

Wisconsin Youth Leadership Programs: YLF & YiPPE

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What is the WI Youth Leadership Forum?

- ▶ A week-long leadership training and career awareness program for high school students with disabilities.
- ▶ Being selected to attend the YLF is a distinct honor that you can be very proud of.



WISCONSIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Who can attend?

Students who show leadership potential by being active in their school and community.

Students who have a disability (typically will have an IEP or 504 plan).

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Students who are currently high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Where, When & How Much?

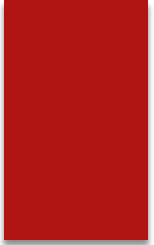
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Why attend the YLF?



YLF gives delegates a place to meet other students their age who are experiencing similar issues and concerns

It will also help students increase their independent living skills, leadership skills, and confidence - so they can further their own future goals and reach them

Allows delegates to become leaders within their own communities and schools and enhances their own internal leadership qualities.

Gives them information on disability history and sense of the disability community.

Large Group Meetings...

► Topics: Self-Advocacy, Independent Living, Handling Stress/Anxiety, Team Building, Relationships, Game of Life, Employment, Mock Interviews, Voting



Small Group Meetings...

- ▶ Go deeper into content with discussion and activities.
- ▶ Work on a Personal Leadership Plan.



Capitol Day...

- ▶ Meet their legislators
- ▶ Learn from staffers
- ▶ Capitol tour
- ▶ Amazing Race: State Street Edition



Mentor Picnic...

- ▶ Delegates meet someone with a similar disability who is older than them so they can talk about questions they have about the future.





Dance and Talent Show...

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Applications will be available in January.



Contact Jenny to request an application be sent to you: Jennifer.Neugart@wisconsin.gov



Or sign up for the BPDD e-newsletter:
<https://wi-bpdd.org/index.php/join/>

What is YiPPE?

- ▶ A 5-session program to support parents and youth with disabilities to prepare for life after high school.
- ▶ Each session is a Friday night and all-day Saturday.
- ▶ Have speakers and activities with time between each session to practice new skills.



Who can attend?

- ▶ Youth with disabilities ages 14 to 21 and their parents/guardians/primary caregivers.
- ▶ Youth should be able to think about their future goals, be able to participate in role plays and other hands-on activities.



Where, when & how much?

Milwaukee, WI – anyone willing to travel to that location may attend.

Sessions run Sept/Oct through April each year.

FREE to families.

- Supported by DVR, Wispact, MPS and DPI

Why attend?

Youth

- Make their own decisions.
- Speak up for themselves.
- Practice skills in a safe environment.
- Meet other youth.

Parents

Plan for life after high school.

Learn about adult services in one place.

Build a network with other families.

Youth & Parents

Share their goals for life after high school so they are working together.

Get a stronger relationship with their teacher during teacher weekend.

Valuable time away with no distractions.

What do we do?

- ▶ Work on 5 main areas each session: employment, education, health, living and social skills.
- ▶ Youth participate in hands on activities like role plays and mock interviews.



What do we do?

- ▶ Parents learn in adult learning format with a mix of speakers and hands on activities.
- ▶ Teacher Weekend – invite a teacher to attend one of the sessions with them.



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Tell

If you've attended, tell other families about your experience and invite them to attend.

Contact

Contact Jenny for more information at Jennifer.Neugart@familiesmatterwi.org.