When is the Youth Summit?
The Youth Summit will take place August 9th and 10th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. We will either split groups into two groups between two days, or into 4 groups (mornings and afternoons in separate rooms).

Regarding in person vs. virtual programming- what is your approach this summer?
In person would be our first choice. There is no guidance from the state. It would be similar to what we did last summer. If something changes, we can pivot and do something for the youth over zoom. I am going to check with ODTA to see if having a zoom option available is something they would consider.

Can repeat kids from last year attend this year, too?
Yes. Let’s try to give other kids the opportunity, but we won’t cross check the list too closely because last year was so unusual. If the kids do something new or different this year that makes a positive difference, too.

Is there a replacement for the previous chef and will there be meals?
There is an interim food service director and they will most likely do meals.

Regarding the reporting requirement- there was talk of change to the reporting- is that true?
We are considering some changes, but we are not sure of what the end result will look like because it is still under discussion and dependent on how the money goes out. We will do allocations as usual and if agencies want to be forward funded they will have to follow the reporting requirements.

Regarding the length of the project- are you okay with programs going a bit longer if there is more for the kids to do?
Yes, programming may run until September 30th, 2021.

What dates would the shorter program run?
We don’t have solid dates, instead we are looking at 6-8 weeks. You don’t want to run orientation until you have a contract, so it depends on when you start. The contract won’t be delivered until the money arrives.

For the entrepreneurial piece, will you provide the professional trainers?
Yes. An agency will be contracted to work with the youth. The youth would be paid, and we will pay the agency to come in so you won’t have to worry about your budget. We will work it out
with each agency so that the kids will get credit for any time spent on zoom with the professional.

Would the paid hours for the entrepreneurial piece be in addition to the hours on the RFP? They are eligible to be paid for that time, but the hours would be paid through their SYEP allocation.

Is it recommended to attend the zoom meetings from home or can the youth be at the agency? That would be individual preference. We will leave that up to you.

How will we have presenters come when we work outdoors? We don’t have access to PowerPoint outdoors, and one agency said they had to do it online. We can address that when we meet in June. Now that the problem has been identified, we will figure something out.