

YMCA NC YOUTH & GOVERNMENT YOUTH LEGISLATURE RESOURCE GUIDE

This handbook contains information on delegation organization and student preparation for the YMCA NC Youth Legislature Session. There are some passing references to all Youth & Government programs, to help you see how the Youth Legislature is led and governed, as well as how it fits into the overall Youth & Government family of programs.

The materials are designed for easy use by busy adult and student leadership and consist of three parts:

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Program Development & Management is geared toward Delegation Directors and students in delegation leadership positions. The student/advisor team will find a host of resources to manage “backroom” function and to build a strong delegation structure.

Participation Manuals are designed to be pulled out, copied and distributed to the target audience (Advisors, Families or Delegates). The participation manuals will help those who are new to the Youth Legislature get a sense of what YAG is all about and will provide deeper understanding for veterans.

Program Area Resources are also meant to be copied and distributed to delegates, IN ADDITION to the Delegate Handbook (and are great information for Advisors, too). *Program Area Resource Packets should be given to each delegate BEFORE the District Meetings – the bulk of student program preparation will be driven by this information!*

We hope this resource manual will serve as a significant aid and valuable resource for all adults. Should you have any questions, find a situation that is not covered by this Guide or just want to talk through a particular situation, please call the State Office – at any time. We are here to help!

Youth & Government and its programs could not exist without the expertise and enthusiasm of volunteers and YMCA staff! Thank you for your efforts, your vision and your commitment to helping build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

A note about terms in this guide

- “Youth & Government” is used as the collective title for the family of programs consisting of the YMCA NC Youth Legislature, YMCA NC Middle School United Nations, National Affairs and the various leadership retreats and trainings conducted by the State Office. Some people use the term “Youth & Government” synonymously (and interchangeably) with the Youth Legislature Session only. Please note that materials from the State Office use the first description (the collective use).
- Any reference to “Advisors” in this handbook refers to all adults involved in Youth & Government programs. “Delegation Directors” refers specifically to the one adult advisor who is in charge of a local delegation.

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