

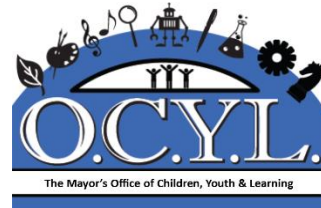


Mayor's Office Children, Youth and Learning

Grades 7 - 12



Where teens are empowered to take charge of their future.



Cumberland Youth Commission

The Cumberland Youth Commission is a youth driven, civic-engagement program providing meaningful opportunities for young people to serve others, to influence decisions, and to gain leadership and work experiences. It's where youth can realize their ability to make a difference in their community! A great continuation for those who participated in the summer's Leadership Academy and enjoyed the service learning projects.

Teens and adults are welcome to attend. Share a concern, an idea, or seek consultation on topics that youth voice could positively impact! Please call Sue Varela, the Youth Commission Advisor, at 401-475-0929 x5 or email svarela.ocyl@gmail.com to request a line item on the Youth Commission's agenda.

Service Learning and Volunteer Opportunities

Service learning opportunities are available within our Creation Lab, Design Time!, and Coding Club programs.

Share your passion for art or science and engineering! Or maybe you want to test your interest in becoming a teacher. Apply to assist the teacher in working with elementary or middle school students. These are 6- 8 week (15-18 hours) commitments. If interested, call 401-475-0929 x5.

Additional opportunities arise throughout the year. Submit a volunteer application and we'll contact you when they come up.

Projects of the Cumberland Youth Commission...



Youth Commission's Annual Home Heating Assistance Project

The Cumberland Youth Commission is a civic engagement program of the OCYL. This youth driven group is dedicated to giving the teens of Cumberland a voice and chance to better their community. Each year the commission has organized a Home Heating Project in order raise funds for families in need of help to heat their homes. Over the past ten years, the commission has raised over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for heating assistance and helped over



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50 Cumberland families. For more information about our program, contact the OCYL at (401) 475-0929.

Applications are now available and can be printed from the Update Tab. They can also be picked up early in November at the OCYL, the Town Hall, the Cumberland Library, and the Cumberland Housing Authority. To donate, look for our donation cans in local businesses or contact the OCYL.

Each year the current Commissioners decide how they would like to raise money for this cause. Often, they hold one-day events like a "Dance-a-Thon" or a "Hats for Heat" day in the local schools, place donation cans in local businesses, asking individuals to collect their pocket change in little carton houses.



Mental Health Awareness Project. This is a new project for this year. The Commissioners recognize that mental health is a huge issue among their peers and are in the process of determining how they can best impact the issue. As details become available, we will post them here.



Animal Shelter Assistance Project. This is also a new project for this year. A group of Commissioners have a heart for pets and are in the planning phase of a pet supplies collection event and considering other ways they could have an impact.