

## Determined to Lead During the Pandemic

A Panel Presentation of  
Arizona Youth Leaders

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# 2021 African American Conference on Disabilities



Arizona Youth Leadership Initiatives (AZYLI) are a combination of peer-based mentoring, training, and support services provided throughout Arizona, by and for youth who have disabilities and other diversities.

Let's meet some AZYLI Alumni now!



## Leader Defined:

- the person who leads or commands a group, organization, or country
- a person followed by others

The first person that you lead is  
**YOU!**

What have you learned about Personal Leadership, and how has this insight been helpful to you, especially during the pandemic???

In what ways have you demonstrated leadership skills while interacting with others?

What is your process when  
confronting a challenging decision?

What challenges have influenced your Self-Determination in the last year, and how have you overcome them?

With the drastic changes in education recently, what are some ways in which you have used Self-Advocacy to ensure your success?



What tips do you have for young people who have disabilities who wish to take a more active role in choosing the life they want to live?

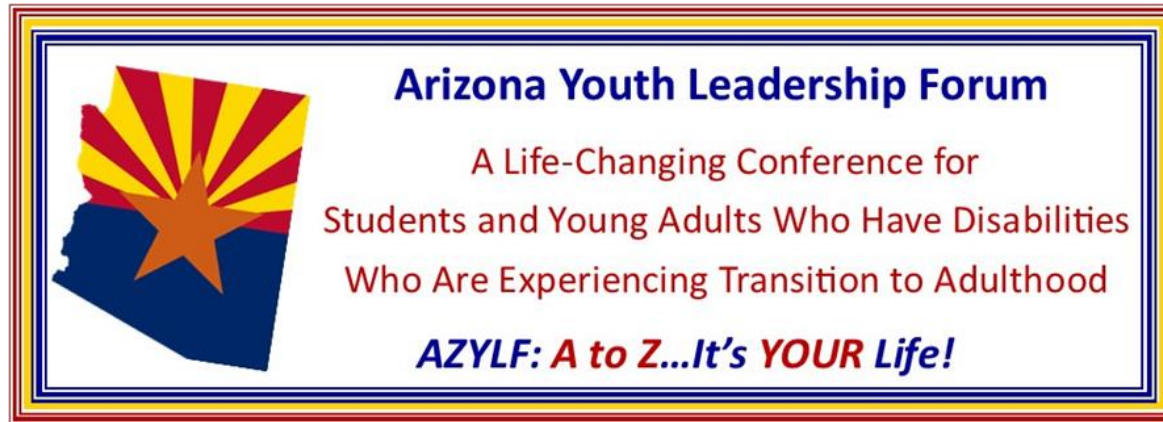
What are some beneficial ways supporters of young people who have disabilities can help as the young person is making choices and decisions about their lives?

Any final words of wisdom regarding youth leadership as it applies to the life of a young person who has a disability?

Becoming an Arizona Youth Leader  
starts with graduating from  
Arizona Youth Leadership Forum!

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Arizona Youth Leadership Forum (AZYLF), an innovative, 5-day summer conference, for youth who have disabilities, as they prepare for and experience transition to adulthood. Prior to the pandemic, AZYLF conferences were held in several regions of Arizona, with a goal of building capacity in youth who have disabilities throughout Arizona. In 2020, four 5-day summer conferences were held virtually.

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The logo for Arizona Youth Leadership Initiatives (AZYLI) features a stylized sunburst or starburst design in shades of yellow and orange, with a white banner across the center containing the text "Arizona Youth Leadership Initiatives".

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Arizona youth who have completed at least one year of high school, up through age 29, who have a desire to interact effectively with peer and elder role models, and who have a desire to increase personal leadership, self-reliance, and self-advocacy skills, apply for AZYLF.

Up to twenty-five individuals for each conference are selected as delegates, to participate in a dynamic experience that focuses on self-discovery, leadership development, career exploration, effective advocacy, and personal empowerment, through heightened awareness of disability history and culture.

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Recruitment for AZYLF 2021 will soon begin!

For more information, visit the Diverse Ability Incorporated website:

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Questions?

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Thank You!