

# DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CHILD WELFARE?



The Florida Institute for Child Welfare is offering support to individuals with lived experience in the child welfare system to advocate to professionals involved in decision making in Florida.

The Institute seeks to raise the power, position, and platform of young people, defined as ages 14-25, and adults who have experience in the child welfare system.

The Institute can provide advocacy networking connections on relevant issues and will support this effort at \$1000 for the cost of travel and time to Children's Week or a similar event in Tallahassee.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Florida residents who are:

- a) a youth, ages 14 to 25, who has been or is currently in foster care or non-relative care, or who has or is experiencing homelessness.
- b) A parent or guardian currently involved in the system or exited the child welfare system within the past 24 months. This includes foster parents, relative and non-relative caregivers, who have had a child placed with them in the last 24 months.

**Applications must be completed and submitted by January 29, 2024.** Selected awardees will be notified by February. Up to five applicants will be selected.

For more information including application instructions, please visit [bit.ly/FICW-ADVOCACY](https://bit.ly/FICW-ADVOCACY)



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