



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER SUPPORTER!  
STATEWIDE \* YOUTH-LED \* NON PROFIT**

**ARE YOU READY TO JOIN CYC AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOSTER AND PROBATION YOUTH WITH MAKING POLICY, LEGISLATIVE, AND PRACTICE CHANGE IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM?**

**CYC MEMBERS RELY ON VOLUNTEER SUPPORTERS TO HELP THEM HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES TO THE SYSTEMS THAT IMPACT THEIR LIVES.**

**WHAT IS THE ROLE AS AN ADULT IN A YOUTH-LED ORGANIZATION?**

CYC IS BASED ON A MODEL OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, HOWEVER, ADULT VOLUNTEERS, OR SUPPORTERS, ARE CRITICAL TO ITS SUCCESS. EACH CHAPTER MUST HAVE SUPPORTERS WHO WORK WITH THE YOUTH TO LEARN THE IMPORTANT SKILLS THEY NEED TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION, HELP THEM DEFINE AND WORK ON ISSUES, ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS, AND SUPERVISE YOUTH WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO STATEWIDE CONFERENCES OR SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS.

CYC IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE ABOUT FOSTER YOUTH, HAVE AN INTEREST IN ASSISTING FOSTER YOUTH TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL SKILLS, CAN EMBRACE A "YOUTH-LED" PHILOSOPHY AND ARE INTERESTED IN BRINGING THE NEEDS AND ISSUES OF FOSTER YOUTH TO THE FOREFRONT. SUPPORTERS CAN BE ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVES OR WORKS IN A COUNTY WITH A CYC CHAPTER AND IS PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FOSTER CARE REFORM. **SUPPORTERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF CYC CHAPTERS. THE GOAL OF SUPPORTERS IS TO HELP YOUTH MEMBERS LEARN THE SKILLS NEEDED TO LEAD AND RUN THEIR OWN CHAPTER MEETINGS AND EVENTS, AND ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE.**

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# **CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION**

**\*CYC SUPPORTERS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP MEMBERS PROBLEM SOLVE BARRIERS TO ATTENDING MEETINGS BY PROVIDING RIDE SUPPORT WHEN AVAILABLE**

**\*ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO STEP UP INTO NEW ROLES. HELP THEM OVERCOME FEARS OR CHALLENGES TO TAKING ON NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES**

**\*PAY ATTENTION TO DYNAMICS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHAPTER, WORK WITH THEM TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES**

**\*CONNECT WITH MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF CHAPTER MEETINGS TO FOLLOW UP ON TASKS AND TO BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY**

**IN CYC, SUPPORTERS PLAY A TRULY UNIQUE ROLE. SUPPORTERS ARE PEOPLE WHO:**

**\*CAN RELATE TO YOUTH**

**\*ARE WILLING TO LET YOUTH LEARN FROM THEIR OWN MISTAKES**

**\*ARE ABLE TO GUIDE, COACH AND ADVISE YOUTH WHILE REFRAINING FROM TAKING CONTROL**

**\*ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND WILLING TO HELP YOUTH MAKE A CHANGE**

**ALL SUPPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND BACKGROUND CHECK, PASS AN INTERVIEW WITH MEMBERS FROM THE CHAPTER AND ATTEND A DAY LONG SUPPORTER CERTIFICATION TRAINING.**

**GET INVOLVED WITH CYC! WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORTERS (WHO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS), CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS (THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS THAT MAY SUPPORT A CHAPTER BY PROVIDING A MEETING SPACE OR FOOD FOR MEETINGS), EVENT VOLUNTEERS AND INDIVIDUALS WANTING TO JOIN OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. CYC WELCOMES INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND VALUES. PLEASE CONTACT OUR BAY AREA REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
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