

Agenda

- Overview of the Missouri YLF
- Panel Discussion With YLF Alumni
- Questions and Answers



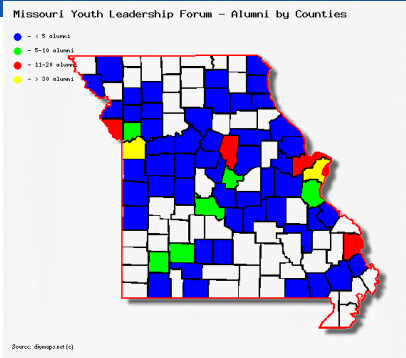
Panelist Introductions

- Rachel Rackers, MO-YLF Coordinator
Governor's Council on Disability
- Claudia Browner, GCD Director
- MO-YLF (Alex Ney, Andrew Sartorius)

What is the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum?

- A 5-day career leadership training program for individuals who have disabilities ages 16 -21.
- The Forum is held at the University of Missouri in Columbia.
- The program was first developed by the California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities 1992.
- Missouri held its first Forum in 2001, since then 314 delegates have graduated from the program.
- July 2019 will be Missouri's 17th Annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF)

Which counties have been represented?



Day 1 Building Community: Getting to Know You



Day 2 Disability History, Culture & Community



Day 3 Importance of Advocacy – Legislative Day



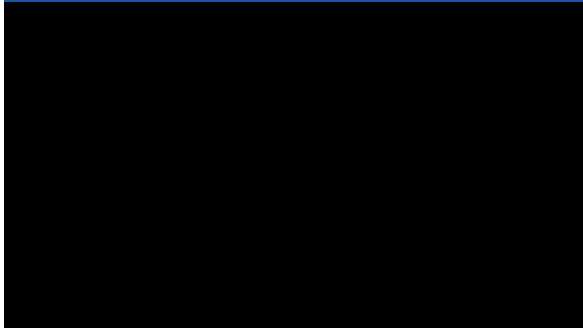
Day 4
Looking to the Future – Career Development



Day 5
Resource Fair and Graduation



Video of 2018 MOYLF



https://youtu.be/OZmeuGo_l98

What does it cost?

There is NO COST for delegates to attend the Forum!!!!

The entire Forum is funded from donations made by public and private organizations, agencies, and citizens.

Who Can Apply?

Students who are ages 16 – 21

Live in Missouri

Demonstrate Potential Leadership Skills

Disclose a disability

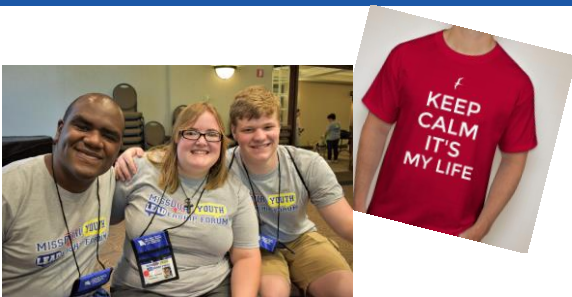
Steps to Apply

Visit <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm>

Complete the 2019 MOYLF application.
Due March 31st.

Be sure to follow all directions. You must submit the application, a resume, and an essay.

MYLIFE Alumni Association



Common Questions

- What if you have never been away from home?
- What if you need a personal care attendant?
- What if you need specific accommodations?
- What are the sleeping arrangements?
- How many students do you accept each year?

Q & A



How You Can Help?

Recruit high school students (16-21) who have disabilities and demonstrate leadership potential to join us! Applications are available at:

<http://disability.mo.gov/qcd/yif.htm>

Make a tax-deductible donation to help delegates attend the Forum. Send checks payable to **MOYLF dba Paraquad** and mail to:

Governors Council on Disability
P.O. Box 1668
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1668

Apply to be a volunteer, Applications online or contact Rachel.

For more information about the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, please contact Rachel Rackers at 573-751-2600 or 800-877-8249

Thank you

