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NYLC SRC Report May 2020

NYLC Activities

The youth of NYLC created three goals at the All Region Meeting. They are listed below.

- 1. Promote Disability Awareness. The NYLC Members expressed that focusing on Disability Awareness would be the most beneficial goal for the group. Education and understanding about disability would reduce Bullying, increase inclusion and create a more accepting culture. The youth would like to have each region create a video that promotes disability awareness and shows the benefits of being a self-advocate. These videos can be used when sharing at such events as transition conferences or parent meetings that NYLC participates in.
- 2. Increase involvement of current members
 - a. Have a clear reason for meeting
 - b. Pair meetings with community events when possible
 - c. Make meetings more fun
- 3. Increase membership
 - a. Members recruit from where you are at. Ask friends or school mates to join with you.
 - b. Kathy recruit from speaking events that share information about NYLC.

We were able to have planning meetings for the East, Northeast and Central Regions before COVID-19 caused closures. Those regions were able to plan what they wanted to present and had begun formulating their scripts for sharing. Our future meetings will be for the youth to film and begin editing their Disability Awareness video.

Close Up Trip to Washington DC cancelled for this year. Close Up will redeem part of the funds used for the 2020 trip towards youth attending in 2021.

NYLC Youth Leadership Conference scheduled for June 12-13 will not be held at this time. We are looking into other alternatives for this event.

Until we open up again, NYLC is holding a Zoom meeting every other Thursday that invites all members to share with each other and learn about disability issues. If there are any agencies that want to share with our youth, please contact me.



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