

Youth Moving Forward (YMF)
STEPS FOR SUCCESS IN 2009
~ an invitation to dig in ~

Your participation, your stories and insights, your connections and leadership are the keys to our shared success for *Youth Moving Forward* in 2009.

Please sign up for the activities that are best suited for you and your organization. Indicate your interest and any notes that will be helpful for the coordinators to know (upcoming events, existing relationships with legislators, other ideas):

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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Youth Moving Forward Work Group – please designate one person from your organization to be the contact person for the Youth Moving Forward Work Group.

Name of staff contact for YMF Work Group: _____

E-mail for staff contact: _____

This group will meet at LSS every third Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon beginning August 18. The meeting will begin with an update on how the Youth Moving Forward plan is advancing and then break into smaller working groups to address projects as needed. The goal is to use this time most effectively to share information and accomplish the goals of Youth Moving Forward together. *Meetings are scheduled for Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, and Apr. 20.*

Legislative Site Visits – Legislators can move from supporter to champion of the Youth Moving Forward agenda after they gain personal experience through a visit and personal conversation at your site. We have an incredible opportunity to engage candidates and legislators from now to the end of the 2009 session. YMF will provide materials, talking points, and a sample agenda for the visit and will assist in coordinating invitations and other details if requested.

We will host a site visit before May 2009: _____

Anticipated timing (your best guess): _____ Location: _____

Please hand this STEPS FOR SUCCESS form in today.

You can also send your information to Kirsten Anderson-Stembridge at kanderso@lssmn.org,
Fax: 651 969 2360 or LSS, 2485 Como Avenue, Saint Paul, 55108

Tuesdays at the Capitol – YMF supporters will engage legislators each Tuesday during session. With support from YMF policy and organizing staff, individuals or groups will meet with legislators to discuss the YMF agenda, further explain the work of each organization, and deepen relationships with your legislator. Three legislative visits should take approximately two hours to complete.

Yes, I plan to select a Tuesday at the Capitol to attend in 2009: _____
(Please sign up for a Tuesday on the sign-up sheet or with Kirsten Anderson-Stembridge, kanderso@lssmn.org or 651.969.2354)

Days at the Capitol – The Youth Policy Alliance, MCCA, MN Coalition for the Homeless, and many other supportive organizations have *Days at the Capitol*. Youth Moving Forward will serve as a clearinghouse for these opportunities to involve youth, staff and advocates. Please share *Days at the Capitol* you are aware of and commit to attend one of the YMF endorsed days.

We will encourage attendance (and include the YMF agenda) at a Day at the Capitol: _____

Other “Days at the Capitol” _____

Additional Recommendations – Please share your ideas of how your organization or all YMF stakeholders can collaborate further to seek support for the YMF agenda from elected officials and from the community:

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