



**Caucus Goals:**

- provide an opportunity for youth to bring their own voice and experiences to the table,
- examine the information gathered from across the state,
- explore the issues and,
- create a series of recommendations that will be presented to the Commission.

**Caucus Agenda:**

The Caucus began mid-day Friday and ended mid-day Sunday. During that timeframe, 18 youth and 6 adult contacts worked through the following agenda to develop recommendations for the Commission. Six commissioners met with youth on Saturday, July 10. Commissioners participated in small group discussions with youth. Each group discussed and problem-solved around one of the five focus areas being addressed by the Commission. Following those discussions, youth drafted specific recommendations that will be presented at the Commission meeting on July 27.

**Stage 1: Setting the Stage –**

- Brief history of the commission
- Developing common language/understanding of OST
- Team building & developing relationships
  - low initiatives and climbing wall

**Stage 2: Here's What We Know –**

- What Youth Voices have said
  - recognizing our differences and commonalities
  - review youth voices of surveys and focus groups
  - identify messages from interviews youth conducted
- Bringing information together

**Stage 3: Moving It Forward –**

- Create a common "big picture" of focus areas
- Identify what we heard in each focus area

**Stage 4: Breaking it Down – Discussion with Commissioners**

- Small groups (1 commissioner/4 youth) break down what we've heard in each area
- Vision, problem-solve, strategize

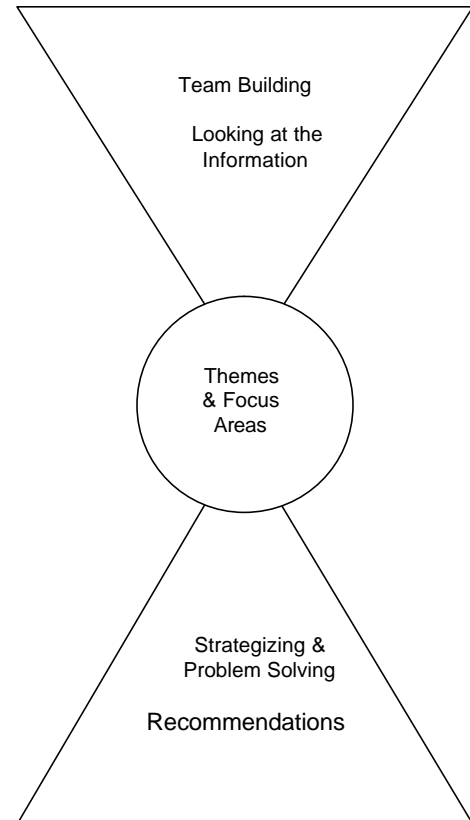
**Stage 5: Generating Recommendations –**

- Understand what policies and recommendations are
- Craft and draft policy recommendations by focus group
- Convene as large group, present focus group recommendations, consolidate and come to consensus on final recommendations

**Stage 6: Report at Commissioner's meeting –**

- Selected group of participants prepare presentation

**Stage 7: Present recommendations and implementation/action steps at Commission meeting July 27**



## Minnesota Youth Caucus on Out-of-School Time Participants

### Youth Participants:

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Charie Gill, North Minneapolis  
Brandy Hyatt, South Minneapolis  
Shallonda Jackson, North Minneapolis  
Thomas Johnson, Duluth  
Madeline Jones, Minnetonka  
Nicholas King, Duluth  
Sarah Mattison, Thief River Falls  
Ernest Mendoza, South Minneapolis

Shannon Mikrut, New Brighton  
Maggie Nelson, Minnetonka  
Malinn Pate, Shoreview  
Mariahma Presley-Ellis, St. Paul  
Jamie Torgrimson, Duluth  
Mai Cha Vang, St. Paul  
Brandon Walter, Lyle  
Via Yang, St. Paul

### Adult Participants:

Faye Auchenpaugh, Northwest Services Cooperative, Thief River Falls  
Sherry Boyce, CYD Regional Extension Educator, Cloquet  
Matt Kjorstad, Minneapolis Beacons Project, Minneapolis  
Jenny Lannon, Americorps, Duluth  
Vernon Myers II, U of M Graduate Student, Minneapolis  
Vidya Rao, The Depot, Hopkins  
Nou Yang, Wilder Foundation, St. Paul



### Caucus Staff

Andrea Jasken Baker, Caucus  
Coordinator and Facilitator  
David Moen, Caucus Director

### Additional Regional Recruitment Contacts

John Gwinn, Phillips Community  
Television  
Tim Gusk, Northwest Youth &  
Family Services, Shoreview  
Fran Hesch, The Depot,  
Hopkins  
Ann Walter, Extension  
Educator, Albert Lea

### Commission Members and Staff Attending

Dale Blyth, Center for 4-H Youth Development  
Delroy Calhoun, Bethlehem Community Center  
Andrea Platt Dwyer, Camp Fire USA Minnesota Council  
Les Heitke, Mayor of Willmar  
Ann Lochner, Minnesota Commission on Out-of-School Time  
Harold Mezile, Jr., President and CEO of YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis  
Valerie Halverson Pace, IBM Corporate Community Relations  
Carol B. Truesdell, Minnesota Commission on Out-of-School Time