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The Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN)

Advocacy. Empowerment. Leadership.

Youth Lead, Youth Driven.

PYLN Over the Years

Established in 2004

A team of youth leaders with disabilities from across Pennsylvania. Their motto being **“For Youth, Led by Youth”**, this group:

1. Participated as leaders at in transition conferences and summits.
2. Maintained relationships between agencies and organizations to better youth engagement all across PA.
3. Managed ‘PYLN chapters’ across the state.
4. Created useful, youth-driven materials regarding advocacy and leadership.

Relaunched in 2024

Mentored by prior PYLN founders/members and youth leaders Hayley Penn and Erin Black. This group:

1. Empowers leadership, self advocacy, and connection through monthly meetings, participation in conferences, and relationship building.
2. Serves as a primary network to share youth leadership opportunities in the state.
3. Works to create resources and maintain youth voice in spaces it is needed throughout the state.

THE MISSION REMAINS THE SAME

To foster an open dialogue with youth and young adults to promote youth leadership, self advocacy, and independence by creating a positive and supportive network of young people with and without disabilities.

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What is PYLN to You?

- A network of young people across the state of Pennsylvania
- A place to...
  - “Learn about youth leadership opportunities”
  - “Practice leadership and self advocacy”
  - “Educate myself on what is happening around the state”
  - “Showcase my leadership and self advocacy skills”
  - “Share ideas to inspire systems change in the future”
  - “Be yourself and share what leadership is to you”
  - “Get to know other youth”
  - “Feel comfortable around and support other youth”

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Who is part of PYLN?

- Pa Virtual Charter School
- Carlisle Area School District
- Canine Partners for Life
- Best Buddies
- Self Advocates United as One (SAU1)
- LOUD Youth Advocates
- Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
- Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership (PEAL)
- Speaking for Ourselves

Want to see your organization up here? Join our network!

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Canine Partners *for* Life

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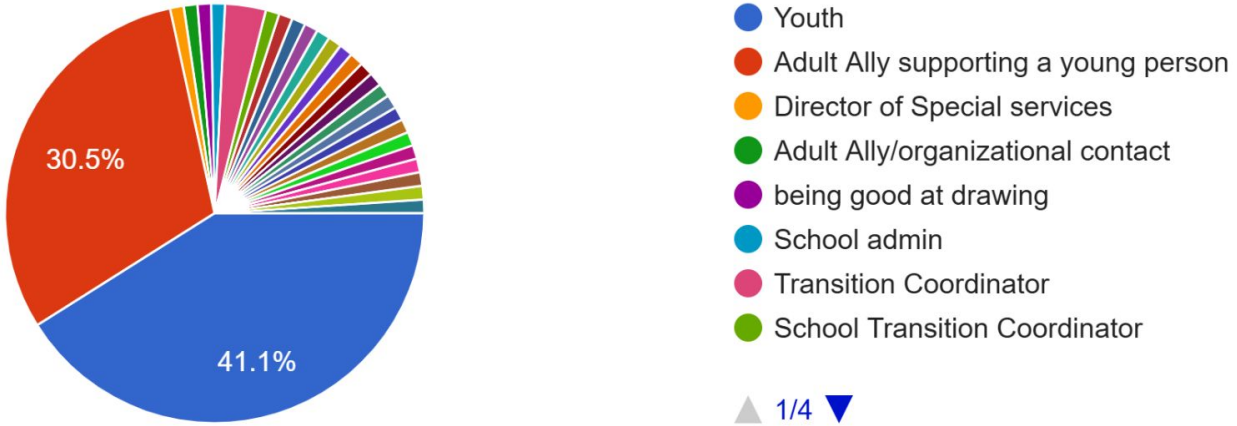
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Who is part of PYLN?

I am a...

95 responses



What happens at Monthly Meetings?

- **Introductions**
  - Hellos!
- **Hot Topics of the Month**
  - PYLN co-lead, leads members and meeting guests through discussions surrounding youth development and leadership. Examples of past and upcoming “Hot Topics” include Navigating Employment, Independent Living, Post-Secondary Life Skills, Mental Health, etc.
- **Featured Speaker**
  - Guests from outside organizations are invited to join the PYLN Monthly Youth Leaders call to share about youth leadership opportunities and educational tools related to the “Hot Topic of the Month”.

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What happens at Monthly Meetings?

- **Youth Engagement and Leadership Opportunities in PA**
  - Time is available to share youth leadership opportunities available in PA! This time is dedicated to share new opportunities and/or current projects/groups/experiences members are involved in.
- **Closing**
  - Goodbyes!

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Space for Youth and for Adult Allies

Youth Leaders

Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 4pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CALLS!

Adult Allies

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 at 9am

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CALLS!

What are the benefits of joining PYLN?

- Youth Empowerment
- Leadership Development
- Community and Support
- Genuine Connection!
- An opportunity for YOUTH VOICE!!
- Skill Building
- A platform for YOU to share ideas, opportunities, and more!
- Influence and Impact - be a part of important conversations and decision making going on in the state!

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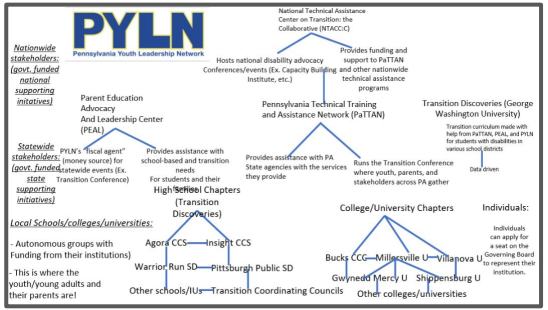
Featured Projects

Made for Youth by Youth

- Christians Infographic
- Kylee's Bookmark and SLIEP Booklet
- Max's Boys and Girls Club inspired Safe Hands Project



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How can I Stay Connected?

- Reach out to pyln.gb@gmail.com for best connection!
- Regular virtual youth meetings on the first Monday of every month.
  - Our next youth meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd from 4pm-5pm
  - Our next adult ally meeting will be on Wednesday Febuary 18th from 9am-10am
- We are currently working on making updates to the website and social media platforms
  - Instagram: @thepyln
  - Facebook: Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN)
  - Website: www.pyln.org

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