

Ohio Youth Leadership Regional Forums

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Ohio Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Ohio Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities



Are you a High school Junior or Senior with a Disability Interested in Self-Advocacy & Leadership Development?



Ohio YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM



Ohio Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) is a week-long **career leadership training program, held during the summer, for 11th and 12th grade high school students with disabilities.**

Participation in YLF can prepare you to become one of Ohio's future leaders by improving your leadership, citizenship and social skills.

At YLF you will:

- Learn about choosing a career
- Learn about available resources and assistive technology
- Identify existing barriers to personal and professional success and develop plans to overcome those barriers
- Interact with professionals with disabilities who serve as mentors and role models
- Develop a personal leadership plan, which includes specific action steps to follow when you return to your community
- Gain the power to reach your goals in education, employment and community leadership
- Develop a social network with your peers

OOD is contracting with the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (OSILC) for the provision of regional Youth Leadership Forums.



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