



WHAT IS THE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM?

Who is ACY?

Advocates for Children and Youth is a nonpartisan nonprofit in Maryland that works to improve the lives and experiences of Maryland's children and youth by advancing policies and programs across multiple issue areas that tackle racial disparities and improve outcomes to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

ACY is launching an equitable and inclusive Community Engagement Framework that will advance policies and programs across multiple issue areas. Advocacy is best if made in partnership with the people they affect and equitable community engagement as a cornerstone to its practice. We recognize that the youth in this state, former and current system involved people, the faith based community, and scholars matriculating in Maryland Universities have the skills, experiences, and knowledge that are vital to developing robust advocacy that meets the needs of this state.

ACY seeks to include the ideas and perspectives of diverse populations in its advocacy. In doing so, we strive to design high quality curriculum for participating individuals and facilitate a robust year long program that builds leadership capacity as well as creates a path for youth to advocacy.

Learn more at www.acy.org or [@MarylandACY](https://twitter.com/MarylandACY).

What is the Emerging Leaders Program?

This intensive internship program is designed to train select college and university students in Maryland interested in furthering their leadership and advocacy skills. This program will focus on Juvenile Justice, Education, and Child Welfare system structures and trends. Participants will learn about effective public policy advocacy, restorative practices, organizing techniques, and receive mentoring by current professionals advancing meaningful system reforms.

Participants will organize community events, educate the public through forums and PSAs, and advocate for policy to achieve statewide youth justice, child welfare, and education reform. All expected participants will be expected to dedicate 8 hours per week September- April.

Apply for the Emerging Leaders Program!

- Complete the Emerging Leaders Application (<https://form.jotform.com/YouthEngagement/sample-scholarship-application-form>)

Application questions please contact: Dr. Charles Adams, cadams@bowiestate.edu

Program questions please contact: Ashley DeVaughn, adevaughn@acy.org

Qualities Needed

- Passion for Racial Equity and improving outcomes for children and youth
- Willingness to learn
- Hardworking self-starter
- Experience as a Youth Leader or interest in advocacy