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My name is Wilton Johnson and I am honored to be your M.O.V. E. Wisconsin State Coordinator. This is a rewarding opportunity for me to use my own experiences to help lead the youth and young adult voices of change here in Wisconsin. **As a young adult who has experienced growing up in foster care and experienced my own hardships, I am eager to share these experiences both positive and negative with others in order to empower change amongst our youth and young adult population.** With this responsibility comes the challenge of creating a community of youth and young adult leaders to M.O.V.E. Wisconsin forward in developing committees, partnerships and young adult ambassadors who will help strengthen our network of young leaders to create an inclusive atmosphere within youth and young adult serving systems. **It is important that youth and young adult voices be heard, validated and included in the decision making process that ultimately affect our daily lives.**

As many may already know, M.O.V. E. Wisconsin was established in October of 2013 as a youth-led, statewide initiative that is promoting and empowering youth and young adult voices in Wisconsin. **We are made up of youth and young adults who have lived experiences in various systems; such as mental health, juvenile justice, and child welfare. Our goal is to support youth and young adults to advocate for changes to be made around issues that pertain to them on the local, state and national level.**

As a member of this community, I feel we have an obligation to ourselves to change and redefine what it means to be a youth and young adult in the city of Milwaukee. As your State Coordinator, I am seeking youth and young adults to be pioneers and leaders in our community. **If you love your community and are eager to be a part of this epic movement that involves taking action and creating change through the power of our voice, then I encourage you to join me in M.O.V.E.(ing) Wisconsin forward.**

For more information on becoming involved with M.O.V.E. Wisconsin, please contact me. I look forward to meeting with you and welcoming you aboard our team.


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