



Youth Employment Ambassador Host

TRAINING INFORMATION SHEET

What is a Youth Employment Ambassador?

Youth Employment Ambassadors are an important part of educating other youth with disabilities about the advantages of inclusive, integrated, employment. Youth Employment Ambassador Hosts are young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). They are messengers to help people with IDD be aware of all their options when it comes to employment. They will work together with the Co-Sponsors to give factual information to youth, about career exploration, pre-employment skill building, employment options and managing benefits and work.

What will a Youth Employment Ambassador do?

Youth Ambassadors will work with the co-sponsors to make change happen. They will:

1. **LEARN!**
2. **THINK!**
3. **ACT!**
4. **PRESENT!**

1. LEARN!

- They will actively participate in 10 weeks of educational opportunities on, **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-2pm virtually on the Zoom platform.**
- The training will be remote
- The training will cover topics like self-advocacy, career exploration, job readiness skills, building work relationships, and presenting
- Youth Ambassadors will make action plans for advocating in the communities with the project co-sponsors
- Ambassadors will get trained by staff of the co-sponsoring agencies and self-advocates from Michigan

2. THINK!

- Youth Ambassadors will think about ways to present the information learned to youth in their region
- Youth Ambassadors will work with co-sponsoring agencies to develop an action plan to get employment information to youth in their area

3. ACT!

- Youth Ambassadors will use their action plans to spread the word about competitive, integrated employment
- Youth Ambassadors will work with the co-sponsors to carry out their plans
- Youth Ambassadors will share their stories to inspire others
- Youth Ambassadors will check in monthly with one another and the co-sponsors to share their progress

4. PRESENT!

- Youth Ambassadors will provide presentations to youth in their region
- Youth Ambassadors will work with the co-sponsors to complete two presentations in their region in the twelve months following the training

Youth Ambassadors acknowledge that they will receive a \$750 dollar stipend upon completion of the summer training. In addition, Youth Ambassadors will receive hourly stipends when completing the presentations they will provide in their region, following their YEAH certification.

Youth ambassadors acknowledge that they will be expected to attend, and actively participate, in all training events scheduled with them, by the co-sponsoring agencies, throughout the timeframe of this initiative.

How do I know if I am a good candidate to be a Youth Ambassador?

1. Do you live in Michigan?
2. Are you between the ages of 14-20?
3. Do you identify as a person with an intellectual or developmental disability?
4. Do you want to lead the movement to help people with disabilities find competitive, integrated employment?

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, you are a good candidate!

Where can I learn more about the Youth Employment Ambassador Host (YEAH) project

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