WHO WE ARE

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH UNITED

We are a dynamic grassroots movement of young people from diverse backgrounds who speak up, step up, stand up and organize. We represent Opportunity Youth, facilitate discussions, and support civic engagement at national and local events.

OUR VISION, MISSION AND IMPACT

Our vision is a society with opportunity and responsibility, love and respect, education and employment, justice and equality for all. We envision a nation where all young people can reach their highest potential and noblest aspirations in the context of safe, supportive, and healthy communities.

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NCYL & CATS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG LEADERS

The National Council of Young Leaders is Opportunity Youth United’s steering committee.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS

19 local coalitions of young leaders and youth-serving organizations that uplift their voices in the political process and mobilize locally to create community improvement projects of their own design.
WHAT WE KNOW

In the United States, more than 4.6 million young people 16 - 24 are neither in school nor employed and about half of us are living in poverty.

WHAT WE DO

SPEAK UP

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ADVOCATE

We are actively involved in various national and local campaigns to increase access to opportunity and decrease poverty.

STRENGTHEN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

OYU is committed to fostering a culture of civic engagement that starts with registering to vote and showing up at the polls every year, and includes staying informed and active in all areas of civic life.

BUILD UNITY

OYUnited is intentionally diverse; we reflect the diversity of low-income people in America. We believe in the sacred value and inherent goodness of every human being, and aim to bring people of all backgrounds together to create a society that values everyone. We support campaigns that embrace diversity, that understand racial equity, racial healing and unity across racial lines and all barriers that threaten to separate people.

ORGANIZE

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