PROJECT GOLD

What is Project GOLD?

Project GOLD (Gaining Opportunities in Leadership Development) is a Diversity Grant initiative through the partnership between two diverse groups: the STEP UP to Leadership Council at The University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies (IDS) and the City of Hattiesburg Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council (MYLC). The groups assist with developing a diverse, inclusive community training youth program. The program’s goal is to prepare young adults with and without disabilities for transition into adulthood through community resources. Activities for this program will include completing community needs assessment through focus groups and community forums. Through the assessments, the groups will assist with identifying community resources to develop a curriculum to provide youth with skills and resources needed to transition to adulthood.
The Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council is a group of young people working toward the common purpose of developing their individual leadership skills to strengthen their communities through volunteer service. For more information, contact Johniece Dupree at johniecedupree@yahoo.com.

The Southern Miss STEP UP to Leadership Council is a student organization that is composed of youth and young adults with and without disabilities. The council focuses on issues facing all young people, including leadership, self-advocacy, transition, health care, education, employment and recreation. For more information, contact Jerry Alliston at jerry.alliston@usm.edu or 601.266.5979.

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