Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement: Best Practices & Personal Experiences

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Introduction

‣ Who are Transition Age Youth?
‣ What is engagement?
  • Two Phases: Initial and Ongoing with Care Planning
‣ Upcoming story themes:
  • Navigating mental healthcare, finding the power of peer advocacy, and becoming resilient….
  • Discovering TAY parental support and hope from a caregiver community….
  • Providing parental/caregiver support and empowering TAY through collaborative relationships….
AMPLIFY-NY

4 Day, 3 night YLFs that are FREE for Youth

Includes panel presentations, hands-on activities to sharpen leadership and advocacy skills, and supported leadership activities.

FREE 2 day Foundations for Leadership for Caregivers

Learn tools and strategies for supporting the young people in your care as they grow into self-advocates, secure leadership roles and transition into adulthood.

For more information about topics and activities during YLF visit www.FTNYS.org/YOUTHPOWER
**What did YOUnth learn at YLF?**

- "That my disabilities can help me rather than hold me back. (I) Thought it would really hold me back."
  
  – 19, Long Island

- "I am so powerful"
  
  – 17, Western Region

- "I learned that it is important to advocate and empower others"
  
  – 19, Western Region

- "I managed to get the courage to try college again. The difference is that this time I said, "This is what I will need." I explained what to do if I have a seizure there."
  
  –18 Western Region

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Engagement Practices: Panelist Stories & Leading Literature

1. Understanding the Youth Through the Ecological Model, or as a Person in Their Environment
2. Understanding the Youth’s Perception of Mental Healthcare
3. Providing Consistency, Especially Consistent Relationships
4. Meeting Basic Needs
TAY Engagement & COVID-19

- Panelists on TAY Engagement & COVID-19
Q & A

- Questions? Please chat in to “ALL PANELISTS”!
Closing

- Thank you to our panelists and attendees!