PA Youth Leadership Network

Resources

What is the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN)?

The PYLN is a team of youth leaders with disabilities from across Pennsylvania with a purpose to develop the self-determination, empowerment, and leadership of youth that promotes successful post school outcomes in the areas of education, employment, independent living, and health and wellness among youth and young adults throughout Pennsylvania.

Goals of the PYLN

- Provide a youth voice at the table on important boards and committees that impact the lives of youth with disabilities.
- Recruit and match mentors who are young adults with high school youth to help them prepare for their future success.
- Develop and share transition, self-determination, self-advocacy, and empowerment resources geared toward youth in high school.
- Ensure unbiased policies, practices and attitudes that affect individuals with disabilities

The PYLN Wants to Connect with YOU!

- Connect to the PYLN by visiting our website: http://payouthleaders.ning.com
- This URL address will connect you to informational videos, materials and updates regarding the PYLN.

Developed BY Youth FOR Youth!

- **Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network Secondary Transition Toolkit**
  - Youth driven, youth written tool for youth
  - 110 page guide and workbook for the transition process
  - Accessible
  - Divided into three phases
    - Phase One : ACCEPT YOURSELF!
    - Phase Two: DECLARE YOURSELF!
    - Phase Three: EMPOWER YOURSELF!

- **PYLN Health Care Toolkit**
  As a follow up to the 2008 Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network's (PYLN) Secondary Transition Toolkit the PYLN, with funding support from a Heinz Endowment Youth-Philanthropy grant, has created the PYLN Health Care Toolkit. With a focus on living a fulfilled healthy life, The PYLN Health Care Toolkit is designed to further assist youth in their transition into the adult world. The best thing about the toolkit is that it was written and designed by youth with disabilities who are members of the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN) for youth. It can also be used with families and professionals as a youth-friendly resource for transition.