

ADVISOR & COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLE AS A YOUTH & GOVERNMENT LEADER

- Serve as a **mentor, community advocate and positive role model** for your students.
- Provide the support** needed for your delegation and/or team to be a **successful student-lead program**.
- Each delegation must have one **“Lead Coach/Advisor”** for their group. This individual will be the main point of contact for the state office and be responsible for providing leadership and direction for the team.
- A **ratio of one adult to every ten participants (1:10)** is to be in place at all Y&G activities on the local, district, and state level. At least half of the advisors from each delegation must be at least 21 years of age.
- Meet program deadlines.**
- Develop a budget and local program calendar.**
- Work with students to develop a fundraising goal and a plan to achieve the goal.**
- Plan and organize recruitment of delegates and co-advisors.**
- Facilitate leadership opportunities within the delegation.** Make sure your students have all of the skills they need in order to lead effectively. Remember that Y&G is student-lead.
- Act as a resource base.** Know program procedures and rules (found in your handbook).
- Communicate with Youth & Government staff.**
- Communicate with parents.** Make sure parents are aware of the calendar of events as well as the fees involved with the program. Also alert them to all opportunities that come up for their students. If language is a barrier to communication contact the Y&G office for resources.
- Partner with your District Coordinator and/or Convener** and other advisors and coaches in your district to expand teen development options.
- Arrange and **oversee program logistics** such as transportation, lodging and food.