

## Early Act

Lauren Fields <Lauren.Fields@rotary.org> To: Sonia Romo <Sonia.Romo@rotary.org>, "tammymosteller@gmail.com" <tammymosteller@gmail.com> Tue, May 9, 2023 at 3:21 PM

Greetings District Governor Tammy,

We appreciate your interest in Rotary International's youth programs. Rotary can include children as young as 12 through Interact. This is our recommended program for primary/middle/high schools.

Rotary International *does not* maintain a structured program for children under 12. At the club and district level, Rotarians have developed their own programs for younger children, variously known as EarlyAct, Rotakids, FutureAct, and more. Since these programs are not officially recognized by Rotary International, their materials are not standardized. Your district is welcome to use them as inspiration, work with schools to develop something that meets your community needs, or design your own service-learning approach. Look online to see if there are club or district programs that would engage children and their families through service.

As you take action in your community, remember that *any* Rotary program, whether it is an international program, a district program, or a local tutoring program, must follow Rotary's youth protection policies (use our Rotary Youth Protection Guide) and youth travel policies outlined in the Rotary Code of Policies.

Take the online course *Protecting Youth Program Participants*, through the Rotary Learning Center. This training helps Rotarians better understand how to apply and address youth protection policies in their club or district. While this training is aimed at volunteers, the content may be helpful in developing your own club or district youth-centered training.

If you have additional questions about Rotary's programs for young leaders—Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange—email us at one of our program mailboxes—interact@rotary.org, ryla@rotary.org, or youthexchange@rotary.org.

Thank you for your support of young leaders in your community!

All the very best,

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From: Sonia Romo <<u>Sonia.Romo@rotary.org</u>> Sent: Monday, 08 May, 2023 10:14 AM To: Rotary Support Center <<u>RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org</u>> Subject: FW: Early Act

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well. I kindly ask to respond to the questions in the initial email.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Sonia

From: Tammy Mosteller <tammymosteller@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, 08 May, 2023 5:07 AM To: Chip Cross <chip.cross@yahoo.com>; Vicki Lawrence <assistpastor@firstumcfranklin.org>; Sonia Romo <Sonia.Romo@rotary.org> Subject: Re: Early Act

No problem. I have added Sonia from RI to advise on the process of starting an early act club.

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