FOCUS ON PREVENTION: 
YOUTH ADVOCACY 101 RECAP

On 3.27.18, Teens from BCYF/JMCC, West End House, Peer Leadership Institute, Boston Asian Y.E.S., Casa Myrna and the Allston-Brighton Youth coalition came together to discuss the importance of youth advocacy. They brainstormed ways to organize around issues that matter to them.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED:**
- Gun violence
- Mental health
- Alcohol addiction
- Racism
- Domestic violence
- School disciplinary policies
- Standardized testing
- Bullying
- Wage inequality

"Youth are the most important group to make change because everyone cares about us. They should listen to us because we’re the future."
- Youth Participant

"Social change is hard because people don’t focus on real problems based in the community. They focus on surface level stuff. We’re being distracted by things that don’t matter."
- Youth Participant

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