

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or 203-946-7670.

Nathan

First Name

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Middle Initial

Earl

Last Name

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Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06511

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

☒ Ward 20

Home: (954) 778-2871

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

Yes

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Employer

Public Health Advisor - Human Trafficking

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: For Review

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

Interests & Experiences

Nathan T Earl

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

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Upload a Resume

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I am interested in serving on the Youth Commission because I believe in the potential of New Haven's youth and want to support the community that has welcomed me as my new home. I moved here from Florida three years ago to start my Master's in Public Health at Yale, and I quickly fell in love with the city—its people, culture, and sense of community. Throughout my time here, I've had the privilege of observing both the strengths and areas for growth in our local services for young adults, those who have aged out of foster care and those who face barriers within healthcare and social services. I've witnessed instances of racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, language and transportation injustice. Male youth who have experienced sexual exploitation, forced criminality and other labor trafficking are under identified and underserved. I've also seen the incredible resilience of young people when they're connected to trauma-informed, well-supported community resources. My commitment to New Haven is long-term. This city is my permanent home, and after grad school, I hope to build my family here by adopting children from the foster care system. My own struggles as a young person drive me to give back. I feel both a responsibility and a privilege to support the next generation in overcoming challenges and thriving. As a member of the Youth Commission, I would focus on dismantling racism, expanding access to healthcare, and advancing health equity. I want to work toward preventing substance abuse, suicide, PTSD, and adverse childhood experiences, which are often precursors to exploitation, violence, and negative health outcomes that impact not just individuals, but entire families and communities. The benefits of preventing these adversities are profound: healthier families, economic mobility, civic engagement, stronger communities, and the overall wellbeing of New Haven and abroad. Serving on the Youth Commission would allow me to contribute meaningfully to these goals and to the future of our city's youth.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?

My intent would be to add value to the work already being led by the Commission, as well as lending my experience to advance and innovate on future co-identified efforts. My disciplinary training and professional experience in Communications and Public Health empower me to effectively convey critical public health issues impacting young people to diverse stakeholder groups, inspiring meaningful shifts in attitudes, behaviors, and actions. My research background provides deep insights into the profound impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and adverse community environments, which often lead to unhealthy behaviors, poor health outcomes, violence, barriers to educational attainment and economic mobility. This expertise positions me to inform the Commission's work in preventing the exploitation of historically marginalized youth, including those marginalized by sexual orientation, race, gender identity, or challenges such as incarceration, substance use disorders, mental health conditions, and other inequities. Through my counter-human trafficking work, I gained valuable experience collaborating directly with schools and parents to educate communities about youth exploitation using a public health model and a two-generation approach. These efforts were inclusive of youth across the gender spectrum. Male youth and young adults, in particular, have historically been overlooked in the development of gender-responsive, trauma-informed services to address violence, trauma, and related health outcomes. I am committed to helping the Commission meet these unmet needs by supporting existing initiatives and contributing to innovations that empower young people. I firmly believe that youth and impacted communities are the true experts in their own experiences. Sustainable, transformative impact can only be achieved when efforts are led by and informed by their insights and voices. I bring leadership experience in direct service programs for at-risk youth up to age 25, including male victims and survivors of human trafficking who faced challenges such as substance dependency, mental health disorders, and housing insecurity. My work is firmly guided by public health principles, trauma-informed care, and survivor-centered approaches. I am dedicated to ensuring that all efforts are rooted in equity and am committed to actively participating in anti-racist initiatives led by the Commission. In summary, my diverse expertise in Communications and Public Health, combined with years of experience addressing complex issues such as youth exploitation, trauma, and inequity, uniquely positions me to contribute meaningfully to the New Haven Youth Commission. I am deeply committed to ensuring that all efforts center the voices and experiences of young people and impacted communities, recognizing them as the true experts in their own lives. Guided by public health principles, trauma-informed approaches, and a steadfast commitment to equity and anti-racism, I am eager to support the Commission's work in creating sustainable, transformative impact for all youth in New Haven.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?

No

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Unaffiliated

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

☒ Yes ☐ No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Nathan T Earl

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

I reached out to Barbara Montalvo for opportunities to become involved. She suggested I apply.