ensures all those who are impacted by homelessness have a safe, stable place to live with opportunities and the support necessary to thrive.

Thank you!