Over the past several years Legal Aid of WV (LAWV) has worked to develop a program that would meet the needs of youth and now we have succeeded. We are happy to share Youth M.O.V.E. WV, which is a youth network that is facilitated by LAWV and its Family Advocacy, Support and Training (FAST) program. We have created a website, www.youthMOVEwv.com that allows youth to interact with peers, voice opinions, and join or create groups of their choice. To date, we have 150+ registered users!

How does this help you as a professional partner? All youth have the opportunity to join as Youth Representatives while adults can join as a Youth Supporter.

By joining this network, you join a central access point to youth. This allows any professional partner to take advantage of the online tools we offer through the website.

Partners can now create groups and seek out youth to gather input from them by using our website. Groups can be public or private and have the tools to share upcoming events, announcements, share discussion threads, and engage with other partners to strengthen the youth voice. We can also design and launch any type of survey or questionnaire to gather youth input. All data feeds into our secure server and we work with our partners to get them the data they are seeking. We encourage all community providers and partners to join our network and join the movement in strengthening the youth voice.

We have also served nearly 1500 youth over the last few years though the facilitation of focus groups. These groups are designed through collaboration with our community partners and we facilitate them by using our online tools. If you have any questions, comments or would like to learn more about working with us, you can reach us by visiting the website and clicking the Contact Us tab.

We are happy to do community presentations and spread the word. We hope to see you soon on this growing network working to create positive change on all youth serving systems.