

NOT TOO YOUNG TO LEAD



PRESENTERS

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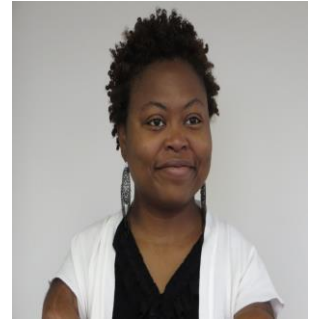
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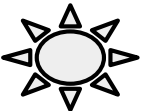
THE PRESENTERS WILL DISCUSS:

- the purpose and formation of the YouthACT model.
- the value of increasing youth voice.
- personal stories from YouthACT teams.
- strategies and tools for increasing youth voice, leadership, and youth-adult partnerships.



AGENDA

- Overview of YouthACT
- Share youth stories
- Watch You Can Lead Too video
- Panel/Questions
- Share Resources
- Evaluation



NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON WORKFORCE AND DISABILITY FOR YOUTH (NCWD/YOUTH)

- Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy
- National Technical Assistance Center that provides free resources
- Housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership
- Leads the National Youth Action Council on Transition (YouthACT)



YOUTHACT

YouthACT is a national initiative to get more youth with disabilities and their allies involved as leaders who partner with adults and organizations to improve opportunities for youth to succeed in life.



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YOU CAN LEAD TOO!:
YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP



EBONY'S STORY

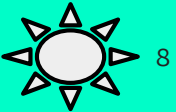


-Coming to terms with having a disability

-Searching for community after high school

-Being empowered to create my own avenues to serve marginalized youth

-Becoming a leader!



PAULINE'S STORY



- Part-time college student/Law Enforcement Major
- National Youth Conference Speaker
- Advocate for youth with Special Needs/Disabilities helping make sure youth voices are heard
- Two - year YouthACT participant
- Youth Resource Specialist/Rhode Island Department of Health Youth Advisory Council Co-Chair
- Promotes Health & Wellness to youth throughout Rhode Island



RESOURCES



NCWD/YOUTH RESOURCES

- **Guiding Your Success Tool**

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Guiding-Your-Success-Guidepost-Working-Tool.pdf>

- **By Youth For Youth: Employment**

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/by-youth-for-youth-employment/>

- **A Young Person's Guide to Health Care Transition**

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/a-young-persons-guide-to-health-care-transition/>

- **Hitting the Open Road After High School: How to Build Your Own Path to Success!**

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Hitting-the-Open-Road-After-High-School-NEW-JUNE-2018.pdf>



NCWD/YOUTH RESOURCES

- **Our Lives in High School and Beyond (Policy Brief)**
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/youthact-policy-brief-our-lives-in-high-school-and-beyond/>
- **Our Voices Matter in Our Communities (Policy Brief)**
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/youthact-policy-brief-our-voices-matter-in-communities/>
- **YouthACT Overview Video**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJUUE9vGoxU>
- **You Can Lead Too!: Youth Perspectives on Leadership (video)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Xuq-q1jMxA&feature=youtu.be>
- **Developing Successful Youth-Adult Partnerships(video)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4MmE0cB14g&feature=youtu.be>



NCWD/YOUTH RESOURCES

- **Transition Truths: An Overview of Transition Systems**
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/transition-truths-an-overview-of-transition-systems/>
- **The 411 on Disability Disclosure: A Workbook for Youth with Disabilities**
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/the-411-on-disability-disclosure-a-workbook-for-youth-with-disabilities/>
- **Youth in Action! Tip Sheets**
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publication-category/tip-sheets/>



PANEL DISCUSSION

Q + A



EVALUATIONS

