



Town Hall Meetings



Start a Conversation

Town Hall meetings provide a unique opportunity to interact with your Member of Congress. Not only do you get the opportunity to ask a question about Opportunity Youth, but you get to ask it in public, on the record. This is also a time to build relationships with the Member's staff, an important part of building relationships with their office!

Town Hall meetings allow advocates to raise the awareness of Members of Congress and other community stakeholders at the same time — both important to raising awareness about the need to support Opportunity Youth.

Sample Questions:

- Federal funding for programs that are reconnecting Opportunity Youth, young people ages 16-24 who are not in school and not working, has not been adequate to reconnect the number of young people seeking opportunities. **[Give a specific example of how this impacts a program in your state]** How do you plan on securing this important funding for our state?
- Opportunity Youth are young people ages 16-24 who are not in school and not working. In our [state or community], there are currently **[give the number of OY]** seeking opportunities for reconnection. How do you plan to support programs reconnecting Opportunity Youth in our [state or community]?

How it Works

Register for the Town Hall:

Some Town Halls will require registration in advance. Fill out the form so you are on the list for the event!

Attend the Town Hall:

The main event! This may be in person, virtual and/or by phone. The audience size may also vary — there may be hundreds of people there, or just a few!

Find out when your elected official is having their next Town Hall:

To find out about upcoming Town Halls, check [Town Hall Project](#), your Member's website, and/or social media accounts. You can also call or email the district office (there should be a contact form on their website!) to inquire.

Prepare your question:

Think about what you want to ask, and do any research ahead of time about your issue and your community. You can get the numbers of Opportunity Youth in your state [here](#).

Ask your question:

Your Member of Congress may request people with questions raise their hands or submit questions in advance. Follow the process to try to ask your question!