North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum

YLF Committee
June 20th-24th, 2011

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Plan

- June 20th-24th
- North Carolina State University
  - Honors Village Commons
  - Tally Student Center
  - Clark Dining Hall
  - Legislative Building
  - History Museum
- Goals and Objectives
  - Self Advocacy
  - Independent Living Skills
  - Gained Confidence
  - Leadership Ability
  - Learning steps towards making a change

Success in Numbers

- 20 Delegates
- 4 Group Leaders
- 4 Group Mentors
- 2 National Youth Speakers
- 1 Local Youth Speaker
- 1 Local Adult Speaker
- 18 Support Staff
- 4 Alliance of Disability Advocates Staff

Delegates

- 20 Selected
- Counties represented: Wake, Durham, Orange, Beaufort, Randolph, Scotland, New Hanover, Pitt, Moore, and Greene
- Delegates were between the ages of 16-27 years old.
- Disabilities represented: Nacroplepsy, Spina Bifida, Deaf, Hard of hearing, Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disabilities, ADD, ADHD, Agenesis of the Corpus Colosum, Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Legally Blind, Seizures, Hydrocephalus, Asperger's

Day 1

- Move In
- Self Discovery
- Disability History
- Disability Culture
- Cook-out
- Comedian
- College Dorm Experience

"Help me out"

Day 2

- Self Advocacy and Leadership Activities
- Leadership Skills
- Communication Skills
- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Free Expression Tunnel
- Party

Day 3

- Self Identification
- How the system works
- Empowering Voices
- Travel Training
- Movie

"Independent Living is not doing things by yourself. It is being in control of how things are done."
–Judy Huemann

Day 4

- First Hand Travel Training
- Legislative System Tour
- Charging Testimonies
- History Museum Scavenger Hunt
- Taking on Transportation
- Relationships and Spray Paint

Day 5

- Resources
- Overview of the YLF
- Highs and Lows
- Challenge
- Goodbyes but not forgotten

What Now

- Youth
  - Youth Created NCYLF facebook
  - Lasting Friendships
  - Jumping into the movement
  - Disability Pride
- Staff
  - Eyes were opened
  - Motivated
  - YLF Hangover

Money Matters

- Summit Independent Living Center
  - In-Kind Support for Speakers
- Disability Advocates and Resource Center
  - In-Kind Support for a staff
- Vocational Rehabilitation
  - In-Kind Support for a staff
- North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities
  - Forum Funding
- Raleigh's Mayor Committee
  - Forum Funding
- North Carolina State University
  - Accessible Movies
- SILC Part B funds
  - SPIL Goal 3 money
- Alliance of Disability Advocates
  - Cash Match

Evaluations

- LONGER PLANNING TIME
- Staff Training Manual
- Longer staff training day
- More staff involved
  - To not overwhelm the group leaders
  - To have smooth flowing back ground
  - To have more support staff (PCAs, Interpreters)
- 93.32% Satisfaction
- Self-Advocacy

Looking to the Future

- Most of the staff want to stay involved
- We have 4 youth mentors that agreed to help for 2012
- Planning for 2012 starts October 1st, 2011

THANKS!!

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- Alex
- Abbey Emanuelson
- Representatives
- Rennie Hobby
- Center Staff
- NCSU
- Vendors
- Committee
- NCCDD
- Raleigh's Mayor Committee