

Association of Youth Leadership Forums (AYLF)

2014 Monthly Discussion Topics

3rd Thursday of Each Month – except June and July, 2014
2pm Eastern, 1pm Central, 12pm Mountain, 11am Pacific

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Many thanks to California for hosting our call!

Quarter 1 Theme: YLF Outreach & Sustainability

January 16, 2014

Topic: YLF Student/Delegate Recruitment

AYLF members will share and learn the various strategies and methods for recruiting YLF delegates.

February 20, 2014

Topic: YLF Speakers and Mentors

Guest Speaker: Marc Goldman, Damon Brooks Associates

AYLF members will share and learn about resources for recruiting YLF speakers and adult mentors. Marc Goldman, from Damon Brooks Associates will share information on speakers, trainers, and performing artists with disabilities.

March 20, 2014

Topic: YLF Fundraising and Sustainability

AYLF members will share and learn about funding and grant opportunities available to support YLF programs.

Quarter 2 Theme: YLF Planning and Execution

April 17, 2014

Topic: YLF Planning Structures and Program Curriculum

AYLF members will share and learn how to form and maintain YLF planning structures. Members will also share and learn modifications and enhancements to the California model YLF program curriculum.

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May 15, 2014

Topic: Staff Training and Orientation

AYLF members will share and learn training methods and materials provided to onsite staff and volunteers.

*No monthly discussions will take place in June or July due to YLF programs occurring.

Quarter 3 Theme: YLF Evaluation & Alumni Follow Up

August 21, 2014

Topic: YLF Evaluation

AYLF members will share successes, challenges, and lessons learned in implementing YLF 2014.

September 18, 2014

Topic: Alumni Follow Up, Opportunities, and Community Involvement

AYLF members will share and learn strategies for connecting alumni to their local and regional communities, including supporting their independent living, educational, and employment goals post-YLF.

October 16, 2014

Topic: Employment of Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), AYLF members will share and learn innovative practices and barriers to increasing employment rates of youth and young adults with disabilities. AYLF members will also share and learn about employment programs available within their state/territory for youth with disabilities.

Quarter 4 Theme: Reflection

November 20, 2014

Topic: Strategic Planning Revisited

AYLF members will review an updated mission statement for the Association and provide feedback on future activities and goals.

December 18, 2014

Topic: Year in Review

AYLF members will share and review milestones from 2014.

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