
**MISSOURI YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
FORUM**

Agenda

- Overview of the Missouri YLF
- Questions and Answers

Panelist Introductions

- Rachel Rackers, GCD Staff & MO-YLF Coordinator
- Cory McMahon, MO-YLF Alumnus

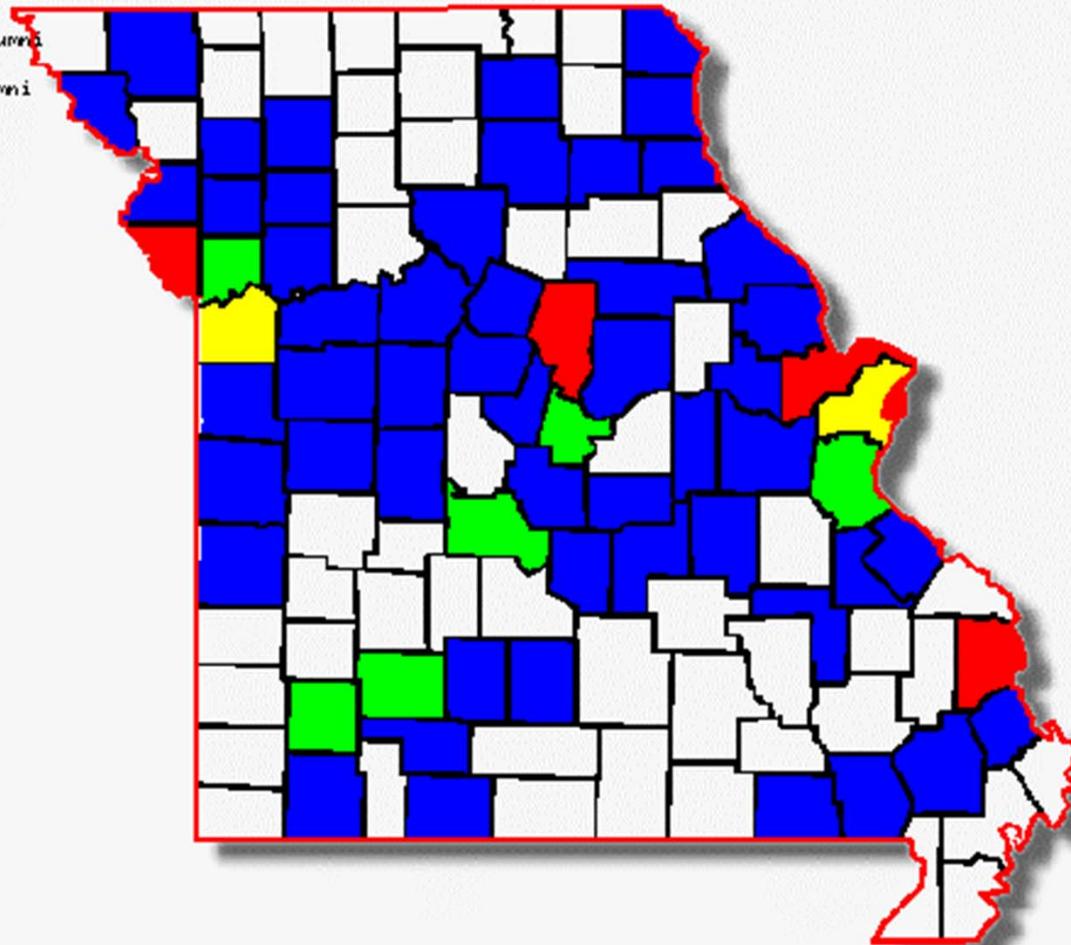
What is the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum?

- 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.
- The 17th Annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) will be held July 16-20, 2019

Which counties have been represented?

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – Alumni by Counties

- - < 5 alumni
- - 5-10 alumni
- - 11-20 alumni
- - > 30 alumni



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_I98

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>

2020 MOYLF application will be available
November 2019-March 2020.

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/gcd/ylf.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 at rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov.

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

Thank you

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