



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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**Re: Informative - Youth Invited to Apply to DOH's Youth Advisory Council**

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are providing information about Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH)'s [Youth Advisory Council \(YAC\)](#), and are pleased to invite Native youth ages 13-22 to apply to the 2026-2027 cohort.

The YAC is a community engagement group of youth from around the state who help the Adolescent and Young Adult Health Unit ensure our [public health projects](#) are relevant to the people we serve. We previously informed you of the YAC recruitment in [October 2023](#).

Applications will be open from April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026. You may find more information and all application details on [our WA Portal page](#). Please share widely.

For additional information, please contact Nicole Casanova, Youth Engagement Coordinator at [nicole.casanova@doh.wa.gov](mailto:nicole.casanova@doh.wa.gov) or 564-669-1519; or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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