

MEYAC Needs Assessment 2026

The Monroe-Erie Youth Advisory Council is seeking your input on the major issues facing youth in Monroe County.

1. Which grade are you in?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12

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2. Please check the 5 most important issues you think youth (ages 12-19) are facing today

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Alcohol and drug abuse
- ☐ Bullying (personal threats, gossiping, harassment, cyber bullying, etc.)
- ☐ Cliques/Peer Pressure
- ☐ Suicide/Loss
- ☐ Mental Health (anxiety/depression/other mental health)
- ☐ Grief
- ☐ Physical Health issues
- ☐ Discrimination (race, gender, sexuality, appearance, health status, religion, etc.)
- ☐ Distracted Driving
- ☐ Family issues (divorce, abuse, finances, etc.)
- ☐ Lack of activities outside of school (extracurriculars)
- ☐ School threats
- ☐ Self-esteem/Respect for yourself and others
- ☐ Sexual assault (rape, date rape, sexual harassment)
- ☐ Smoking/vaping
- ☐ Stress/school pressure/peer pressure
- ☐ Teen crime (shoplifting, vandalism, etc.)
- ☐ Teen sexual activity or pressure
- ☐ Technology misuse, including AI misuse and/or bots
- ☐ Poverty
- ☐ Food scarcity
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ Abuse (verbal, physical, mental)
- ☐ Lack of academic opportunities (tutoring, advanced courses, careers-courses)
- ☐ Fighting
- ☐ School Security
- ☐ Other: _____

3. The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) provides money to support youth programs and activities. Which program areas do you think the YAC should fund? Check your top 5.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ AI education
- ☐ After school recreation/social activities
- ☐ Career technology opportunities
- ☐ Community youth organizations (4H, scouts, etc)
- ☐ Counseling services
- ☐ Food programs
- ☐ Health programs
- ☐ Information about educational opportunities
- ☐ Job development and career-building opportunities (resume building, interview skills)
- ☐ Leadership activities
- ☐ Mentoring programs
- ☐ Personal interest programs (art, music, fitness, theater, literacy, etc)
- ☐ School-related clubs
- ☐ Society restoration of some type (cleanups, painting, etc)
- ☐ Transportation services
- ☐ Tutoring programs
- ☐ Volunteer programs (finding opportunities)
- ☐ Other: _____

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