

YOUTH COUNCIL ORIENTATION FOR YOUTH
SUPPORTING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP



Annotated Agenda
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Youth Council Orientation for Youth

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If you are a young person who is a current or potential member of your local Youth Council, this workshop is for you! Join us for a fun and information-packed workshop to support your goals and participation on your local Youth Council. During this interactive orientation and workshop, you will learn:

- The skinny on local Youth Councils;
- Facilitation, conversation, and active participation techniques and skills;
- Acronyms and WIA lingo; and
- How to be an effective team player while working with adults and peers.

10:00 **Welcome & Staff Introductions**

Steve

- Introduce New Ways Staff
- Give a brief introduction about why we're here & what we're going to be doing this morning.

10:10 **Ice Breaker**

Chandra

Introduction: Throughout this session, we're going to be doing activities that are all aimed at supporting your involvement on your Youth Councils. We're going to be doing this in two ways - first we will be going over the background of Youth Councils and WIA, and then we going to spend some time having you tell us what would be helpful in supporting your involvement on your Youth Council.

One of the most challenging aspects of joining any new organization, board, Youth Council, or even workshop session, is being comfortable and getting to know your peers. This is true as much for adults as it is for young people. So, to start us out, we're going to do an ice breaker, introductions activity in which everyone will get a chance to have a conversation with someone you don't know, so you can practice getting to know strangers.

*Flip chart
activity &
hand out
worksheet*

Activity

- Participants pair up and interview each other, sharing the following information:
 1. Name and where they're from
 2. If they are currently a member of a Youth Council - if so, in what role and for how long. If not, whether they are planning to join a Youth Council and why.
 3. Share a goal they have for their Youth Council.
- Each pair reports out by introducing each other and sharing their definition of Youth Council.

Steve is going to walk us through a big picture of what Youth Council are and what they are meant to do.

10:35	<p>Overview of WIA & Youth Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Picture ▪ Regulatory Vs. AYOS ▪ Quick Map ▪ Elements of a Comprehensive Youth-Serving System Overview ▪ Functions of a Youth Council in Building the System Overview 	Steve
10:55	<p>LINGO Family Feud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set group into “families” ▪ Have questions like “Name the acronym that describes the Workforce Investment Act” 	<p>Chandra</p> <p><i>Folder: YCi Glossary</i></p>
11:15	<p>Tips for Youth from Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>You belong on the board</i> ▪ <i>Find allies</i> ▪ <i>Ask questions</i> ▪ <i>Build a support base for yourself</i> ▪ <i>Get the word out about your leadership</i> ▪ <i>Know that you are not alone</i> ▪ <i>If you are feeling bored, take responsibility for making the work more interesting</i> ▪ <i>If you don't like how something is going, change it</i> ▪ <i>Don't get discouraged</i> ▪ <i>Got to all meetings</i> ▪ <i>Join a committee and take on leadership</i> ▪ <i>Relax, have fun, and be yourself</i> ▪ <i>Appreciate adult allies</i> 	<p>Chandra</p> <p><i>Folder: Tips for Youth from Youth</i></p>
11:25	<p>Supporting You(th) on Youth Councils</p> <p><i>Introduction:</i> Explain that this is an opportunity for the participants to try out their facilitation skills, while discussing ideas that will impact Youth Councils across the state. Explain what we intend to do with their suggestions.</p> <p><i>Activity:</i> Teams of 3-4 choose a facilitator, recorder, & person to report out. Groups will discuss the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What would help you be successful on your Youth Council? ▪ What challenges do you experience currently in being fully engaged on your Youth Council? ▪ What are some suggestions/solutions to supporting your participation on your Youth Council. <p><i>Full group will choose 3 main topics to share with the larger group.</i></p>	<p>Steve</p> <p><i>Flip & record 3 main points</i></p>
11:45	<p>Evaluation & Adjourn</p>	