

*Our mission:  
Our mission as advocates for the youth in Florida is to Empower, Improve, Educate, & support the growth of tomorrow's leaders through the combined knowledge & experience of today's youth and supporters*

# Florida Youth SHINE

***Changing the culture of Florida's foster care system.***



## Why join Florida Youth Shine

- ❖ You will join a community of other strong, supportive current and former Foster Youth.
- ❖ You will receive training, and experience to become a leader.
- ❖ You will teach others about foster youth.
- ❖ You bring your life experience and passion, and Florida Youth Shine will give you the support and opportunities to advocate and make real change for other foster youth.
- ❖ You will help promote a positive image for foster youth.

## ***To get involved with Florida Youth Shine in Fort Myers***

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**Check us out online at [www.floridaschildrenfirst.org](http://www.floridaschildrenfirst.org)**

## Membership Information!

### Who makes a great Florida Youth Shine Member?

Any current or former foster youth between the ages of 13 and 27 that:

- ❖ Wants to make changes in the foster care system for other youth.
- ❖ Has an open mind and desire to learn.
- ❖ Is respectful of all other members.
- ❖ Learns how to tell their story to decision makers and give their ideas for other youth.
- ❖ Helps identify problems in the system and come up with solutions.