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Association of New York State Youth Bureaus

44th Annual Youth Development Training Conference
October 28 - 29, 2014
Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York

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Partnership for Children, Youth and Families
Dear Colleagues:

The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) is pleased to announce its annual youth development training, October 28-29 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York. Youth development experts from across the state and country will convene to share ideas, learn best practices, and exchange knowledge on issues pertaining to youth development, prevention services, healthy living and high risk youth.

The planning committee has developed a training that offers timely educational sessions in an efficient two-day format so that you and your staff can attend cost-effectively and productively. We are confident you will find the sessions worthwhile to better position youth development in your community. We encourage you to share this brochure and training opportunity with your contract agencies, community partners and other youth advocates in your region.

Throughout the training, time has also been allocated for networking so that you can learn from your colleagues across the State as well as from our partners at the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. The time we spend together is invaluable as we set the course for continued quality youth development for the over 1.5 million youth we serve.

We look forward to seeing you in October. Register online today at www.anysyb.net!

Respectfully Yours,

Jackie Negri, Executive Director
Association of New York State Youth Bureaus

Chris Flynn, Youth Bureau Administrator
Onondaga County Youth Bureau

Meghan Lutz, Director
Niagara County Youth Bureau

Rachel Wilson, Executive Director
Orange County Youth Bureau

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8:30AM  REGISTRATION

9:30AM-10:45AM  EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS

**Strategies for Including Youth with Disabilities in Youth Development Programs** *

*Laurie Penney McGee, Consultant, MS, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist*

Is your staff trained to work with youth of all abilities? Youth development professionals provide services to a broad range of young people, including youth who have disabilities. In order to offer opportunities that are truly inclusive, staff at all levels of an organization must have the skills, knowledge and attitudes to ensure that everyone is welcome and well served. Staff training must skillfully prepare everyone to serve all members of the community. This session will encompass a broad spectrum of learning outcomes in order for professionals at all levels to not only understand the concept of inclusion, but to implement strategies, policies, and procedures for its success.

**Creating a College and Career Ready Culture** *

*Ken Miller, Executive Director, Educational Partnerships, Kaplan K12 Learning Services*

Youth Bureaus and community organizations are in an excellent position to promote college and career readiness. In this session, led by Kaplan K12 Executive Director of Educational Partnerships Ken Miller, you will learn about 10 key ways that you can better prepare students for academic success and post-secondary readiness.

**Fostering Self-Regulation Through Mindfulness Based Practices** *

*Dessa Bergen-Cico, PhD, Assistant Professor Public Health and Rachel Razza, PhD, Assistant Professor Child & Family Studies Syracuse University*

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of research on mindfulness based practices for children (Pre-K through adolescence) and the adults in their lives. Mindfulness practices, such as yoga, and meditation, have demonstrated efficacy fostering self-regulation, compassion, and psychological wellbeing among universal/non-indicated populations and at-risk/clinically indicated populations of children and adults. The presenters will discuss their research on the integration of mindfulness practices in schools in addition to practical strategies for implementation of evidence based mindfulness programs for children and the adults in their lives. This workshop primarily falls under the touchstone areas of physical and emotional health and schools while addressing physical and psychological safety, self-efficacy, social norms, supportive relationships, opportunities to belong and skill building.

**Overview of Program Enhancement within Facilities and Youth Bureau Directors/Staff Facilitated Networking**

*Mike Gray, President, ANYSYB Louis Medina and Ismelda Rosario, NYS Office of Children and Family Services*

This session will offer youth bureau directors and staff the opportunity to share practices and programs to enhance positive youth development. Representatives from State offices providing youth services will join the conversation. Program Enhancement on how Youth Bureaus can provide programs and resources to youth in our secure and non-secure facilities based on meeting the need of positive youth development will also be discussed.
11:00AM-12:30PM
WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Mike Gray, President, ANYSYB
Jackie Negri, Executive Director, ANYSYB
Chris Flynn, Youth Bureau Administrator, Onondaga County Youth Bureau
Joanne M. Mahoney, County Executive, Onondaga County

Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders: Our Most Precious Resource
William Kellibrew, Activist & Expert on Violence

William Kellibrew IV is an international advocate for civil, human, women, children, and victims’ rights. He is a sought-after speaker on violence, trauma, trauma-informed care, and children exposed to violence. At age six, he was sexually abused by his mom’s neighbor and at age ten, he watched helplessly as his mother and twelve-year-old brother were shot in their living room by his mother’s estranged boyfriend.

Kellibrew is a faculty member for SAMHSA’s National Center for Trauma Informed Care, and a consultant for the Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, as well as The William Kellibrew Foundation. In 2011, he was recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change for his work to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Kellibrew has appeared on Oprah, In Session, Andrea Mitchell Reports, MSNBC, HLN, Newsmakers with Robert Traynum, BBC Worldwide, BET, and NPR, and in Newsweek, The Washington Post, and countless other media outlets worldwide. He has also blogged for the White House.

12:30PM-1:30PM
LUNCH & YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT
From the Back of the Bus, Theatre Production on Teens, Racism and Racial Healing
The Media Unit

1:45PM-3:00PM
CONCURRENT SESSIONS A
Touchstones, Data and KWIC *
Cate Teuten Bohn, KWIC Coordinator, NYS Council on Children & Families

The Kids’ Well-being Indicators Clearing House (KWIC) contains local level data for children and youth organized by the Touchstones life areas. This workshop will showcase new graphing, mapping tools, and sub-county data. Questions from the audience will be an important part of the workshop.
To Thine Own Self Be True *
Candice Thompson, MEd, School Age Education Specialist, NYS Credentialed Trainer
Child Care Resource Network

This training will explore root causes and the concept of self-identity as it relates to you as a youth development professional. Using research developed by Dr. Bruce Perry, from Child Trauma Academy, you will reflect on your own self-development and explore its impact on your work with children and youth. To understand yourself is to understand youth!

Foster Youth in Action Leadership and Advocacy Trainings
Project: Multi-State Models and Evaluation of Positive Youth Development *
Toni Naccarato, MSW, PhD, Assistant Professor, University at Albany School of Social Welfare

Foster Youth in Action provides intensive leadership and advocacy training to members of its program partners in Massachusetts, Indiana, Nebraska, Washington, Oregon, and California (California Youth Connection; CYC). Participants are current and former foster youth between the ages of 14-25 years. Youth in each group set their own leadership and advocacy goals and agendas. The FYA training team, who are all experienced trainers and former foster youth, tailor their trainings to help youth meet their goals. FYA has more than 100 pieces of curricula, including curriculum materials created by CYC, developed by former foster youth, and that trainers can adapt to meet their local needs. Initial trainings typically focus on the following: how foster care policy is made; how to tell a compelling story about their experiences in care to powerful policymakers and the public; community organizing; problem solving; critical thinking; meeting, planning, and facilitation; how to recruit new members and share leadership; how to build relationships with supportive adults and create a constituency of key community allies; and how to organize other foster youth to help improve the foster care system. Between trainings, youth receive online and telephone support, can access resources on the FYA website, and coaching. The intervention has been evaluated using two waves of data using a quasi-experimental pre- and post-test design to determine if there was a difference in youth before and after the intervention in seven youth developmental domains. The specific outcome measures are as follows: Identity Search, Identity Affiliation, Civic Activism, Efficacy, and Community Problem Solving (5 subscales), the Civic Engagement Scale (total of prior 5 subscales), the Supports and Opportunities Scale, and the Total Scale (Civic Engagement Scale and Supports and Opportunities Scale combined). Findings indicate that the intervention has statistical evidence to support that there is a positive difference in pre- and post-test scores among the youth in the sample. The workshop will focus on the Foster youth in Action Model and present the research finding to date regarding the intervention.

What Difference Does “Doing It Different” Really Make?
Xenia Becher, MSW, LCSW, Health Pathways
Kimber Gunn, Student Advocate, Center for Community Alternatives
Courtney Ramirez, MSW, DMC Coordinator/Juvenile Justice Specialist, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

This workshop is the product of a more than 15 year-old relationship between three professionals who have shared a passion, energy and commitment to helping young people (who many identified as “at-risk”) grow into positive, healthy adults. Committed to “doing things differently” and utilizing a positive strengths-based approach, they led youth development programming which impacted hundreds of Syracuse-area youth and
families over the years and through collaborations between several community-based organizations. While many youth-serving organizations struggle with understanding the long-term outcomes of their work, this workshop will discuss the real impact of implementing positive youth development principles. Preliminary evaluation results tracking teens from program intake through their early adult years will be discussed. Additionally, former program participants and staff will share personal testimonies, lessons learned, and why the most effective interventions focus on building relationships, not just solving problems or issues.

**STEM and After-School: A Perfect Match**

*Lisa Mielke, Science Manager, The After-School Corporation*

You know it's important to offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) in your program, but it seems like such a heavy lift. Learn what assets you already have and how leverage them to create a dynamic STEM program. Participants will become more comfortable with implementing STEM by experiencing a typical activity, learning about great, readily available curricula, and becoming familiar with STEM practices that are at the heart of good activities and good youth development.

**Building Bridges: Creating Connections for Students & Professionals** *

*Debra Scher, Director of Volunteer & Corporate Partnerships - Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF)*

*Korenet Brown, Development Associate, SASF*

How does your organization think about volunteers? Are you looking for new ways to engage professionals and provide exciting opportunities for students? This workshop aims to outlines ways in which you can create a meaningful volunteer experience and bring new people to your organization to provide inspiration and motivation to the young people you serve. As the largest provider of school-based after-school programs in the New York, SASF launched a volunteer Speakers Bureau as a way to create a bridge between students and successful professionals. Over 600 speakers have met with more than 10,000 students since it began in 2009. It provides them the chance to meet people they would not ordinarily encounter so they can see the many opportunities that await them after graduating from high school and college.

**QSA 201: A Deep Dive into Specific Methods for NYSAN Quality Self-Assessment Tool Use** *

*Alli Lidie, Policy & Communications Coordinator, NYSAN*

This session is only for experienced QSA users. Participants will discuss several strategies for implementation of the QSA Tool and will look at available supports for use. They will look at the quality improvement process as a framework for creating lasting change through QSA use. Participants should come with a general understanding of the tool, and are encouraged to share stories of use in individual programs. This will be an interactive session that will allow participants to leave with new ideas for QSA implementation in their programs.

**3:00PM-3:15PM  Break**
3:15PM-4:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS B

Transforming Education through Creative Practices *

Anya Warburg, U.S. Program Manager, Move This World

Move This World is a global nonprofit that transforms conflict, violence and bullying in schools and communities through creative expression. During a Move This World workshop, participants are given a safe space to express themselves creatively - a space where appreciation of diverse ideas and perspectives is encouraged. Move This World sessions equip educators and school leaders with a creative-based social and emotional learning toolkit that has led to a 78% decrease in responding to a stressful situation with anger; a 65% decrease in the use of physical violence during a peer conflict; 34% fewer incident reports for students engaged in MTW program; and an 80% decrease in student suspensions. Key concepts include: trust, expressing and managing emotions, empathy, active listening, cooperation, risk taking, respect, civic engagement, ethical behavior, diversity, and resilience.

Look Before You LYEP *

Mary Guldenschuh, Youth Employment Counselor, Livingston County Youth Bureau

See how Livingston County improved their SYEP retention rate before they put the kids on the job! Their pre-hire week includes skill assessment, job readiness skill building and fun. A pre-hire curriculum is based on youth development, mindfulness and adolescent brain development. Youth in the program have a wide range of skills and abilities but all felt the pre-hire week helped them prepare for a successful worksite placement.

The Nuts & Bolts with some Bells & Whistles for Achieving a Successful Advantage After School Program *

The Advantage After School Program Staff

In this interactive workshop Advantage After School Program staff will outline facts regarding required programming and desired outcomes as well as explore the key components of program development and implementation. Time will be allotted for questions and discussion.

OCFS Latest on Youth Development Program Regulations and Funding Summary of 1st Year *

Matt Beck, Director, Office of Youth Development, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OFCS

This session will provide the latest information on the Youth Development Program. Hear the most recent information on regulations and funding as well as a summary of what the first year looks like.
CHFFF & CHAT: Models for Healthy Living Programming *
Mary Lee Bourbeau, Nutrition Team Leader and
Jessica Spence, 4-H Team Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County
Experience how Cornell Cooperative Extension’s “Choose Health” initiative engages 3-5th grade youth in healthy eating and active living behaviors sustainable throughout life. We will demonstrate the Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness (CHFFF) and Choose Health Action Teens (CHAT) curricula and workshop participants will engage in parts of the fun and active lessons to learn how adults and teens play a role in teaching and modeling healthy behaviors. Participants will also be introduced to a tool that assesses nutrition, physical activity, and screen time policies and procedures and can be used in their youth program settings.

Chronic Stress & Trauma: Impact on the Brain and Behavior *
Jennifer Parmalee, Director, School Based Initiatives
Marnie Annese, Onondaga County RHY Services Coordinator
Working with young people has become increasingly challenging as they struggle with academics, relationships and behaviors. From impulsivity to disconnection, focus is a major struggle. What is going on? This workshop takes a closer look at how chronic stress impacts the developing brain and the ability to function cognitively, socially and emotionally. Participants are provided with concrete strategies for creating environments that will lead to improved success in community programs and in the classroom. Strategies are based on best practices from Massachusetts, Washington State and The National Center on Family Homelessness.

Solutions Not Suspensions *
Lisa Syron, Executive Director, Student Advocacy, Inc.
In this workshop participants will learn about the harm caused by school suspensions, including the role of suspensions in the school-to-prison pipeline. Suspensions disproportionately affect children and youth of color and/or who are disabled. Local data will be presented to document the extent of the problem. The workshop concludes with information on alternatives to suspension and advocacy strategies to promote alternatives to suspension in your community. You can help keep children in school and out of the prison pipeline. Come to learn how.

4:45pm-5:45pm
ASSOCIATION OF NYS YOUTH BUREAU’S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(ANYSYB Members Only)

6:00pm
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
7:30AM-8:30AM     REGISTRATION

8:30AM-9:45AM     CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

**ChildRight: Building Child Welfare Response to Child Trafficking** *
*Madeline Hannan, MSW, Project Director and Valerie Douglas, MPA, Director of Counseling & RHY Services, International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)*

In partnership with the International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA) the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is implementing ChildRIght: New York, a pilot project which aims to build a comprehensive, state-wide response to child trafficking in New York. This project is implemented using Safe Harbour funds to respond to the needs of minors trafficked for sex and labor. Presenters will highlight emerging trends and promising practices at the state and county levels. This presentation will highlight how Youth Bureaus and Runaway Homeless Youth programs are often at the forefront of serving these trafficked and exploited youth.

**Training Youth for Civic Engagement and Advocacy** *
*Laura Jankstrom, LMSW, YouthAction Program Coordinator, Citizens’ Committee for Children of NY*

This workshop will focus on how to train youth to conduct research on community issues and to develop and deliver policy and budgetary recommendations to leaders in local government. Using Citizens’ Committee for Children’s 10-week Youth Action Community Leadership Course curriculum as a model, participants will be given a roadmap on how to train students to advocate for positive social change on a local level. The curriculum teaches teens how to conduct hands-on research, such as community mapping, public polling and site visits; prepares them to meet with government officials to discuss their ideas for community improvement; develops leadership through problem solving and critical thinking; and strengthens their communication and public speaking skills.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County’s Youth and Vocational Training Programs - Green Teen and No Child Left Inside** *
*Helanna Bratman, Green Teen Program Coordinator
Samantha Brittain, Green Teen Program Assistant
Carolyn Klocker, Water Resource Educator
Youth Presenters*

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County has two programs that focus on workforce development and vocational training while learning about the food system and the environment. For the past 10 years the Green Teen Program has been hiring urban youth to work in gardens and on farms, learn about the food system, develop youth run businesses and gain valuable vocational training and workforce readiness skills. Since 2007 the No Child Left Inside Program has been hiring and training urban youth to be environmental educators who teach their peers and younger youth about the environment and raise awareness about the importance of getting youth outdoors. Throughout our programs we make an effort to have tiered positions that youth can move up and grow into. We will share with you what our programs look like, how they are organized, and how they impact the youth.
OCFS Performance Measures and Results Based Accountability (RBA) *

Karen Finn, Partner/Senior Consultant, Results Leadership Group
Matt Beck, Director, Office of Youth Development, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS

This workshop will provide an overview of the development of a statewide performance accountability system. The Results-Based Accountability Framework (RBA) will enable OCFS and Youth Bureaus to identify specific outcomes and determine the quality and effect of the programs that are provided.

Drugs in our Cupboards - Opiate Use/Abuse *

Penny Morley, MS, CAS Prevention Services Director, Farnham Family Services

Come find out more than you ever thought you would need to know regarding opiates.
* History of opiate use/abuse in youth/adults.
* Current use/abuse of opiates in youth/adults.
* How can we help prevent opiate abuse in youth/adults?

Exploring the Capabilities of Career Zone

Amy Stage, Youth Services Specialist, CNY Works

Discover the hidden treasures of the CareerZone system, a no-cost career exploration and management tool for today’s high tech NYS youth. For new and returning users alike, this workshop will dive into valuable CareerZone features and resources to transform youth into confident and competent adults. Engage in an interactive workshop designed to help you develop youth’s soft and hard skills, career planning strategies, and technology proficiency. Take away a treasure chest of brand new instructional tools including new innovative lesson plans, a facilitators guide and desk aid.

Regional Youth Justice Teams: How Youth Bureaus Can Support Juvenile Justice Reform

James C Czarniak, Director of Juvenile Justice, Onondaga County & Chair, Central New York Regional Youth Justice Team
Courtney Ramirez, MSW, DMC Coordinator/Juvenile Justice Specialist, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

Juvenile Justice Reform has taken hold in many counties state-wide and there continues to be a movement to support Regional Solutions to working with youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System. There are currently seven (7) Regional Youth Justice Teams in New York State in which multiple counties collectively meet with regional stakeholder including Probation, Family Court, and Community Based Agencies, Attorney’s for the Children, Law Enforcement, Youth and Parents and Youth Bureau’s. This session will focus on how Youth Bureaus can get involved in Regional Youth Justice Teams and support the mission of Juvenile Justice Reform regionally and in their home counties.

9:45AM-10:00AM    BREAK
10:00AM-11:15AM

Concurrent Sessions D

Successful Afterschool Programming *
Kevin Anthony, Program Director, Bronx Institute Lehman College CUNY
In this workshop participants will examine successful strategies and activities that lead to the creation of meaningful afterschool programs. By looking at obstacles and challenges that face afterschool programs, participants will begin to design programs that address those issues and lead to successful outcomes.

Resources for Youth Bureaus - Find the Trainings, Funding & TA You Need *
Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families Board Members:
Nancy Zahler, Retired Director, Tompkins County Youth Services
Carol Chichester, Retired Director, Orange County Youth Bureau
The Partnership for Children, Youth and Families is a 501c3 organization that works closely with the Association of NYS Youth Bureaus and whose members have extensive experience in planning and community organization, developing successful youth development and risk reduction programs; youth engagement; securing and managing local, state, and federal grants, and working with OCFS and other state agencies. In this workshop Partnership Board members will review the kinds of expertise their members can provide to Youth Bureaus as volunteer mentors, trainers, and/or consultants and will share ideas and tips on funding sources and collaborations.

OCFS – Normalcy Experiences for Youth in Care *
Laura Velez, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS
The Office of Children and Family Services' (OCFS) is commitment to supporting the well-being of children through the promotion of normative experiences for children in foster care, with a particular focus on youth ages 13-21 years. Our goal for this workshop is to provide an overview of the issues, relay what was heard from the youth, foster parents, counties and agencies as to the challenges they face in trying to provide “normal” experiences for youth, identify the common themes and problems, and develop some tangible next steps.

Safe Harbour: How You Can Help Trafficked Minors in Your County *
Valerie Douglas, Director of Counseling and RHY Services, The Center for Youth Services
Mike Barry, Executive Director, Rochester/Monroe County Youth Bureau
Jessica Rush, Street Outreach Program Peer Intern, The Center for Youth Services
After the passing of the Safe Harbour Legislation in 2008, communities all across NY State have been raising awareness about the commercial sexual exploitation of minors and what steps need to be taken to prevent, better identify, and appropriately serve youth who have been victimized by this crime. Experience with Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, Positive Youth Development frameworks, and Youth/Adult Partnerships, means that Youth Bureaus have many of the assets needed to address this issue head on. Please join us as we share our experiences of collaboration and capacity building in Monroe County while implementing the OCFS ChildRight Initiative to help minor victims of human trafficking. We will share (as well encourage workshop participants to share) educational and direct-service efforts that can be initiated in their home counties- including youth led activities.
Don’t Forget the ‘T’ in LGBTQ: Creating Trans* Inclusive Youth Programs & Spaces *

**Tyler Sliker**, LPMFT, Transgender Activist & Educator, Vera House, Inc

As we hear more about transgender experiences & struggles in the media, school legislation, and among the youth we serve, the more often we have questions & likely don’t know where to find answers. What do we mean when we say trans*? What do we as youth workers need to know & practice to best serve this population? What does a youth space need to provide & look like to be trans* inclusive? Using interactive activities & discussion, this workshop intends to answer all these questions, focusing on school, community based organization, and mental health settings. Participants will also have ample time to ask & explore specific questions they may have. To best utilize time at this workshop, participants are encouraged to bring their agency/organization/program intake or demographic paperwork, outreach/marketing materials, and program policy & procedure manual.

Intergenerational Spring and Fall Clean-Ups *

**Bob Roth**, Director Oneida County Youth Bureau  
**Mike Romano**, Director, Oneida County Office for the Aging and Continuing Care

The annual Oneida County Intergenerational Spring and Fall Clean-Ups are a collaborative effort between the Oneida County Youth Bureau, the Oneida County Office for the Aging and Continuing Care, Oneida County colleges, school districts and youth organizations. The clean-ups are usually held the third or fourth weekend in April and October. Youth volunteers provide general yard clean-up services; raking and bagging leaves, sweeping sidewalks, driveways and porches and bringing light refuse to the curb for pick up. These services are provided to senior citizens who physically can’t do the work or financially afford to have the work done. To date, 4,299 youth volunteers have cleaned 987 senior citizen’s yards through six spring clean-ups and 5 fall clean-ups! The initiative has won two awards; The Albany Guardian Society’s Great Ideas in Aging 2010 Community-Based Program Award and the Celebrate Service Mini Grant from the Mohawk Valley Regional Volunteer Center in 2013.

Evaluator’s Sustainable Impact on Systems: Combining Data Mining from DSS, Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, Probation and School Districts in a State-Wide Realist Evaluation

**Mansoor A. F. Kazi**, PhD, Assistant Professor Behavioral Health, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany

This session will assist agencies to use the data on ALL service users in a realist evaluation, to inform what works and for whom in a system of care. Data from schools, mental health and other services is analyzed in each participating county, and data analysis methods drawn from a combination of epidemiology and effectiveness research are used in naturally occurring quasi-experimental designs (e.g. including all school youth) and logistic regression models to investigate if the comprehensive array of services and supports are working to provide better outcomes for youth and families.

11:15AM-11:30AM    Break
Concurrent Sessions E

Creating Community Change by Increasing Youth Adult Partnerships and Youth as Leaders *

Sarah Woodworth, Health Education Peer Leader and Toni Ross, Health Educator: Youth 4 Youth OCO, Inc., Crisis & Development Services

Youth 4 Youth: Fulton Youth for a Healthy Community is a group of young people working together with adults to educate the community on HIV/AIDS and STI awareness in addition to healthy relationships, pregnancy prevention, and other community based events and projects. Youth 4 Youth uses community mobilization strategies and social marketing to promote positive change. This workshop will outline successful strategies, events, projects and partnerships the Youth 4 Youth project has developed in a rural community as well as ideas for starting different projects.

Walking the Walk/Talking the Talk- Ways to Make Your Youth Bureau Healthy *

Sandi Brundage, MSEd, MPH, Executive Director, City of Salamanca Youth Bureau

This workshop will discuss local initiatives and ways in which to make your Youth Bureau worksite (and by design your youth who attend your programming) healthier. Topics include such concepts as healthy vending, sugary beverage education, walking school buses, smoke free parks and playgrounds, etc. and participants will engage in physical activity - playing games that can be replicated in the worksite and/or with youth.

OCFS CWCS Practice Model Discussion *

Laura Velez, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS

This session will share with participants the Division of Child Welfare and Community Services Practice model. The practice model is a road map for achieving improved outcomes for children and families and creates a common understanding of where we are going and how we will get there. The presenter will discuss the benefits and components of the CWCS practice model. Participants will learn why the need for a practice model, how we plan to build this practice model, and discover your own role and requirements within the practice model.

Hot Topics in State and Federal Afterschool Policy *

Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Executive Director, NYSAN

This workshop will give an overview of the current state of funding and policy on the state and federal level as it relates to afterschool and education. Learn how you can use your knowledge and experience to influence policy change. Also learn how connecting with the media can get positive coverage of your program can support your program and the afterschool field generally, and get tools on how to do this effectively.
LGBTQIA2S+… Why Does the Acronym Keep Growing?!

*Tyler Sliker, LPMFT, Transgender Activist & Educator

Just like youth culture is always changing & growing, the culture among our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth is ever changing & growing. Using activities and discussion, this workshop intends to cover LGBTQ+ basics, such as terminology, “ouch” phrases, and trends our youth are sharing & experiencing. Discussion will be directed by participant’s questions, curiosities, and knowledge, therefore, attendees are encouraged to come with questions & prepared for open discussion.

Homeless Youth Research Their Community

Dale C. Schumacher, Executive Director, The Learning Web
Jane Levine Powers, Director, Act for Youth Center of Excellence, Cornell University
Amie Hendrix, Director, Tompkins Youth Services Department

This session will share findings from a unique study that engaged a group of formerly homeless youth as research partners to examine the scope and nature of youth homelessness in an upstate NY community. The youth researchers were involved in all aspects of the project, from designing the tools, to recruiting subjects, collecting the data, interpreting the findings, and presenting results to community stakeholders. We were able to reach the invisible and underserved sector of the homeless youth population. Our research team will share findings from the study and discuss their implications for those concerned with serving the homeless youth population. We will also discuss the benefits of engaging young people in the process of generating and interpreting knowledge as a strategy to promote positive youth development, advance research, impact policy, and improve services for homeless youth.

Gaining Confidence and Personal Skills: A Hands On Look at a Teen Leadership Program

*Tina Louis, Youth Development Specialist, Madison County Youth Bureau
Teen Facilitators, Chittenango High School

Teens benefit from a supportive, interactive environment that challenges them to increase their confidence and become connected to their school and community. Participants will learn how to create their own leadership program that integrates Youth Development principles and practices in a hands-on weekly program for teens run by the Madison County Youth Bureau. The Leadership Program incorporates activities in decision making, goal setting, teambuilding, cooperation, leadership, personality exploration, trust building, personal gifts, career exploration, and presentation skills. Adult and teen facilitators will review program components and engage participants in hands on activities used in the program. This is a great workshop for people who want to learn by doing.

1:00PM-2:30PM
ANYSYB AWARDS LUNCHEON
Luncheon Welcome Address
Laura Velez, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS
Engage. Encourage. Empower Youth!

ANYSYB and Our Partners

The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) was founded in 1971 and includes members representing municipal and local youth bureaus and not-for-profit youth service organizations throughout New York State. ANYSYB works to promote the well-being of youth and families in New York State through a statewide network of youth service programs and professionals.

The New York State Youth Bureau system encompasses all 62 counties, including New York City, as well as cities, towns and villages. Youth Bureaus provide services that address a variety of youth needs. Understanding that prevention is the key, youth bureau services include programs focused on positive youth development, out-of-school time, workforce development, youth engagement, healthy living, leadership and cultural enrichment. The goal of the system is to address the needs of all young people, including runaway and homeless youth, youth in detention, disconnected youth, pregnant and parenting youth, and youth with disabilities.

This locally planned system involves community stakeholders in the planning process, with a range of perspectives and expertise. The process includes determining the needs of young people and distributing resources to support the network of community-based services that work to meet those needs.

All of our youth bureaus share the conviction that a positive, nurturing and caring system of services is the right of every child and family. The locally-planned and community-based comprehensive system of services supported by municipal and local youth bureaus recognizes that children are both our most vulnerable citizens and most valuable resources.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has numerous responsibilities including: foster care, adoption and adoption assistance, child protective services, preventive services for children and families, services for pregnant adolescents, child care and referral programs, and protective programs for vulnerable adults. OCFS is also responsible for the functions performed by the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH), and coordinates state government response to the needs of Native Americans on reservations and in communities. The agency operates 31 residential facilities, two reception centers, six community residential homes, and eight day-placement centers for juvenile delinquents and juvenile offenders placed in the custody of OCFS by family and criminal courts. OCFS works closely with municipalities such as the local social services districts and county youth bureaus to ensure that adequate youth development services and programs are available at the local level.

Partnership for Children, Youth and Families was established in 1994 as a 501(c)(3) organization to:
- Provide professional leadership to New York State’s youth bureaus;
- Strengthen and support the youth bureaus and their local partners and
- Develop capacity for youth leadership in creating and implementing statewide, regional, and local youth development initiatives.

NYS OCFS Advantage After School Programs (AASP) provide quality youth development opportunities to school-age children and youth for three hours directly after school. These programs are supported by school, community, public and private partnerships. AASP offer a broad range of educational, recreational and culturally age appropriate activities that integrate what happens in the school day. Youth and family involvement in program planning and implementation is a key component. Programs operate five-days-a-week during the regular school year and may elect to operate during school breaks. Programs may also extend hours into the evening hours, particularly when serving older adolescents.
TO REGISTER, GO TO: www.anysyb.net/registration

All registrations will be submitted online. Go to www.anysyb.net/registration to register and complete the form. If you have any questions or need further instructions email us at nassocia@nycap.rr.com. To make your hotel reservations, please complete the hotel form on the next page and mail or fax (not both) to the Holiday Inn.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The conference registration information DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL COSTS OR MEALS.

Youth Bureaus ONLY Full Registration 10/28-10/29
• 1st Registration for Youth Bureaus who are members of the ANYSYB: NO CHARGE
• Each Subsequent ANYSYB Youth Bureau Member: $105
• Youth Bureaus who are Non-Members, Full Registration (10/28 & 10/29): $175

All Other Full Registration 10/28-10/29
• ANYSYB Affiliate Members: $105
• Non-Members: $175

DAYTRIPPER Conference Registration Rates (Must purchase meal package in addition to Registration Fee)
• ANYSYB Member 10/28 ONLY: $75
• Non-Member 10/28 ONLY: $125

Commuter Meal Rates
• Tuesday: $40.00 – breaks & lunch
• Wednesday: $40.00 – breaks & lunch

Checks should be made payable to: NYS Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
Mail to: 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 415 | Albany, NY 12210

CANCELLATION AND LATE FEE POLICY

Conference registration cancellations received before October 17 entitle registrants to a full refund. NO REFUNDS will be issued for cancellations received after October 17. Refunds will NOT be made for no-shows. However, substitutions will be allowed. ANY NO-SHOW (WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OF CANCELLATION) WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE FULL REGISTRATION FEE TO COMPENSATE FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE ASSOCIATION.
Association of NYS Youth Bureaus Conference  
Monday, October 27, 2014 - Wednesday, October 29, 2014  

Reservation and Deposit must be received by October 10, 2014. Reservations made after this date will be based on availability of the hotel.  

PLEASE NOTE: BIG REWARDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE BASED ON PACKAGE RATES  

Name: ___________________________________________  
Company: ___________________________________________  
Address: ___________________________________________  
City/State/Zip: ______________________________________  
Roommate: ___________________________________________  
Arrival Date: ______________________  
Departure Date: ______________________  
Check in time: 4:00 p.m.  

Requests: ___________________________________________  
Room Type: King (OK) Two Doubles  ***ALL Guestrooms are Non-Smoking*** Room Requests are based on availability  

Method of payment:  
Check/Voucher# ______________________ (must be enclosed)  
Amount $_____________________________  

Check/Voucher Name of Agency ___________________________________________  

Credit Card:  
Type: ______________________  
Number: ______________________  
Expiration Date: ______________________  
Cardholder Name: ______________________  
Signature: ______________________  

Amount: $_____________________________  
Tax Exempt Form Enclosed: YES NO  

***Your reservation MUST be received by OCTOBER 10, 2014. Full payment may be paid by check or credit card. Please make check payable to Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool or complete the credit card information above to authorize the charge to your credit card upon arrival. Fax reservations form to 315-451-4675 ATTN: FRONT DESK (FD) Email reservations form to hotel@syrycupacause.com  

PLEASE CHECK THE PACKAGE YOU ARE PAYING FOR: Rates include lodging, one breakfast (Wednesday), two lunches (Tuesday, Wednesday), two meals, service charge  

One Night Package rate TAX EXEMPT $205.00 Single Occupancy $152.00 Double Occupancy/per person  

Two Night Package rate TAX EXEMPT $316.00 Single Occupancy $216.00 Double Occupancy/per person  

TOTAL $_____________________________  

Room rates are subject to sales and occupancy tax on the date of arrival, unless tax exempt. A TAX EXEMPT form must be presented upon reservation or arrival in order to qualify for tax exempt status. Prices are quoted above without tax.  

Reservation Requirements:  
The hotel will only accept reservation forms and will reject all other means of reservation (ex. Call-in, internet, Central Reservations). The hotel’s cut-off date is October 10, 2014. Reservations made after this date will be made based on availability of the hotel.  

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