

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council  
 Calvert County Community Conversation  
 August 13, 2016  
 Prince Frederick Branch Library  
 12:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Community Conversation**

<b>Problems/Issues in the Community</b>	
Gender Neutral Equality IIIII Youth Involvement IIIIII Mental Illness Awareness IIIII Homelessness IIIII Know your rights/law enforcement III Substance abuse I	Citizen re-entry Transportation Foster care system improvement II Teen pregnancy Cultural history programming

<b>Causes of Lack of Youth Involvement</b>	<b>Solutions for Youth Involvement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of knowledge/platform</li> <li>• Underestimating themselves</li> <li>• Low self-esteem/lack of passion</li> <li>• Lack of resources</li> <li>• Too busy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Afterschool activities</li> <li>• Hand outs</li> <li>• Gathering information from schools</li> <li>• Assemblies/morning announcements</li> <li>• Role models</li> <li>• Passion connector</li> <li>• Relatable</li> <li>• Ability to create clubs/organizations/events</li> <li>• Online meetings</li> <li>• Legislative session workshop</li> </ul>

<b>Causes of Lack of Gender Neutral Equality</b>	<b>Solutions for Gender Neutral Equality</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocols are not enforced</li> <li>• Lack of knowledge of LGBTQ community</li> <li>• Old viewpoints vs. new viewpoints</li> <li>• Awareness/communication</li> <li>• homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PFLAG and MYAC team up</li> <li>• Legislative workshop</li> <li>• Partnerships with local organizations</li> <li>• Handouts at schools and college campuses</li> <li>• Afterschool activities</li> <li>• Information sessions</li> <li>• County town hall meetings</li> </ul>

<b>Action Plan to Address Youth Involvement</b>	<b>Action Plan to Address Gender Neutral Equality</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afterschool activities</li> <li>• Meet with Student Government Association, elected officials, etc</li> <li>• Petition               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need list of organizations and contact information</li> <li>• Food for participants</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staying connected</li> <li>• Share information</li> <li>• Networking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate “agree to disagree” with respect</li> <li>• Open discussions (allow individuals to talk)</li> <li>• Passing information to community</li> <li>• Information that can be distributed</li> </ul>