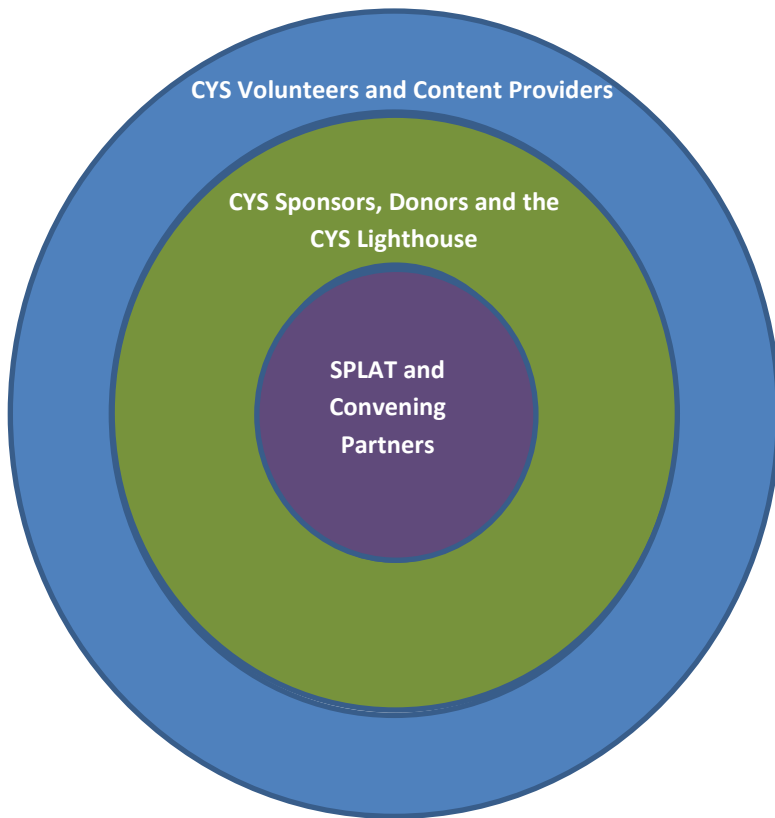


# 2014 Colorado Youth Summit Participation and Planning Structure

Thank you for your interest in playing a more significant role in the creation of the October 2014 Colorado Youth Summit (CYS)! The CYS is a collaborative project designed to connect and build skills for youth in Colorado in alignment with the goals of Colorado 9to25 (co9to25.org). Please see the basic structure and ways you can get involved below.



## The CYS Summit Planning Leadership Action-Team (SPLAT) and Convening Partners

are the core decision makers for planning the summit. SPLAT is made up of youth nominated from each convening organization. The group meets once a month from January to October to plan the summit. SPLAT members will build skills, meet new people, and receive stipends for their involvement. If you strongly want to leverage and influence the Colorado Youth Summit, this is the place for your organization. To become a Convening Partner, an organization must nominate a youth who can make the full commitment to SPLAT, as well as designate an adult representative to attend planning meetings and take on some tasks. Convening partners will receive the most visible recognition in all CYS materials and collateral (programs, banners, web pages etc.). Spaces are limited for this role.

**CYS Sponsors, Donors and the CYS Lighthouse** make up a sphere of influence around the core planning team. This is a great way to be involved as a guiding influence to ensure the summit is comprehensively representing youth interests. Organizations may be sponsors with a contribution of \$500 or more, or be donors by contributing up to \$499. Both donors and sponsors will receive recognition in the day's program. Sponsors' names and logos will also appear on all signage throughout the summit. Making a commitment at either level gives you a seat in The Lighthouse, the advisory board for the Colorado Youth Summit. This group will meet 3-4 times over January-October 2014 and give critical feedback and guidance to SPLAT and Convening Partners on major decisions as well as help connect the summit to those it intends to serve.

**CYS Volunteers and Content Providers** are a vital part of making the Colorado Youth Summit a reality by providing assistance on the day of the event to ensure everything runs smoothly. Volunteer opportunities may also be available throughout the planning process. Content Providers are individuals and organizations, both youth and adults, who can provide an engaging session, activity or other element for the summit. SPLAT will have to determine the structure, theme and intent for the 2014 CYS before we know exactly what we need in both these areas.

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