


On The Call:


Chris Bailey (IN), Katie Carroll (MD), Kara White (VA), Dawn Evans (MO),

 **Opening / Introduction:** none

 **Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Kara will have minutes posted to the website (Nov 4).

 **Current Business:** newsletter to updated to add Indiana to notice of 1st time YLF. Each state proof your article in the newsletter-submit edits to Dawn before Nov. 1. Posting to AYLF.net Nov 4

 **Financials:** None

 **Topic:** Employment of youth and young adults with disabilities

How is the discussion on employment implemented at your YLF?:

Chris (IN)

- Employment Day
- Students dress up
- Speaker
- Students go through stages of employment (like speed dating)

Dawn (MO)

- Pair students with mentors who have same interest
- Bring in a large corporation to assist with their employment piece (Ameren Missouri)
- Extending their program 1 day to emphasize employment / IL skills
- Hold a resource event – community college, 4 year college, technical school, service agencies,
- Would like to do an evening recreational activity focused on employment and Independent Living skills. Dawn suggested Jen share her game of life with AYLF and inquire via email if any other states have implemented any other engaging activities meeting our employment / IL objectives.

Katie (MD)

- College focused. Would like to find ways to meet all youth employment training goals in a more effective and engaging way.

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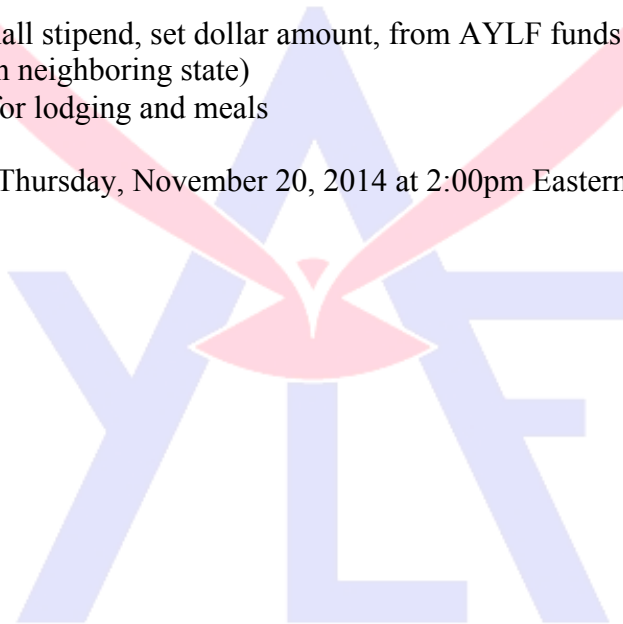
- Mentor event
- Kara (VA)
- 45 minute large group session
 - ADA-reasonable accommodation
 - Disclosure

 **General Discussion:**

- Students want less lectured sessions and more interactive and fun activities.
- YLF is not a camp, but a leadership experience with learning objectives.
- Daily reflection (highs/lows, how to apply what has been learned); plant seeds
- Dawn will follow up with other states activities – example: OK does a game of life.

 **Other Business / Closing:**

- Staff Exchange (attend other YLFs)
 - Look over map
 - Get YLF dates
 - Possibly give small stipend, set dollar amount, from AYLF funds to help with travel exp (if traveling to a non neighboring state)
 - Host YLF pays for lodging and meals
- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 2:00pm Eastern.



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