



# Preparing you to become one of Ohio's future leaders!



## Learn

disability and advocacy skills to become a leader in the community.

## Connect

with a supportive network of students, professionals, and mentors who can share their experiences.

## Develop

plans to reach employment and independent living goals for the future.



Participants must be a high school student with a disability.

To learn more or to apply, visit the [Youth Leadership Forum webpage](#) or call 800-282-4536.

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