

Each Area in Rotary District 7570 should have a Youth Advocate identified by July 1 of the Rotary year. A Youth Advocate's key responsibility is to assist the Area Governor (AG) with creating a safe and nurturing culture for the young people our clubs work with. They should form a good working relationship with the Club Presidents in their Area. If possible, the Youth Advocate will attend the Youth portion of the President-Elect Learning Session (PELS), District Team Training (DTTS), and Club Team Training (CTT). They should also attend the AG meetings with the club presidents.

Advocates are identified by the AG as a Rotarian who has been active in youth programs. They are approved by the District Governor-Elect before the year begins. They work closely with the District Youth Services Chair. They are appointed each Rotary year but may serve multiple years in this role.

### **DUTIES, include but not limited to:**

- Help area clubs recruit for RYLA events by communicating directly with Interact clubs and/or Rotary clubs
- Create a relationship with club Youth Services chairs in your area
- Assist clubs to grow their youth club membership by providing advice, materials, and opportunities to collaborate
- Offer to meet with or present to area Rotary clubs about youth programs, such as starting a new Interact or Early Act club
- Help clubs recruit Interact members to attend District Conference by communicating directly with area Interact clubs and/or Rotary clubs
- Understand the District's Youth Protection Policy and be able to explain the importance of it
- Ensure that all area members who work directly with young people are properly vetted
- Promote the Youth Exchange program to encourage clubs to host inbound students and recruit outbound students
- Know what is contained in the Gold Club and Club Excellence Award (Rotary Citation) criteria pertaining to youth
- Participate in RYLA
- Attend regular Zoom meetings with District Youth Services Chair and other Youth Advocates
- Be an active member of the District's Youth Services committee
- Support the District by regularly attending the District Conference
- Complete the courses in the RI Learning Center that pertain to Youth Services

### **YOUTH RESOURCES:**

[RIZONES33-34.ORG](https://www.rizoness33-34.org)  
[RI LEARNING CENTER](#)