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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT  
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### **Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Meeting**

Friday, December 13, 2024

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://esd-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89649595482?pwd=UEIINUpRNzQ3M0VoUFJwRnlqVWN4QT09>

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### **Agenda**

1. Approve agenda and minutes. (Quorum = 4)
2. Recap of YLF Programming Meeting. Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Autumn seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. Marsha made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Lucas seconded the motion. All approved the motion was carried.
3. Elizabeth: Budget. Governor Inslee sent a directive requiring state agencies to participate in a contract, travel, and hiring freeze. Our open position may remain open for the foreseeable future. Contracts are on hold. At the Coordinating Committee meeting, we will talk about the impact to each subcommittee. YLF won't have huge impact since we're pivoting to a virtual event.
4. Report out on Subcommittee Action Items.  
  
We are not able to partner with Centers for Independent Living (CIL) for watch parties. YLF will be a pilot program. We will search other disability organizations for possible partnerships. Lucas asked if we could partner with libraries or colleges?
5. Meeting dates for 2025. Should we stick with the second Friday of each month? We are changing our meeting date to the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am.

6. Continue brainstorming additional activity content and refining schedule.

- Disability Org List. Marsha suggested we put our own list of disability organizations together. She will contact David Lord from Disability Rights Washington for his suggestions. Subcommittee members were asked to make a list of disability orgs to bring to the next meeting.
- WorkSource Youth Group (Elizabeth). Elizabeth said that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) has funding for youth program at WorkSource and there may be a possibility for a partnership. WorkSource is in many communities however, they are also affected by the state budget freeze. The Workforce Investment Board may have ideas too.

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- **YLF Virtual Structure**

- Virtual event via Zoom on Friday, August 1, 2025, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
- Watch parties around the state. Invite partners to host youth that they already engage with to watch together (i.e. Centers for Independence). Youth can also attend on their own from home.
- Theme: Superheroes. “Your disability is your superpower.”

- **Learning Outcomes:**

- a. Come away with a working definition of disability pride and what it is.
- b. Learn info about how to counteract the narrative of negativity around disability.
- c. Learn how to advocate.

- **Desired Objectives [SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timebound) Goals]:**

- a. Delegates to have fun.
- b. Partnerships with disability organizations.
- c. Connect youth with their community.

- **Draft Schedule**

Event from 1-5 pm

1:00 welcome, intros, housekeeping (10 mins)

What Is Ableism? – External and Internal

Lived experience sharing among participants. Folks will work together to discuss issues and strategies. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees]. Handout/download: Tips on counteracting ableism

Speaker 1 Keynote: Embracing Pride [Speaker TBD] (15 mins)

What is Your Superpower? Lived experience sharing on disability pride. [Use breakout rooms]

3:00 Bio break (20 mins)

3:20 History of The Disability Rights Movement

Lived experience sharing among participants about advocacy. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees] Handout/download: How to be an everyday advocate

Speaker 2 Keynote: Ivanova Smith (15 mins)

How to get Involved and Advocate on the Next Level - Sunshine Cheng from Disability Rights Washington (DRW)

4:55 Wrap up, thank yous (5 mins)

[Short Video Featurettes on people with disabilities at some points]

[Roles needed for event: host, additional short presentations/videos

Tasks needed: create script for event; identify and test multimodal content; tech support; plan a walk through; create handouts and activities; create outreach materials]

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 10, 2025, at 10:00 am**