Fairbanks Youth Advocates Board Member Application In our interest to grow and expand services to the at-risk youth population in the Fairbanks and the greater Interior Alaska Community, Fairbanks Youth Advocates seeks board members with a heartfelt passion for this cause in conjunction with personal qualities of integrity and credibility. Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for both cultivating relationships, and building consensus among diverse individuals and community organizations is critical to our ongoing growth and success. It is imperative that FYA board members have a proficiency in the use of the Internet and e-mail in order to efficiently contribute, communicate and make decisions in a timely manner. Board meetings are monthly; days and times fluctuate depending on consensus, and some flexibility is essential.

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Please answer all questions and email to info@fairbanksyouthadvocates.org

1. We use email or our board website for most of our business. Will accessibility or technological ability be a problem for you? No, this will not be an issue.

 2. Have you read and can you agree with the Bylaws as written? As well as our Board Member Responsibilities, Code of Ethics, and Job Descriptions? I have read all of the descriptions stated above and I agree to them.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the board of Fairbanks Youth Advocates?

 My interest stems from passion and believing in the mission. I have had many unfortunate trials and tribulations as a child, and a young woman with few mentors, safe people or places to go to. I believe in the Lord and every chapter he has written for me has taught me positive lessons and values to share with others. I believe I can bring value to the board based on the journey I have survived in my life whether in the past or present. I am a voice with wisdom and purpose.

4. What is your professional experience with leadership and/or your accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector:

 I have been a part of the nonprofit sector since 2019; I started as a Victim Advocate, which grew into taking on Shelter Operations Coordinator and now, I am the Director of Operations. IACNVL has never been viewed as a job to me; but a passion and it continuously keeps me humble and driven in my daily life when it comes to serving others in our community. Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or any form of abuse for that matter does not discriminate. All of them I have had first hand life experiences in, and some darker than others. When you have lived through darkness or multiple hardships it does something to your soul and heart. I like to believe it has softened my heart and rough edges and allowed me to show true empathy to victims and survivors. It’s our job as survivors to share with others that no matter what happens in life, there can be a light at the end of the tunnel. What that looks like is different for everyone. Having just one person who believes in you and is willing to help be a healthy guide during the storm, it makes it that much more obtainable. I’d like to think I have been that for many people in my life.

 5. Briefly outline your volunteer service for other organizations:

I have volunteered for churches in the lower 48 with organizing clothing, food drives and or serving meals to the homeless. I’ve also worked with other nonprofits like Safe Passage in CDA Idaho, who also served victims of DV or SA. In my past and current position at Interior Alaska Center for Non Violent Living, I work directly with the community members or businesses encouraging volunteering and philanthropy to help support our mission and needs of the agency. Over the last 2 years I had the pleasure in taking on IACNVL’s Christmas Drive collecting and collaborating with businesses and community members to get Christmas wish list filled for our clients and their children. Gathering donations is a huge staple in how we provide for our clients and the Golden Heart City is by far the most giving community I have ever had the pleasure of being a part of.

 6. What are some specific skills and strengths that you can bring to the Board:

I am a very passionate, driven individual with big visions for our community in making it a safer place for all no matter the age, race or gender. I also have been responsible for running multiple properties at once in a high crisis setting. I have discovered that this is my element where I thrive. My organizational skills are impeccable and I enjoy doing it. One person could view something as a mess; I view it as a challenge and opportunity to make it something beautiful.

7. Please submit the names of 2 references that we may contact:

 Name: \_\_\_\_Kara Carlson - Deputy Director \_\_\_\_ Phone: 907-590-2787\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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