

YPCL 2014 Accomplishments

Develop and share communication, advocacy for change, and leadership skills among youth/adult teams:

YPCL 2014 accomplished its essential goals for most participants. Over 80% of the 64 respondents agreed somewhat or a great deal with all of the outcomes. The strongest areas were “Exchanged ideas and formed friendships with people from diverse backgrounds” where 76% responded that they did this a “great deal” at the conference and 62% said their teams are a “great deal” “more likely to initiate or follow through with work on local issues.”



Not at all =1, Very Little=2, Neutral =3, Somewhat =4, A great deal=5	Mean
Prepared me to better work as a partner with adults/youth in my community.	4.38
Improved my ability to actively contribute to my community.	4.30
Exchanged ideas and formed friendships with people from diverse backgrounds.	4.65
Strengthened my communication, leadership and other life skills.	4.37
Made contacts that I will continue to network with.	4.30
My team is more likely to initiate or follow through with work on local issues.	4.48
My team is more likely to initiate or follow through with work on statewide issues.	4.44

Gather and engage a diverse group of youth and adults who believe in youth voice:

4-H State Teams	Statewide
Bad River Youth	Ashland/Bad River Nation
Diversity Club - Rhinelander HS	Oneida
FAAR-Fighting Against Abusive Relationships	Shawano
Focus on Community	Racine
Forest County Teen Court	Forest
Iron County Youth First Impression Team	Iron
Lussier Community and Education Center	Dane
Monroe School District	Green
Peace Network, Inc.	Dane
United Way Fox Cities Youth Board	Calumet/Winnebago
Urban Underground	Milwaukee
Waushara County Mentor program	Waushara
Wisconsin PATCH Program	Dane
Wise Youth Group	Brown/Oneida Nation

“YPCL provided the ability to meet with groups we don’t have in our area to learn about organizations in communities and bring ideas back.”

“The opportunity to meet and interact with other incredible leaders and see how some do similar work as we do and possibly collaborate with them.”

Demographics			Native				Mixed		Non-		Total
	Male	Female	White	Black	American	Asian	Race	Hispanic	Hispanic		
Adults	11	19	21	5	2	1	1	1	29	30	
Youth	28	62	46	24	9	1	10	12	78	90	
All	39	81	67	29	11	2	11	13	107	120	

“The talent show made me more confident and showed me how comfortable and accepting everyone was.”

Provide models of community actions led by youth and adult partnerships:

Workshops were led by many participating teams and focused on the issues teams are working on as well as on personal leadership development:

"I enjoyed the sharing your story workshop. I think it brought a sense of trust to my group that helped us communicate better!"

Community Development and Youth Leadership: *Youth First Impressions* focused on engaging youth in community improvement, *Hustlin' 4 Change* on community organizing strategies, *Beyond the Bell* on after-school program quality, and *School to Prison Pipeline* on building awareness of systems of oppression.

Interpersonal Relationships: *Discovery Dating* and *Unhealthy Dating Relationships* to promote healthy interpersonal relationships, *Diversity Circles* on facilitating conversations on positive relationships and understanding.



Prevention and Health: *Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH)* focused on issues in accessing mental health, sexual health and other resources; *Teen Court* shared youth-led restorative justice approaches.

Leadership Skills and Personal Development: *Conversation Starters* and *Digital Documentary* to build communication skills, *Real Colors* to understand personal leadership style, Youth-written grants to help teams garner resources

"Workshops like PATCH educate us on helping ourselves as well as the community."

Speakers

Young Adults who attended YPCL as teens were invited as speakers to challenge youth to ask the question "What If?"

- David Bowen, elected to Wisconsin Assembly in 2014
- Jeremy Triblett, Dir. of Training & Technical Assistance, Center for Youth Engagement, Milwaukee
- Ashley Viste, staffer for Senator Tammy Baldwin

Increase awareness of and action in local and statewide issues:

Action plans were based on what teams experienced at the conference. Among the plans were:

- Promoting positive interactions among diverse teens through a social media campaign
- Providing training on teen court to areas lacking them.
- Creating a video about teen prevention work to garner more funding.
- Bringing Native American and White teens together to build cultural understanding
- Promoting condom use and access to sexually active teens
- Providing transportation to after school programs
- Establishing new organizations to focus youth on systemic oppression
- Volunteering for people in need
- Changing athletic team logos that offend Native Americans

"What helped us the most? Breakout sessions and planning time – time together is always valuable. Nice work!"

We discussed how this system of oppression affects all youth and persons of color. I am thinking about how I can connect with youth about this issue.

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