

EVERYBODY HAS A  
VOICE...EVERYBODY HAS A  
STORY  
FAYETTE COUNTY YOUTH M.O.V.E.



# Fayette County Chapter of Youth M.O.V.E. National

- ▶ Fayette County Youth M.O.V.E. started in 2010 as the Fayette County Youth Advisory Council.
- ▶ Shortly after completing a Staunton Farms Grant to help fund the group, we realized we would need more support in developing this “youth driven” group.
- ▶ We completed an application for Youth M.O.V.E. National in 2011. We started as a Chapter in 2012.
- ▶ Our chapter is open to youth 14-29 years of age. Once a member always a member, if you are a part of the group at the age of 29 you become an adult mentor and can always be apart of Fayette Youth M.O.V.E. projects.
- ▶ Over the past couple years we have opened our group up to any youth that has a story to tell and a life experience to share.
- ▶ Working on projects around, Newsletter development, social media, community support/partnerships, and “What Helps/What Harms”

# Learning Objectives

- ▶ Participants will develop an understanding of how the decisions made by the youth presenters' affected them, their friends and family.
- ▶ Participants will understand the process of sharing one's story to help support peers and foster professional growth.
- ▶ Participants will learn how to better support and identify youth with life challenges and thoughts of self-harm.

## Everybody has a Voice...

- ▶ This video project blossomed in 2014 with the idea of our then Youth Support Partner.
- ▶ The idea was to reach out into social media and help youth feel comfortable in sharing their stories.
- ▶ Many brainstorming sessions took place and with one youth member stepping forward and completing her own video for the project introduced new challenges.
- ▶ The idea was to tell the youth's stories and to help other youth know that they are not alone in what they are experiencing.

# Everybody has a Story

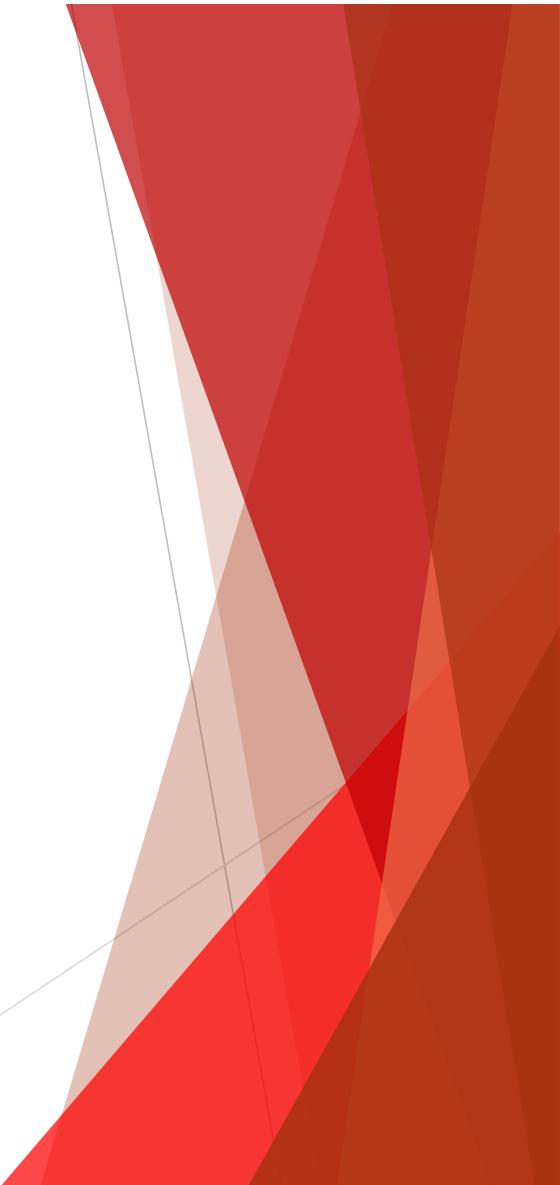
- ▶ We know we needed to find a more confidential way of sharing. We reached out to Youth M.O.V.E. National to provide some guidance.
- ▶ After we figured out how we were going to do the videos... we started to work on storyboards for each youth telling their story.
- ▶ We wanted this to be something they were proud of!
- ▶ Once funding was accessed... a videographer was chosen.
- ▶ We worked with each youth to make sure they were apart of the video process as much as possible.
- ▶ The youth actors were great and just had fun with the process.

# What we have learned

- ▶ Take your time, make sure your youth are involved as much as possible in the project.
- ▶ Work with each youth individually to prepare them on sharing their story.  
Strategic Sharing Workbook through Pathways RTC
- ▶ Make sure that each youth feel safe and protected.
- ▶ Assess their overall natural and professional resources, make sure they feel supported

Questions???

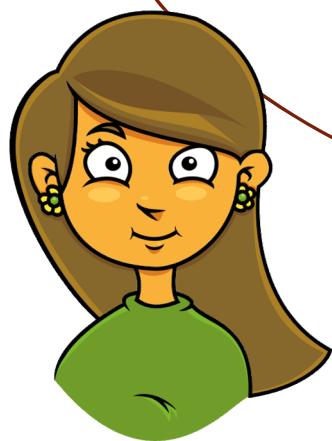
# Nate Zach's Story!



# Questions???

Time for another video????

## Danielle said...



Fayette Youth MOVE's digital media project: my experience. Members of Fayette Youth MOVE recently created videos to raise awareness of issues that we as youth face everyday. I can truly say that the experience was 100% amazing! I learned so much from my peers and I'm hoping they feel as though they learned something too! Our stories are personal and express things that we've been through, which we may not have felt comfortable sharing before. The videos are completely anonymous and actors are used to portray the individuals whose stories are being told. I loved working with the producers. I felt safe knowing they are professionals and I was confident they would do a good job. Also, getting together with everyone involved was fun! I can say that along with learning about their lives and sharing about mine, friendships were formed and strengthened. Thanks To everyone who made these videos possible! - Youth MOVE member and storyteller, Danielle



"Life has taken so much  
from me, but I'm grateful  
for what I was able to  
have. Even if it was for a  
short time."

Angie Cartwright

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