

On The Call:

Dawn Evans (MO), Seneca Sharp (CA), Whitney Harris (FL), Kara White (VA), Becky Williams (MO), Cameron Thaller (SC), Effy Francis (SC), Rachel Kaplan (SC), Donna Foster (OH), Anthony La Cava (FL), Jenny Ostermiller (UT), Rachel Baskerville (MO), Mateo Treetop (AZ), Jim Whalen (MI), Alexis Nicholas (VA), Darlene Owens (AR)

 **Opening Round:** Introductions sharing what your state's YLF dates are

- Arkansas 7/24-29
- Florida 7/20-24
- South Carolina 7/6-8
- Utah 6/8-13
- Missouri 7/12-16
- Ohio 7/31-8/4
- Virginia 7/25-28
- Michigan 6/12-16
- Arizona 6/12-17

 **Minutes**

- Whitney will work with Seneca to document minutes from the January call.

 **Treasurer Report:**

- Jen was not on the call

 **What Happens After YLF- Alumni Networking**

- Rachel Kaplan from South Carolina discussed their states EQUIP Leadership Group run by the DD council. EQUIP is a youth transition service that engages youth ages 13-28. They provide peer mentoring, disability pride and awareness training, and teach their youth about the disability rights and IL movements. They have 12 leaders statewide. EQUIP has a monthly "hang out session" which is an in person 1 hour meeting. They also have monthly online conversations. EQUIP collaborates with SC's YLF by reaching out to the delegates that did not get accepted to YLF, and also by educating those at YLF. EQUIP offers a summer long 6 week course that is one day a week, this is called their "Summer Series".
- Dawn and Rachel Baskerville discussed what Missouri has to offer their alumni. Rachel is the president of their alumni group, called MYLIFE. They engage their members through social media and by regional gatherings. If Dawn is going to be in a certain part of the state, she will reach out to alumni in that area. The MYLIFE group has two chapters, St. Louis and Kansas City. This year during their YLF, the alumni will be invited to come to the event Friday night for an Alumni Party. They will have the opportunity to stay the night in the dorms as well so that they can watch the graduation on Saturday.

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- Jim discussed what Michigan does for their alumni. VR has now begun to give the YLF additional funds in order to provide youth transition services support. This money goes to the alumni to attend additional meetings as keynotes or for panel discussions.
- Anthony discussed that Florida is just beginning to start their alumni group. They will hold their first in person meeting next month.
- Donna says that Ohio keeps up with their alumni through Facebook.
- Alexis and Kara discussed that Virginia is trying to start a mentoring program with their alumni.
- An additional discussion took place about engaging YLF alumni to be speakers at other YLF programs. Rachel, Alexis and Mateo volunteered to help Dawn create a speakers list for the AYL group.

Alumni Survey

- Seneca has a survey that is for YLF alumni. This survey will be sent out to each state for them to send out to their alumni. The survey will take about 40 minutes to complete, but there is funding to reward the first 115 participants with \$15. The results will be sent out as well.

 **Closing and Adjourn:** Everyone was thanked for attending.

Meeting time: 1:03-2:04 p.m. CST

Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 1 pm Central Time

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