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The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve all youth, including youth with disabilities and disconnected youth. NCWD/Youth has long focused on the important issues of youth development and leadership, encouraging and expanding youth voice, and empowering and promoting emerging youth leaders. Learn more about at: www.ncwd-youth.info

Lead On
Igniting Youth Voice,
Promoting Youth Choice

Gallaudet University
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The Community Learning Exchange (CLE) provides opportunities for community teachers, leaders, and activists to come together for a weekend of deep learning. Participants come from around the country in teams and leave with renewed energy, new and deeper partnerships, new tools and strategies, and action plans for work in their home communities. Learn more at: www.communitylearningexchange.org
NCWD/Youth Community Learning Exchange
Youth-serving organizations and agencies need to hear the voices of the youth they serve in order to make better decisions about what opportunities, services, and supports to offer. Building on the theme, Lead On: Igniting Youth Voice, Promoting Youth Choice, the NCWD/Youth Community Learning Exchange (CLE) will engage youth with disabilities and their allies in efforts to increase youth voice. Participants will:

- Engage with local and national examples of igniting youth voice and choice.
- Use CLE processes to learn from other participants.
- Strategize with team members on how to impact their home communities.

**Who Should Attend?**
In keeping with the spirit and practice of collective leadership, preferred participants are teams from youth serving organizations. Teams should:

- Be comprised of 3-5 youth and adults (including those with disabilities, family members and/or caring adults, and youth service professionals)
- Be willing to take risks
- Be committed to exploring new ways to work in your organization.

**The Setting**
Washington, D.C. with its plethora of national organizations devoted to fostering youth voice and choice on the ground and in the policy arena, offers an opportunity for practicing advocacy. And Gallaudet University presents a historical example of youth taking action to make their voices heard. Gallaudet, established in 1864 to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students, was the site 124 years later of a student-led protest called Deaf President Now (DPN). DPN supporters believed the time had come for a deaf person to lead Gallaudet. Two years later, Dr. I. King Jordan became the university’s first deaf president.

**Registration**
Register online: [http://tinyurl.com/ocfecsh](http://tinyurl.com/ocfecsh)  For more info contact:

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**Registration fee includes 3 nights lodging, meals, and transportation:**

- Single room $450
- Double room $350
- Local, no hotel $150

**Lodging:** Kellogg Conference Center and Hotel
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave., N.E. Washington, D.C.

**Transportation:** Complimentary shuttle service to/from Washington National Airport (DCA), will be provided. Please include your flight information on the registration form.