Ohio Statewide Virtual Youth Leadership Forum

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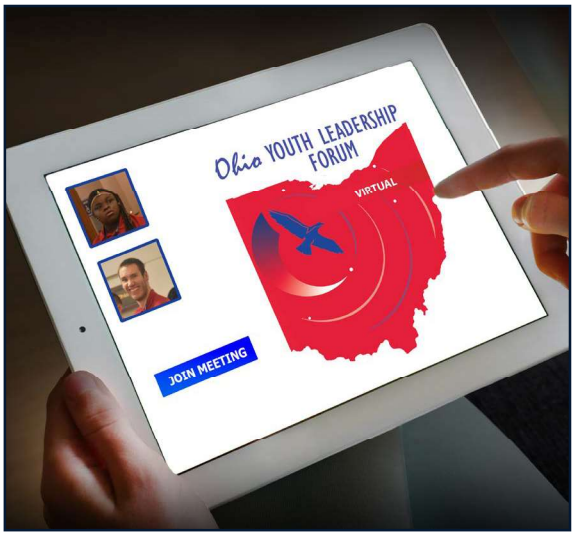
Ohio Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities

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



Ohio statewide virtual 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) to provide the regional Youth Leadership Forums.

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For purposes of the Supported Employment (SE) Program, the DOE SE grant funded 90% of the costs for the Supported Employment for Youth with a Disability Program up to the grant amount and 100% of the costs of regular Supported Employment program costs up to the grant amount. In FFY 2021, OOD received $299,041 for SE Youth with a Disability, and State appropriated funds paid the remaining 10%, or $32,933 of the total costs. In FFY 2021, OOD received $335,518 in regular SE grant funds.

For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (OIB) Program, the federal grant received from DOE in FFY 2021 paid 90% of the total costs incurred under the program. In FFY 2021, OOD received $1,139,118 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% required match, or $126,568 of the total costs incurred under the OIB program. For purposes of the Independent Living (IL) Program, the federal grant received from HHS paid 90% of the total costs incurred in FFY 2021. In FFY 2021, OOD received $638,013 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% of the match required or $70,268 of the total costs incurred under the IL Program. 10/21