Board of Directors Backgrounder

Part of the Jewish Council for Youth Services' mission is to develop leaders who will go on to continue our history of volunteer service. Working with young professionals through the JCYS Board of Directors, the non-profit organization provides a dynamic, comprehensive and intensive leadership development experience for members of the Jewish and greater communities. Within the framework of the organization's child and youth programming, JCYS provides guidance on non-profit governance, legislative policy, business programs, financial management and fundraising. Board Members are primarily between 26 and 40 years old and go on to become strong philanthropic leaders at JCYS and other civic and charitable organizations, and also in their chosen professional fields.

Comprised of 30 to 40 members at any given time, the JCYS Board of Directors experience hands-on responsibilities through:
- Establishing the agency's mission and strategic plan,
- Overseeing the agency's budget and investments,
- Approving and monitoring facility improvements,
- Championing the agency's fundraising campaigns, and
- Amending by-laws.

Designates to the Board Through recommendations, all Board of Directors must apply to become a member of the Board and serve a preliminary trial period before officially joining the JCYS Board of Directors. During this period – typically six to 18 months – designates attend seminars with the JCYS Executive Director on topics ranging from governance and finance to child and youth programming and fundraising.

Board Alumni and Mentor Program Tenure as a JCYS Board of Director continues on for many Board Alumni through the organization's strong Mentor Program. Relying on the strength and tradition of the over century old organization, Board Alumni guide the continuity of the JCYS mission and programming through the Mentor Program. Utilizing these networking opportunities, current Board Members are able to grow within their service toward JCYS, as well as professionally and personally.