

# KIDS COUNT STATE REPORT STORY COLLECTION

## STORY COLLECTION OPPORTUNITY

YWCA wants to elevate our stakeholders' experiences and feature their stories in our upcoming 2023 Illinois KIDS COUNT State Report that will be released on June 14th. We aim to feature 5 stories/people on timely policy topics that center our stakeholders' experiences. All selected participants will be compensated \$100 for their time and sharing of their stories.

## STORY COLLECTION TOPICS

- Economic impacts from the pandemic on youth, families, and immigrants
- Barriers to employment, housing, and education
- Childcare providers/families
- Youth mental health

## PARTICIPATION LOGISTICS

- Selected participants will be asked to sign a consent form to share their story in the policy brief.
- A virtual or in-person 30-minute interview will be scheduled and will include three open-ended questions on the story topic. All interviews will be recorded for transcription purposes only.
- Excerpts from the interview will be included in the 2023 Illinois KIDS COUNT State Report in story format.

## COMPENSTATION

All selected participants will be compensated \$100 for their time and sharing of their story. Compensation will be in the form of an immediate response card, or pre-loaded debt card provided after the interview.

## NEXT STEPS

If you would like to share your story and participate in this opportunity please email Cassie Davis, Manager, Data and Research at [cassie.davis@ywcachicago.org](mailto:cassie.davis@ywcachicago.org) by **Monday, February 6th.**