

FAQ for Parents



What is YOU(th) Decide?

YOU(th) Decide NY was developed to help teenaged youth understand the realities and the potential consequences of gambling, and to empower them to share their knowledge with their peers, parents and communities. This project is run in partnership with the New York Council on Problem Gambling.

Is my child eligible to volunteer for YOU(th) Decide?

Any youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who lives in New York State can volunteer for this project.

Why should I volunteer with YOU(th) Decide?

YOU(th) Decide volunteers will gain experience in advocacy and policy work, develop their leadership skills, and make a difference in their community. Volunteers will also be able to use the hours they spend volunteering to fulfill requirements set by their classes and honor society. All of this will also help to build their college application.

What will my child be asked to do as a volunteer?

- Learn about underage gambling and how it can have negative consequences for youth (we'll help them with this part!)
- Ask a parent, guardian, or other adult in his/her life to be on their team (maybe you?)
- Meet with a community leader (coach, faith leader, director of the youth center, you name it...) to educate them about underage gambling
- ASK him/her to sign a resolution of support for underage gambling prevention and/or a gambling-free event policy

How can I help?

- Sign their volunteer form
- Join his/her team

Who can I contact to find out more information?

[INSERT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE'S CONTACT INFORMATION HERE]