

Mayor's Youth Development Advisory Council - Mission Statement

The **Youth Development Advisory Committee (YDAC)** advises the Mayor and the City Council by developing policy and programmatic recommendations to ensure that all youth within the City of Salisbury receive the support that they need to thrive in every aspect of life. This includes, but is not limited to, their social, mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health. The YDAC will collaboratively develop annual goals and strategies that work to address chronic issues related to youth development within our community and promote sustainable solutions that will help each young person achieve their fullest potential.

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The **Mayor's Youth Development Advisory Council** is oriented into three subcommittees, including:

- **College, Career, and Life Readiness** – This committee is charged with developing plans that emphasize youth preparedness for college, entrance into the workforce, and cultivating core life skills (i.e. driver's education, financial literacy, home economics, etc.). This committee oversees discussions related to, but by no means limited to, K-16 education, after-school programming, career readiness, and workforce development.
- **Emotional and Mental Wellness** – This committee is responsible for developing strategies to combat substance abuse and mental health issues. Additionally, the committee will work to establish collaborative networks that facilitate emotional fitness, effective mentoring programs, and ultimately help civically marginalized youth develop a strong sense of family, love, and support.
- **Physical and Creative Development** – This committee is charged with creating programmatic recommendations to expand athletic and recreational opportunities for our youth in addition to bolstering creative extra-curricular activity offerings. This committee will also discuss issues related to childhood hunger, sustainable food options (community gardens, etc.), and physical health and wellness.

"To help our youth, especially those most in need, develop their fullest potential in mind, spirit and body"