

2019 National RHY Grantees Training | November 12-14 | Fort Lauderdale, FL

CELEBRATING

45
YEARS

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF RHY





ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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November 12, 2019

Dear Grantees and Partners,

Welcome to the Family and Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) annual National Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Grantees Training. Our theme this year is *Celebrating 45 Years: Transforming the Lives of RHY*, in commemoration of the 1974 passage of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. On behalf of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), I am excited to have you with us at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott here in Florida. We are especially grateful for your tireless efforts to implement effective RHY programs throughout the United States and the U.S. Territories.

At FYSB, we know achieving positive outcomes for youth cannot be accomplished by one single program. Our work requires building connections and partnerships within communities, and between programs and services across the nation. The annual national training exists to foster widespread collaboration, which in turn enhances our collective ability to support youth and families every single day.

Given the milestone anniversary this year, the 2019 training serves as an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the legacy of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA). There have now been 45 years of federal RHY-service programs, including all of the ones represented at this year's training, making a positive difference for young people who need it most. This year, the national training features three pre-training institutes and 54 workshops, including the 10 regional meetings. These workshops are intentionally diverse; they cut across all FYSB's RHY grant programs (BCP, SOP, TLP, and MGH), they respond to different experience levels (new, experienced, and advanced), and they cover the "Four Core" outcome areas (education and employment, safe and stable housing, social and emotional well-being, and permanent connections). Nearly a half-century into the RHYA's existence, the annual national training is truly a testament to the breadth and depth of RHY work being performed by FYSB grantees.

As in past years, you will have the opportunity to connect with federal staff, network with other grantees, and learn new and innovative strategies for sustainably integrating and implementing RHY programming into your communities. Additionally, you will be able to learn more about other programs during the poster session and visit with exhibitors as we celebrate 45 years of service to RHY!

I hope you leave the event with renewed commitment, energy, and excitement to continue our critical work. Thank you for joining us, and for the effort you make each day to transform the lives of RHY and prepare them for successful futures!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Darling

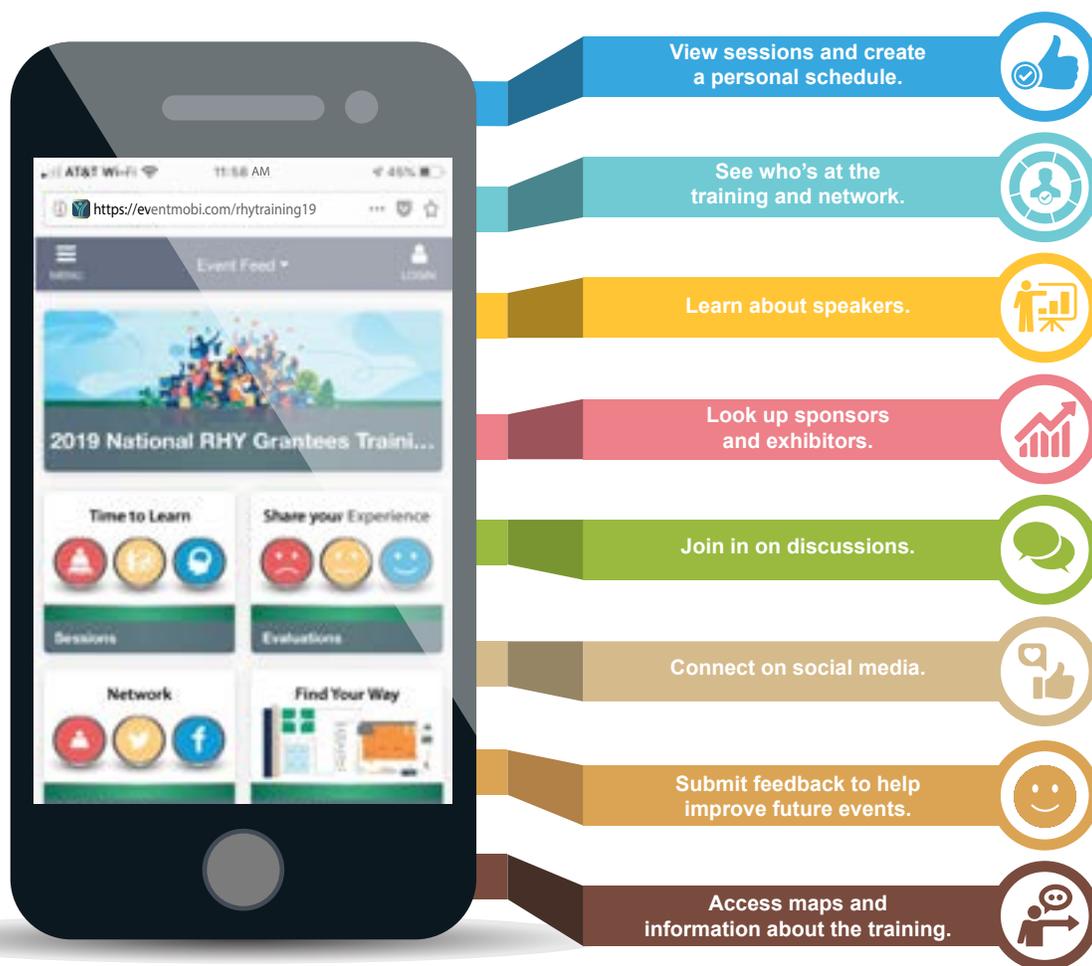
Commissioner

Administration on Children, Youth, and Families

GENERAL INFORMATION

National RHY Grantees Training App

Attendees can use the 2019 National RHY Grantees Training application (app) to view training session descriptions, create a personalized schedule, learn about speakers and exhibitors, provide feedback, quickly access floor plans, create an attendee profile, see who's at the event, network, and receive personalized messages — including door prize winner notifications, invitations to exclusive events, and event updates. The app is downloadable to a mobile device and is accessible through a browser on a phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop. Download or view the app now at www.rhyttac.net/training-app.



Evaluations

Session feedback and overall evaluations for the 2019 National RHY Grantees Training will be collected exclusively through the training app, which is accessible on your smartphone or at www.rhyttac.net/training-app. As personalized schedules are created, a "Session Feedback" section is made available beneath the details and description of each session. Feedback may be shared following each pre-training institute, workshop, or general session. At the close of the national training, please tap "Share your Experience" on the app's home page to complete an overall evaluation of the event.

Continuing Education Units

All national training attendees will earn 20 contact hours for their participation and will receive a certificate of attendance following the event. Attendees do not need to request a certificate of attendance.

Full participation in the national training provides the opportunity to receive two Continuing Education Units (CEUs). CEUs are for individuals whose license or credentials require a certain number of annual training hours. CEU requests were included in the online registration form for the 2019 National RHY Grantees Training. The cost of CEUs for national training is \$25. RHYTTAC will cover this expense for national training attendees currently employed in a FYSB-funded RHY program and require CEUs. For participants not currently employed in a FYSB-funded RHY program, and who did not request CEUs when registering online, you must submit your \$25 payment along with your paper CEU request form. If you have questions or need assistance regarding CEUs, please stop by the National Training Information Center and request additional information.

Door Prizes

Door prize winners will be drawn periodically and announced via the training app through a push notification. If a notification is received, stop by the National Training Information Center to claim your prize.

Stipend Information

Stipends are available to FYSB-funded RHY agencies whose employees attend the National RHY Grantees Training. The objective of the stipends is not to cover the full cost of participation for the training. Organizations receiving RHY funding are required to include costs in their RHY program budget for at least one attendee.

In order to receive stipend reimbursement:

1. Agencies must be a current recipient of FYSB funds to operate an RHY program.
2. Attendees must attend the training in its entirety (November 12-14).
3. One representative from the FYSB-funded RHY agency must complete and submit the reimbursement form and receipts by the December 13, 2019 deadline.

To submit a stipend request, grantees should complete the online stipend request form at www.rhyttac.net/stipend-request-19. All copies of receipts must be uploaded through the request form. Stipend requests will not be processed after December 13, 2019. Approved stipends will be submitted to the agency. Under no circumstance will the stipend be issued to an individual.

Stipend Form Requirements

1. One stipend form is permitted per agency.
2. The maximum stipend amount per agency is \$600.
3. The form must include the following: attendee(s) name(s); RHY grantee agency name and contact information; signature of authorized organizational leader (Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, etc.); and applicable receipts for allowed costs (airfare, mileage at .58 per mile, taxi or shuttle fares, parking or baggage fees, and hotel costs, excluding incidentals).
4. Travel and lodging receipts must have a zero balance and include payment information. Confirmation emails will not be accepted.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES



Elizabeth Darling

Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Elizabeth Darling is the commissioner at the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ACYF has two bureaus under Darling's leadership – the Children's Bureau and the Family and Youth Services Bureau. In addition to her Senate-confirmed position in the Trump Administration, she also serves as the acting associate commissioner at the Family and Youth Services Bureau within ACYF.

Darling was most recently the president and chief executive officer of the OneStar Foundation, which was created to support the state of Texas by strengthening the nonprofit sector. Before that position, she was the chief operating officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service within the federal government.

Before those responsibilities, she served as deputy secretary at the Maryland Department of Human Resources. In that capacity, she had oversight of childcare, child support, child welfare, domestic violence, and family assistance programs, in addition to overseeing the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, food stamps, and Medicaid programs.

Darling's current position as ACYF commissioner represents her second appointment at HHS. During the Bush Administration, she was the founding director of HHS' Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, an office that continues to provide valuable support, including for ACF programs. Before coming to HHS for the first time, Darling served as the Vice Chair of the Texas Department of Human Services, overseeing welfare-to-work programs under the landmark 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act.

Elizabeth Darling has a bachelor of science in education from Baylor University and is an adoptive mother, with three children and two grandchildren.



Debbie A. Powell

Deputy Associate Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Debbie A. Powell is the Deputy Associate Commissioner for the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), where she is the principal adviser to the FYSB Associate Commissioner on family and youth issues. Before coming to FYSB, Ms. Powell held various senior leadership positions at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Indian Health Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, where she held senior acquisition management and policy positions for more than 20 years. Most recently at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Ms.

Powell has held senior positions as the Director of Technical Assistance at the Child Care Bureau, the Director of Discretionary Grant Programs at the Office of Community Services, Deputy Commissioner at the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, and Branch Chief in the Division of Acquisition Management. Ms. Powell has provided sustained leadership for national and community-based programs that serve and support individuals with developmental disabilities and low-income individuals and families.



Resa Matthew, PhD, MPH

Director, Division of Adolescent Development and Support
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Dr. Resa Matthew serves as the Director for the Division of Adolescent Development and Support in the Family and Youth Services Bureau within the Administration for Children and Families. She oversees the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Runaway and Homeless Youth programs that prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections, provides shelter and services for youth, and promote safety, stability, and well-being for young people who have experienced homelessness, or have had exposure to violence, neglect, and trauma.

Dr. Matthew has over 24 years of experience working with federal, state, and local governments on public health and behavioral health-related initiatives, including large, complex research and evaluation projects. Her work has focused on adolescent pregnancy prevention, homelessness among youth, HIV/AIDS, including rapid HIV testing, substance abuse, maternal and child health, mental health, and knowledge dissemination. She has published in peer-reviewed journals, presented at numerous conferences, and received several awards, including the Distinguished Service Award for Evaluation.

Christopher Holloway

Program Manager
Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Christopher Holloway is a Program Manager in the Administration for Children and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), where he is responsible for managing training and technical assistance, research, evaluation, and program support for the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program. Prior to joining FYSB and the RHY Program, Holloway served for more than 15 years in the Department of Justice (DOJ), where he led efforts in the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to provide support to victims of federal crime, terrorism, and incidents of mass casualty, and those living in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

During his tenure at the DOJ, Holloway served with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for 12 years, developing and managing initiatives to prevent and respond to the abduction and exploitation of children, including the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program and other programs designed to address the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children.

Keith Wallace

Regional Program Manager
Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Keith Wallace serves as the Regional Program Manager for Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6. He began his federal service in 2016. Wallace served as the Executive Director of a runaway and homeless youth program that provided services to children and youth. He has over 20 years of experience as a grant writer and reviewer, peer reviewer, and training and technical assistance provider. Wallace was a 16-year-old runaway who never returned home, providing a unique perspective to his position. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Hardin-Simmons University (HSU) and continued graduate studies in Family Therapy at HSU.

Areon Kelvington

Regional Program Manager
Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Areon Kelvington is a Regional Program Manager for Regions 4, 5, and 7. His early life experiences instilled a strong desire to be a difference-maker. For 30 years, he has been passionately engaged in activities focused on generating transformative results in the lives of children, youth, and families. Since 2003, he has worked directly with runaway and homeless youth; veterans, adults, and families experiencing homelessness; communities and organizations determined to end homelessness; and as an advocate for improvements to federal policy on homelessness. Recently, Kelvington has been leading FYSB's efforts surrounding community engagement and social capital initiatives.

Jeff Daniels

Regional Program Manager
Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Jeff Daniels is a Regional Program Manager for Regions 8, 9, and 10. He has over 22 years of leadership, management, and administrative experience in government and with the Department of Defense, with expertise in leadership development, strategic planning, RHY program partnership, policy development, grant management, budget oversight, and Congressional finance. He has held leadership positions as the Family Service Center Director, Community Service Center Director, Youth Program Director, and Commanding Officer of a Transition Team. In his previous position as an active duty service member in the Marine Corps, Daniels was responsible for all fiscal, administrative, and management duties for an agency with an annual budget exceeding \$14 million. He led and supervised over 50 military and civilian personnel in a seven-state region, encompassing the Southwestern United States. Additionally, while serving as the Transition Team Commanding Officer, Daniels worked with the Iraqi Government, establishing runaway and homeless shelters, emergency clinics, and training procedures for over 100 personnel. He has a Bachelor of Science in Government, a Master of Science in Human Development from Texas A&M University, and an M.B.A. from Webster University.

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FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Nola Brantley
Nola Brantley Speaks

Nola Brantley, Founder & CEO of Nola Brantley Speaks, is a nationally acclaimed advocate who has spearheaded the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) awareness and advocacy movement in the state of California since 2004. Brantley has traveled the continuum of abuse that many sex trafficking victims and survivors have journeyed.

Brantley's experience with the compounded risk factors of poverty, unaddressed trauma, intergenerational abuse, parental foster care involvement, and misuse of authority all give her a powerful firsthand understanding not only of the CSEC issue but also of the underlying societal tapestry that creates and perpetuates the current epidemic of exploitation and violence plaguing the United States.

Brantley is a nationally renowned powerful voice for the issue of child sex trafficking through her moving and informative public speaking. Her hard work and perpetual vigilance have brought both focus and concrete resources to this chronically underserved and largely unrecognized population of victimized youth. She has taught innovative aftercare methods for abuse survivors to individuals from around the world.

Currently, Brantley is a child sex-trafficking subject matter expert and a sought-after master-trainer through her consultancy company Nola Brantley Speaks, where she has trained 150,000 professionals to date and developed a survivor-clinician trainer model.



Horacio Sanchez
Resiliency Inc.

Horacio Sanchez is the President and CEO of Resiliency Inc., an agency leader in helping schools to improve climate, instruction, and discipline. Sanchez is a prominent and nationally recognized expert in promoting student resiliency and applying brain science to improving school outcomes. The Maladaptive Council (Academy of Science) recognizes him as a leading authority on emotional disorders and resiliency. He is a highly sought-after speaker, and frequently serves as a keynote at numerous national conferences.

Sanchez has been a teacher, administrator, clinician, mental health director, and consultant to the Department of Education in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and other states. His diverse education and background have helped him to merge research, science, and practice. Sanchez sits on the True Health Initiative Council of Directors, a coalition of more than 250 world-renowned health experts committed to educating on proven principles of lifestyle as medicine. He has authored several articles and books on the topics of resiliency, closing the achievement gap, and applying neuroscience to improve educational practices and outcomes. He is the author of the best-selling book, *The Education Revolution*, published by Corwin Press, which applies brain science to improve instruction, behaviors, and school climate.

THINGS PEOPLE SAY

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Author: _____

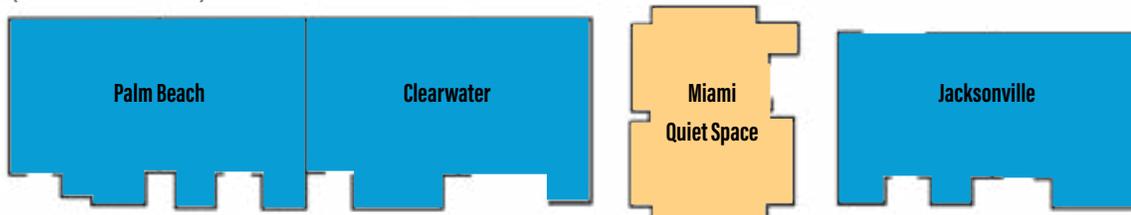
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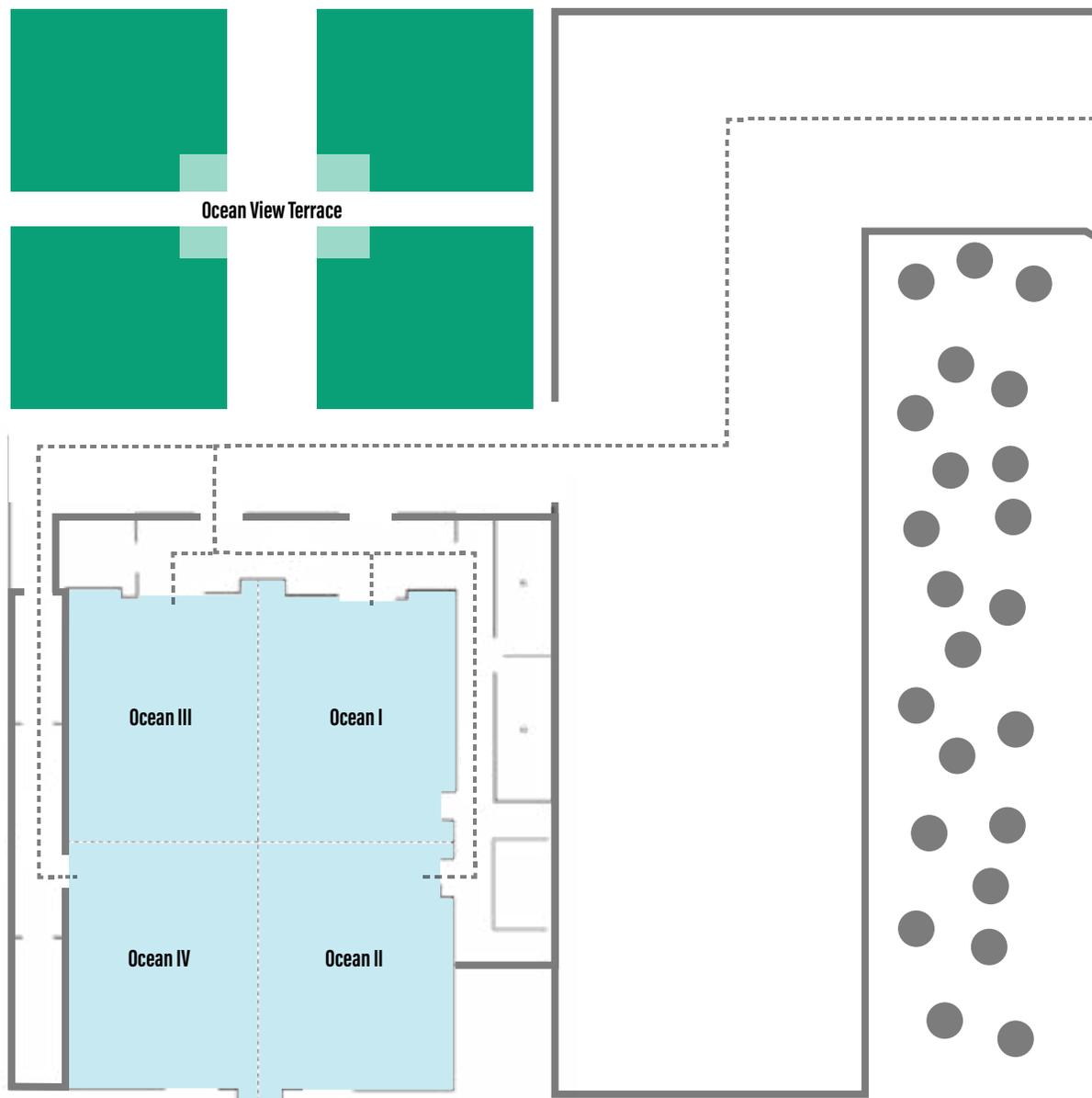
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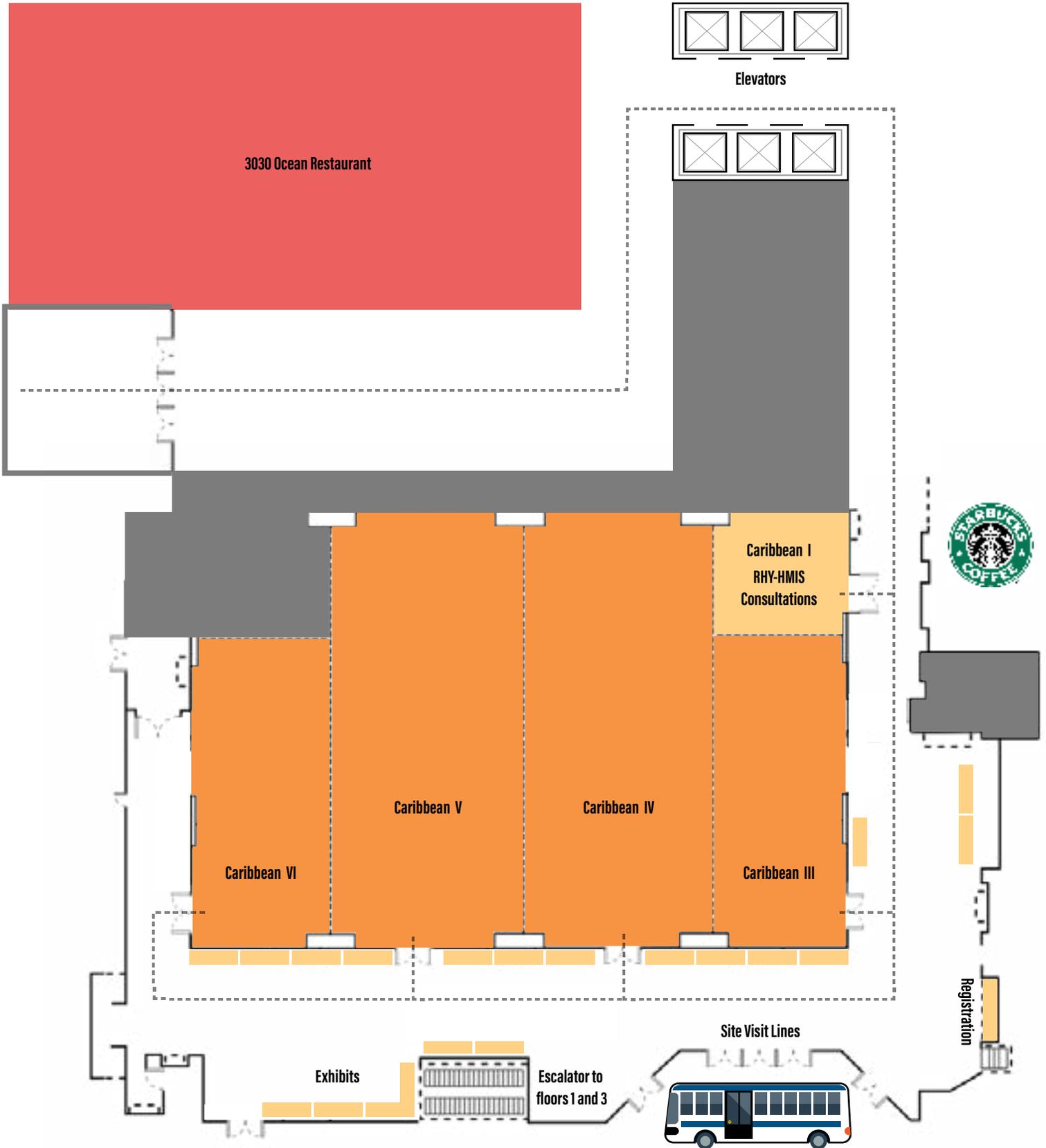
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NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH



November is National Runaway Prevention Month!

Join the National Runaway Safeline in “shining a light” on the experiences of runaway and homeless youth and the available resources.

National Runaway Prevention Month empowers individuals, organizations and communities across the nation to work together to prevent and end youth homelessness.

JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING 2019 NRPM NATIONAL EVENTS:



CHANGE YOUR FACEBOOK PROFILE PICTURE

Show your colleagues that you support ending youth homelessness by adding the #NRPM2019 frame to your Facebook profile picture.



WEAR GREEN DAY: NOVEMBER 12

Dress in green and post a picture on social media with a message about your organization’s commitment to supporting runaway and homeless youth. Make sure you use #NRPM2019!



LIGHT THE NIGHT COMMUNITY EVENTS: NOVEMBER 19

Host an engaging, educational event to spotlight issues faced by youth in crisis. Events may include resource fairs, open mic nights, sleep outs and more.

Want to learn more about how to get involved? Please visit 1800RUNAWAY.org/NRPM to download the 2019 National Runaway Prevention Month Toolkit or view it on the RHYTTAC Training App. You will also find social media graphics, event ideas and more there.

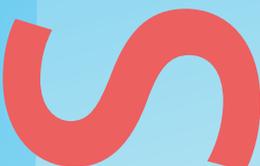
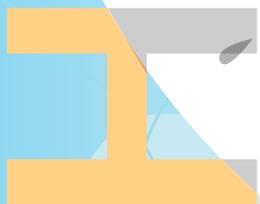
Please stop by the National Runaway Safeline booth at the exhibit hall to learn more about NRPM and our services.

If you have questions or would like to become a NRPM partner, visit the National Runaway Safeline’s table in the exhibit hall or reach out to Rachel Reynolds, Outreach & Prevention Specialist, at reynolds@1800RUNAWAY.org or 773-289-1723.



#NRPM2019
1800RUNAWAY.org/NRPM

Get Involved. Take Action. Make a Difference.



11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Training Registration

Pre-Training Institutes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Training Registration

Exhibits Open

General Session: Opening

Workshop Session I

Lunch Break (on your own)

General Federal Session

Workshop Session II

Federal Regional Meetings

Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Self-Care Activity: Morning Walk

Training Information Center Open

Exhibits Open

Poster Session Display Open

Poster Session Meet and Greet

Workshop Session III

Workshop Session IV

General Session:

FYSB RHY Artistic Expression Contest Winner

Presentation

Keynote

Workshop Session V

Site Visits

Poster Session Meet and Greet

Self-Care Activity: Restorative Yoga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Training Information Center Open

Annual Banner Signing

General Session: Closing

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Caribbean Foyer
First Floor

National Training Registration

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Caribbean V
First Floor

Critical Components of RHY Programs: Prevention, Aftercare, and Documentation

Summary:

This institute provides information on FYSB's requirements and expectations for prevention, aftercare, and documentation. Participants will receive information and practical application examples as well as an opportunity to share and discuss challenges and best practices from the field. This institute guides participants in developing an action plan for strengthening these programming components within their organizations.

Objectives:

1. Participants will receive FYSB requirements and expectations for RHY programs in the areas of prevention, aftercare, and documentation.
2. Participants will have the opportunity to share challenges as well as best and promising practices in these areas.
3. Participants will have the opportunity to and support for incorporating information and experience from this institute into their RHY programs.

Presenters:

Carolyn Bates, Family and Youth Services Bureau
Danny Balkcom, Family and Youth Services Bureau
RHY Grantee Panelists

Caribbean VI

Supporting the Mission of FYSB: Peer-to-Peer

First Floor

Summary:

FYSB utilizes a Peer Reviewer Model to accomplish legislative requirements for evaluating RHY-funded grantees by pairing the Federal Project Officer (FPO), who has primary responsibility for all monitoring, with a Peer Monitor, who has substantial experience as an RHY grantee.

The purpose of this institute is to train staff who currently supervise, manage, and lead one or more FYSB-funded RHY Programs and are interested in becoming a Peer Monitor. This training is highly interactive and enables participants to become eligible to serve as a Peer Monitor for FYSB RHY program grants.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the philosophy and perspective that is the framework for monitoring RHY grantees.
2. Participants will learn about the Peer Reviewer Model.
3. Participants will learn the key components of the Onsite Monitoring Instrument.
4. Participants will be able to apply their programmatic expertise in support of FYSB's efforts to ensure RHY program grants are operating optimally.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to attend this institute, participants must meet the following basic requirements:

1. Participants must have at least five years of experience working in at least one RHY Program (BCP, SOP, TLP, or MGH).
2. Participants must be working as a Team Lead, Supervisor, Manager, Director, Executive, or in another senior-level position.

Presenters:

Areon Kelvington, Family and Youth Services Bureau

Keith Wallace, Family and Youth Services Bureau

Jeff Daniels, Family and Youth Services Bureau

Jessica Drazenovich, Family and Youth Services Bureau

Fonda Thompson, Open Arms, Inc.

Wendy Houston, Gray Matters Technology Services

Jerry Tracy, Gray Matters Technology Services

Caribbean IV Child and Youth Care Foundations Curriculum - Overview and Excerpts

First Floor

Summary:

This institute provides an overview of and excerpts from the Child and Youth Care (CYC) Foundations curriculum, an important step in becoming a certified youth service professional. The institute covers, in part, the core competencies of CYC and stresses the importance of professional development for runaway and homeless youth (RHY) staff. The institute is especially helpful for all direct care staff as well as those responsible for supervising and training those youth care workers.

The full CYC Foundations course is presented over six days and is followed by a half-day of certification testing. The course covers ethics, CYC as a profession, communication, relationships, child and adolescent development, and guidance. The institute provides information and support in bringing the full CYC training to each of the ten regions.

Objectives:

1. Participants will receive information on the core competencies of child and youth care work.
2. Participants will have an opportunity to share experience and expertise.
3. Participants will receive information about the full CYC course and certification process.

Presenters:

Stacy Meadows, Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County

Eric Tadatada, National Safe Place Network - RHYTTAC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Caribbean Foyer
First Floor

National Training Registration
Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom
Third Floor

General Session

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Elizabeth Darling
Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Debbie A. Powell
Deputy Associate Commissioner
Family and Youth Services Bureau

Opening Keynote

“The Power of Relationships: Starting with Ourselves and Moving Outward”
Nola Brantley

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshop Session I

Caribbean VI
First Floor

Runaway and Homeless Youth New Grantee Orientation

Summary:

If your organization has just received funding for a new RHY program or is in the first year of federal funding to serve runaway and homeless youth, you are invited to participate in this Q & A session. This opportunity would also be helpful for new program managers, executives, or grant specialists unfamiliar with FYSB requirements.

Objectives:

1. Participants will hear an overview of FYSB and Office of Grants Management (OGM) structure and key personnel with contact information.
2. Participants will hear an overview of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act as reauthorized in 2008 and the Final Rule published in January 2017.
3. Participants will hear an overview of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Network (RHYPN).

Presenters:

Christopher Holloway, RHY Program Manager, Family and Youth Services Bureau
Tammy Hopper, Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer, and RHYTTAC Project Director, National Safe Place Network

Recommended Audiences:

All Grantees awarded grants beginning September 2019

Caribbean V

Effective Response to Grief and Loss in RHY Programs

First Floor

Summary:

All RHY programs experience grief: a young client commits a serious crime and is handed a heavy sentence, a youth overdoses and suffers permanent consequences, a youth commits suicide, or a staff member passes away suddenly. The way program managers respond to grief within programs can build resiliency, foster effective communication, build positive self-care routines, and enhance emotional connectedness, or it can lead to resentment, disconnection, burn-out, and emotional numbness. The time to think about responding to grief is not the moment when a loss occurs. Understanding that grief and loss happen, and planning how to respond beforehand, allows youth service professionals to be productive leaders in even the most difficult moments.

Objectives:

1. Participants will acknowledge and examine how grief and loss occur in RHY programs.
2. Participants will develop and share how to effectively plan for and respond to grief and loss.
3. Participants will assess whether attendees' organizations can respond appropriately to grief and loss.
4. Participants who identify gaps will develop plans to build capacity in order to be prepared when grief and loss occur.

Presenters:

Erin Kelly, Program Director, Waypoint

Mandy Lancaster, Program Manager, Waypoint

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Caribbean IV

Helping RHY Transition from a "Culture of Survival" into a Culture of Thriving

First Floor

Summary:

Surviving is good, but it is not enough. Humans were never intended to reside in a state of survival. Living in a culture of survival impacts us biologically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually. For many youth experiencing homelessness, exploitation, and trafficking, the culture of survival has become their primary place of residence. RHY programs can use seven trauma-informed practice principles to help youth find a path to a very different culture — a culture of thriving.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn what a "culture of survival" is and how it reveals itself in the bio/psycho/social/spiritual life domains of RHY.
2. Participants will explore the consequences of trauma and a sustained stress response on a youth's holistic health.
3. Participants will discover seven trauma-informed practice principles that programs can implement to help youth transition into a culture of thriving.

Presenter:

Risa Rehmert, Director of Program Development, Wichita State University Center for Combating Human Trafficking (CCHT)

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being, permanent connections, and safe and stable housing.

Caribbean III Icebreakers, Energizers and Team-Building Activities for More Effective Learning

First Floor

Summary:

Youth and adults learn more effectively in a warm and friendly learning environment. One way to foster this environment is to incorporate group activities such as icebreakers, energizers, and team-building activities. Participants will discuss ways to incorporate these activities into their education programs for youth and in professional development training. Interactive activities engage learners with different learning styles, increase the likelihood of retaining and using new knowledge and skills, and make learning fun. The presenter will discuss the purposes of activities and how participants can make their training more effective; participants will engage in icebreakers, energizers, and team-building activities.

Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to select appropriate icebreakers, energizers, and team-building activities to incorporate into their youth education and staff development training programs.
2. Participants will learn at least five interactive activities that they can use in their programs.
3. Participants will be able to describe three benefits of incorporating icebreakers, energizers, and team-building activities to incorporate into their youth and adult education programs.

Presenter:

Judith Clark, Executive Director, Hawaii Youth Services Network

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals.

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
RHY 101/New to the RHY field

This workshop addresses accountability.

Palm Beach Getting Home Free: A Journey of Collaboration

Second Floor

Summary:

The National Runaway Safeline (NRS) began a partnership with Greyhound Lines in 1995 to address the transportation needs of runaway and homeless youth. This presentation provides the history and evolution of this one-of-a-kind resource to meet the needs of youth and families, outline how to access the program, review the criteria for utilizing the program, and generate a group discussion about transportation successes and barriers. Additionally, leaders from NRS will discuss strategies for building a successful collaboration

and sustaining this work through staff transitions, budget, and organizational priority changes, as well as constantly shifting liability concerns.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the history and evolution of the Home Free program.
2. Participants will employ their understanding of the program criteria to access Home Free for the youth and families they serve.
3. Participants will identify strategies for effective nonprofit/corporate collaborations.
4. Participants will discuss the transportation needs of runaway and homeless youth and available resources.

Presenters:

Lee Osipchak, Director of Training, Education and Prevention, National Runaway Safeline
Susan Frankel, Executive Director, National Runaway Safeline

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses collaboration, well-being, and permanent connections.

Clearwater Meeting Youth Where They Are: The Effectiveness of Relationship Education
Second Floor

Summary:

During this workshop, presenters will share how using evidence-based relationship education is effective and relevant to the needs of vulnerable youth by engaging youth to think about whom they are now and offering hope for a healthy future. Attendees will hear an RHY/TLP share a meaningful application strategy as well as the strengths and challenges of this method. Finally, attendees will experience an activity they can use with youth to discuss the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. This activity is empowering and builds skills of self-awareness.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how relationship education addresses the social and emotional needs of vulnerable youth and helps them build supportive adult relationships so they can build healthy futures, make healthier decisions, and heal from trauma.
2. Participants will discover how a TLP in Salt Lake County implements relationship education into a program as well as the benefits and best practices of this approach.
3. Participants will experience an activity that demonstrates how relationship education empowers youth and discuss methods of engaging and empowering youth in their programs.

Presenters:

Dixie Zittlow, Director of Outreach, The Dibble Institute
Mina Koplin, Program Manager for the Salt Lake County Milestone Transitional Living Program, Salt Lake County Youth Services

This workshop is appropriate for:

Transitional Living, All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and permanent connections.

Jacksonville Street Youth Outreach on Wheels

Second Floor

Summary:

This workshop provides descriptions of innovative approaches to street outreach through collaboration and diverse funding that can be replicated on a national level and sustained long-term.

These mobile models demonstrate the practice of meeting youth where they are. Through these models, communities experience greater collaboration, awareness, funding opportunities, and impact. The first model is an express food bus, an innovative, one-stop, mobile Safe Place® site that seeks to address multiple needs, including delivering meals funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The second model is a medical van for homeless and runaway youth staffed with street outreach workers and medical volunteers who provide crisis counseling and urgent care medical services operating daily in Boston and Cambridge. The third model uniquely integrates street outreach and the National Safe Place® Program with a 24-hour mental health helpline to provide 24-hour in-person crisis response and housing services, incorporating Youth Coordinated Entry to serve as an access point to all services.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how to identify key stakeholders and the importance of collaboration.
2. Participants will gain knowledge in various methods to engage with their local community.
3. Participants will learn how to develop partnerships with local shelters to leverage limited resources for youth.
4. Participants will learn which local community organizations and partners were utilized that could be accessed in other communities to replicate this program's successful model.

Presenters:

Chrystal Streets, Shelter Manager, Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services

Michelle L. Tutunjian, Enterprise Officer, Fresno EOC

Peter Ducharme, Director of Programs, Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Michelle Gorman, Vice President of Youth Programs, Youth in Need

This workshop is appropriate for:

Street Outreach

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and collaboration.

Presenters:

Kenneth Cook, Director of Runaway and Homeless Youth, Youth Emerging Stronger
David Durr, Service Area Director, Lighthouse Youth and Family Services

This workshop is appropriate for:

Transitional Living

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic
The workshop addresses employment.

Ocean III

First Floor

RHY Human Trafficking Prevention Roundtable:

How Does Human Trafficking Prevention Look in Runaway and Homeless Youth Settings?

Summary:

Human trafficking (HT) prevention plays a key role in minimizing sex and labor trafficking incidents among RHY. Effective human trafficking prevention integrates public health concepts and focuses on youth's strengths, positive youth development, and other external factors (i.e., societal pressures) that create or increase youth's vulnerabilities or keep them from seeking assistance.

Join the FYSB Human Trafficking Prevention Roundtable to discuss the intersection of HT prevention, RHY, and public health. This facilitated discussion presents an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas and share their perspectives on human trafficking prevention and intervention (i.e., state or local level prevention efforts, curricula focusing on trafficking). Participants will actively engage in conversations with their peers to share ideas, highlight some existing promising practices, and identify human trafficking prevention concepts for RHY settings.

IMPORTANT: This workshop is only open to those who pre-registered. If you have signed up to attend this workshop, please make sure you have your ticket, which will be required for entry.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the intersection of public health, human trafficking prevention, and runaway and homeless youth.
2. Participants will explore human trafficking prevention strategies focusing on RHY.
3. Participants will identify human trafficking prevention concepts and metrics to evaluate HT/RHY prevention activities.
4. Participants will learn about promising practices, research, and existing HT prevention efforts at the local and state levels.

Facilitators:

Ana Cody, Human Trafficking Specialist, Family and Youth Services Bureau
Laura Murphy, Director, Modern Slavery Research Project Loyola University New Orleans

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Macro: This practice strives to help clients by intervening in large systems. Examples include the following: contributing to the state, regional, or national responses to youth, participating in broad evaluation studies, and educating decision-makers about RHY needs.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being, accountability, prevention, and collaboration.

Ocean IV
First Floor

Institutional Change: A Mountain Moved through Motivational Interviewing

Summary:

This workshop describes one agency's journey to implement Motivational Interviewing (MI) as a baseline engagement practice for serving youth and families at risk of homelessness. This session provides an overview of Motivational Interviewing as an evidence-based, well-researched practice that is effective at engagement, and describes the process used to change the organization, train all staff, and keep it alive through practice groups, fidelity monitoring, and outcomes surveys. Presenters will describe the methods used to teach MI, which uses "real play" rather than "role play." This method increases understanding of the model and buy-in from staff at all levels because of its universal application to work and personal lives.

Objectives:

1. Participants will receive an orientation in Motivational Interviewing as an evidence-based practice, including its history and the research behind the model.
2. Participants will hear the process one agency used to transform practice by implementing the Motivational Interviewing model for all levels of staff.
3. Participants will see a demonstration of the training methods, which use personal experience and real-life situations to create buy-in and reflective learning.
4. Participants will hear recommendations of simple ways to determine the effectiveness of the model.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Reid, Vice President of Clinical Quality and Young Adult Services, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc.

Antwan Steed, Program Director, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc.

Yolanda Ortiz, Program Director, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc.

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and accountability.

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

General Federal Session

Grand Ballroom

Third Floor

The annual session features updates from FYSB on activities directly impacting the RHY Program.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop Session II

Regional Meetings with Federal Project Officers

Palm Beach (Second Floor)	Region I (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
Jacksonville (Second Floor)	Region II (NJ, NY, PR, VI)
Caribbean III (First Floor)	Region III (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)
Caribbean IV (First Floor)	Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
Caribbean V (First Floor)	Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
Ocean I (First Floor)	Region VI (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)
Ocean III (First Floor)	Region VII (IA, KS, MO, NE)
Caribbean VI (First Floor)	Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)
Ocean II (First Floor)	Region IX (AZ, CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, MP, TTPI)
Clearwater (Second Floor)	Region X (AK, ID, OR, WA)

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Ocean View Terrace

First Floor

An evening of networking is being provided for all national training participants. Everyone's hard work on behalf of youth and families is worth celebrating. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new friends and connect with others you know.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Meet in Caribbean Foyer

First Floor

Self-Care Activity: Morning Walk

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Caribbean Foyer

First Floor

National Training Information Center Open Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Third Floor

Poster Session Meet and Greet

The Poster Session provides an opportunity to hear about exciting and innovative practices in RHY programs. Throughout the day, a select group of agencies will showcase their work utilizing poster boards, handouts, and pictures. The 2019 Poster Session includes presentations from the following organizations:



Covenant House Florida

Covenant House Florida serves RHY under the age of 21. Services include individual, group, and family counseling for youth with mental

health problems (impairment in functioning, behavioral/emotional disorders, etc.) and the Covenant House Addiction Management Program (CHAMP), a licensed level-2 residential substance abuse treatment program. Covenant House practices trauma-informed care, seeking safety, and the Transition to Independence Process™ (TIP) by Stars Behavioral Health Group to help youth achieve their goals.

Poster Category:

Specialized Sub-Population Focus/Programming



Hawaii Youth Services Network

Public policy can be a powerful tool for teen pregnancy prevention — or a serious barrier. RHY programs can influence public policy and funding decisions by building awareness and support, sharing data about needs and

outcomes, and building relationships. Hawaii Youth Services Network will share its experiences in increasing public policymaker awareness, documenting parent and community support, influencing funding priorities, and establishing statewide policy. The differences between educating public officials and lobbying will be clearly defined.

Poster Category:

Community Partnerships and Collaboration Initiatives



Lutheran Services Florida

Lippman Youth Shelter (LYS), a program of Lutheran Services Florida, provides temporary shelter, food, and clothing to homeless and runaway youth. Their staff members provide the help each youth needs to be reunited with their families, if possible. With the assistance of other community partners in the area, they can help each of the youth that come through their doors. Lutheran Services Florida collaborates with the Broward County Human Trafficking Coalition and the Nancy J. Cotterman Center to provide psycho-education groups to youth at LYS. Lutheran Services Florida also works with the public school system as a preventative step to help youth stay informed.

Poster Category:

Community Partnerships/Collaborative Initiatives



Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services

The poster presentation focuses on key programming elements, art and recreation, as well as cultural, educational, and community engagement that promote positive youth development and demonstrate the importance of strong partnerships with other nonprofits for better outcomes for youth. Participants can learn about programming that improves academic aptitude through music, lyric writing, and video production. The poster demonstrates how fishing can replace the use of drugs, community service teaches contribution, horse therapy teaches caring, and exposure to the unknown opens eyes and presents new opportunities.

Poster Category:

Innovative/Promising Programming



Ozone House

This presentation displays and describes the political, theatrical, and literary advocacy that Speakout (a group of formerly homeless young people) conducts weekly and how it has affected their team and the community at large. This poster shares insight on other effective and engaging ways to involve young people. The presenter will demonstrate how the program has maintained a consistent and committed team since they started four years ago, two challenging aspects for younger groups.

Poster Category:

Youth-Driven/Youth Guided Programs and Initiatives



Pace Center for Girls

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. is a year-round, non-residential intervention and prevention program based on three foundational pillars of being (1) gender-responsive, (2) strengths-based, and (3) trauma-informed, and whose goals are to reduce risk factors, bolster protective factors, and keep girls out of the juvenile justice system. Girls experience middle and high school education, individual and group counseling, career planning and life skills, leadership training, family engagement, and transition planning all in a safe place to learn, heal, and grow.

Poster Category:

Innovative/Promising Programming

Not in My Backyard

Ending youth homelessness is an idea everyone can support, right up until they face the repercussions of housing that solution right in their neighborhood. Often community fears run counter to their initial support of ending youth homelessness. Nonprofit agencies face resistance from communities in developing shelters, day programs, resource centers, food pantries, and other resources. Challenges from gentrification, zoning, as well as support from local residents and, at times, law enforcement can seem overwhelming. While most agree there should be an end to youth homelessness, individuals often do not want a shelter in their backyard. In this poster, the advisory board committee members will share how several communities have overcome such challenges through active engagement with residents and community organizations.

Poster Category:

Community Partnerships/Collaborative Initiatives

Street Outreach Program Models

This poster highlights different types of SOP Models. RHY program staff are invited to add other SOP practices/models that should be highlighted. This poster session is engaging and interactive; the RHYTTAC advisory board committee hopes to use the information to develop a Tip Sheet on SOP Models. This session is an opportunity for committee members to engage existing and new staff, invite them to participate in the RHYTTAC Community of Practice (CoP), and ask for SOP needs and TA opportunities.

Poster Category:

Innovative/Promising Programming

TLP Evaluation: Incorporating Youth Feedback into the TLP

To incorporate youth voice into the day-to-day structure and programming of Transitional Living Programs (TLPs), a series of focus groups with homeless, and runaway youth was conducted. The focus groups asked 16 questions to solicit input on the best ways to manage safety, orient young people to the expectations of the program, and approach consequences. Youth feedback was grouped into themes for reporting purposes and is presented in this poster.

Poster Category:

Data Collection/Outcome Measurements/Program Evaluation

Child and Youth Care Certification – Why Not You?

Providing direct care to youth and families in crisis is an important job and should be considered an essential part of the profession. Bridging the gaps by offering certification opportunities to program staff strongly communicates value, commitment, and appreciation for the critical role of youth care workers. This approach also creates an environment of inclusion in the treatment efforts and multi-disciplinary team approach common in today's youth service programs. This poster highlights the essential benefits of the CYC training and certification at all program levels for youth-serving professionals and why certification is the way to go.

Poster Category:

Innovative/Promising Programming

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Workshop Session III

Caribbean VI Trauma and Mental Health Considerations in a Child Sex Trafficking Response

First Floor

Summary:

This workshop explores elements of trauma and mental health needs for victims of sex trafficking. The five guiding principles in working with traumatized victims are safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness, and empowerment. Participants will explore the next steps once a victim is identified and how to engage with a trauma-informed approach. This workshop also reviews assessment tools and best practices for child sex trafficking victims and explores case studies and mental health treatment to help victims become survivors of sex trafficking. Participants will learn how to have a trauma-informed approach with child sex trafficking victims. Participants will also learn how to develop a safety plan, ensuring the physical and emotional safety of victims and increasing coping skills to prevent RHY from becoming victimized by others in the community.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn to have a more trauma-informed approach when working with victims of sex trafficking.
2. Participants will explore the mental health needs of victims of sex trafficking.
3. Participants will learn how to complete a comprehensive safety plan for victims of sex trafficking.

Presenter:

Karen McHenry, Program Manager, Bellefaire JCB

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

This workshop addresses well-being.

Caribbean V
First Floor

Sexual Risk Avoidance Campaign: Designing Youth-Centered Social Media Messages

Summary:

Many youth-serving professionals have heard of youth-centered design, but are not sure how to take it from concept to concrete deliverables and which project planning tools to use. Grantees may want to develop a social media campaign, or communications plan to influence behavior change, but not know what types of content and design teens like and share. This workshop presents the latest research on social media health campaigns and recommendations on how to translate youth insights into actionable next steps by developing and defining audience mindsets, top-level messages, and communication strategies.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn about findings from a literature and social media campaign scan identifying 170+ campaigns related to optimal health topics (e.g., healthy relationships, goal setting).
2. Participants will discover how high school youth think and feel about sexual activity as well as their perceptions and preferences regarding social media content, design, and features.
3. Participants will learn about youth-centered design (YCD) methods used to capture these insights through focus groups and remote testing with youth.
4. Participants will review products from these YCD methods, including audience mindsets, top-level messages, and campaign strategies.
5. Participants will share how their organization can incorporate presented communication strategies to help empower teens in making smart decisions around sex, relationships, and setting goals for the future while sharing their story forward.

Presenters:

LeBretia White, Program Manager, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, Family and Youth Services Bureau
Katy Suellentrop, Senior Research Public Health Analyst, Research Triangle Institute, Inc.

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Caribbean IV
First Floor

Hearing Their Voices: Effectively Engaging Youth Voice Into Your Organization's Programming

Summary:

Effectively engaging youth voice into organizational programming is an increasing requirement, but what steps are necessary to get these efforts going? Once begun, how do programs maintain the momentum and ensure that the work is impactful? What do the youth involved in this work think? This workshop answers those questions by covering a youth leadership group from inception, concentrating on logistics, learnings over the years, and ways of maintaining investment. Participants will hear directly from a young person that has gone through two cohorts of the group, as well as audio clips and quotes from other young people sharing their personal experiences, why these opportunities are an essential place for organizations to invest, and the ways they have seen and felt their impact.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the steps taken to form an effective youth leadership group from the beginning as well as steps taken to deepen and broaden engagement.
2. Participants will hear directly from young people who have engaged in leadership groups and activities, including their experiences and why they remain connected.
3. Participants will gain strategies for effectively incorporating youth voice into their programs.
4. Participants will receive information on successes and challenges in the formation and sustaining of a Youth Leadership Board as well as maintaining engagement through Leadership Alumni Board.
5. Participants will leave with at least one concrete, actionable item to take back to their organization.

Presenters:

Candace Musick, Youth Development Specialist, The Night Ministry
Michelle Thomas, Youth Outreach Professional, The Night Ministry
Julie Campos, Youth Advocate, The Night Ministry

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses accountability and collaboration.

Caribbean III Collaboration for Sustainability: Models of Social Networking for RHY Programs

First Floor

Summary:

This workshop highlights two models of collaboration which utilize social capital to improve outcomes for youth.

The Latin American Youth Center's collaboration with the Promotor Pathway® provides youth with long-term interventions and supports needed for lasting impact and a path to housing stability. A focus on transformative relationships, assessment of youth needed, and the significance of intentional collaboration is pivotal to success.

The Crosswinds RHY Program has worked in collaboration with the Open Table to develop a sustainability plan by leveraging social capital and community-based partnerships. Staff from Crosswinds, Open Table, and youth with lived experience will provide information about how the program was developed and how it has led to more successful outcomes. Participants will be encouraged to incorporate lessons learned by Crosswinds to begin developing a social capital program in their communities.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand intentional collaboration and view the presentation as examples of how blended funding among youth-serving programs can lead to lasting outcomes.
2. Participants will review outcomes supporting why long-term intervention before, during, and after youth workforce programming is necessary for greater sustained outcomes.
3. Participants will understand how supporting the multiple needs of homeless youth, by providing holistic services with the same level of intensity as housing-related services, helps youth connect the dots between healthy behaviors now and long-term stable housing in the future.

4. Participants will understand how to build a partnership to increase capacity and sustainability.
5. Participants will learn how to engage with community partners.

Presenters:

Susana Martinez, LAYC Chief Strategy Officer and National Network Director of the Promotor Pathway®, Latin American Youth Center
 Shayna Scholnick, Promotor Pathway® Director, Latin American Youth Center
 Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer, Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals
 Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.
 RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic
 The workshop addresses collaboration and sustainability.

Palm Beach Know Your Client’s Legal Rights
 Second Floor

Summary:

This workshop is a roundtable discussion both for staff new to the field of runaway and homeless youth as well as the most experienced directors of programs. The roundtable serves as a tool to discuss: the wide range of legal issues faced by youth experiencing homelessness; how to find and access the legal resources available in each community (whether urban, small city, or rural); how to expand and improve legal services for systemic issues; and how to become equipped to find legal resources for the most troubling issues faced by youth. The goal of this session is for participants to learn how to meet legal challenges efficiently and productively.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand that every youth experiencing homelessness has legal barriers that must be resolved before the youth will be able to move forward successfully with housing, education, and employment.
2. Participants will understand how their programs can learn and access existing legal resources in their community and surrounding areas.
3. Participants will learn how to improve legal services for systemic issues.
4. Participants will become better equipped to handle legal issues that have evaded resolution.

Presenters:

Linda Britton, Director of the Criminal Justice Standards Project, American Bar Association
 Kelly Russo, Director of the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, American Bar Association

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center, All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals
 Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
 RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic
 The workshop addresses collaboration, education, and employment.

Clearwater
Second Floor

Using SOAR to Maximize Income and Increase Housing Stability for Youth with Disabilities Who are Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness

Summary:

(SSI)/Social Security disability income (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) have been proven to increase access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for children and youth with disabling conditions who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The SOAR Online Courses (adult and child curricula) emphasize Social Security Administration (SSA) work incentives that make it possible for youth to pursue vocational goals while maintaining benefits. Learn how SOAR can be integrated into programming to ensure the right combination of services to best suit current and future needs.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the importance of Social Security disability benefits for children and youth with serious mental illness and their families who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including income, health insurance, education, and employment supports, and housing stability.
2. Participants will understand the effectiveness of the Social Security income SOAR model for expediting decisions and improving approval rates for Social Security disability benefits.
3. Participants will be able to identify opportunities to become involved with SOAR for children, including connecting to local SOAR efforts, implementing SOAR within their organization, best practices for using the SOAR online course, and tracking outcomes in the SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) program.

Presenter:

Abigail Kirkman, Senior Project Associate, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) SOAR Technical Assistance Center at Policy Research Associates

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Macro: This practice strives to help clients by intervening in large systems. Examples include the following: contributing to the state, regional, or national responses to youth, participating in broad evaluation studies, and educating decision-makers about RHY needs.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses employment, well-being, and collaboration.

Jacksonville
Second Floor

Rapid Re-Housing Intervention for Homeless Youth

Summary:

This workshop explores how to develop a program that meets the needs of all youth experiencing homelessness, even if they do not meet the definition under a federally funded rapid re-housing (RRH) program. How do RHY programs serve youth experiencing homelessness who are often invisible because they are not on the streets or in the shelters? The presenters will demonstrate how to use private and public funding, as well as youth-centered intensive case management, to move young people from homelessness to housing. This workshop also explores how to implement a long-term housing study at the agency level.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how to structure a housing program for youth.
2. Participants will gain a better understanding of long-term youth housing outcomes using data.

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small-to-medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses accountability.

Ocean II
First Floor

Multicultural Trauma-Informed Care: Best Practices for Addressing Trauma and Diversity

Summary:

This presentation addresses the importance of youth service providers acknowledging societal and personal biases in creating trauma-informed care that fosters positive minority youth engagement. Trauma-informed care models need to be adjusted and tailored to meet the culturally specific needs of diverse youth who experience trauma due to their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, language, ethnicity, and immigration status, in addition to the traumas faced by homeless youth.

The presenters will provide an overview of the research-based evidence for trauma-informed care and its relevance to the RHY field. Participants will hear information about the work with a cohort of RHY grantees during the past year to enhance trauma-informed care programming and will provide information about the trauma-informed care-learning module for RHY grantees.

Objectives:

1. Participants will have an increased understanding of how programs that do not recognize the intersectionality of the youth's experience can contribute to diverse youth feeling unsafe and evading service. By being intentional in understanding how a youth's race, gender, sexual orientation, and citizenship inform a youth's trauma in unique ways, service providers will be able to appropriately address minorities' trauma and help build the type of healthy relationship needed to practice trauma-informed care.
2. Participants will hear examples and qualitative data to outline how the problem of non-culturally-responsive trauma-informed care affects minority youth experiencing homelessness.
3. Participants will receive an internal organizational evaluation tool to help an agency evaluate its alignment with multicultural trauma-informed services. This tool will help an agency address how to support culturally responsive decision-making at the individual level and how to incorporate this planning into program design.
4. Participants will leave with concrete action steps for evaluating and improving their programming in order to better incorporate underserved minority youth into their communities.

Presenters:

James Bates, Lead Outreach Case Manager, Urban Peak

Nikolas Werner, Housing and Community Case Manager, Urban Peak

Kathleen Guarino, Senior TA Consultant, American Institutes for Research

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center, Street Outreach

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Ocean III
First Floor

Measuring Up: Youth-level Outcomes and Measures for System Responses to Youth Homelessness

Summary:

The Youth Outcomes Project (YOP), a collaboration between Youth Collaboratory and Chapin Hall, provides guidance and promotes consensus on what and how to measure within the four broad core outcome areas (housing stability, education and employment, and permanent connections, as well as social and emotional well-being). For each core outcome area, the workshop provides context on its importance and recommendations for tracking commonly across communities in system-level efforts to end youth homelessness, along with corresponding best-available measures. The presenters will discuss additional considerations for measurement and tracking at the program level.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the scope of the project and process to identify the recommended outcomes and measures.
2. Participants will navigate the Youth Outcomes and Measures chart developed based on the accessibility, credibility, and validity of the recommended measures.
3. Participants will discuss other considerations and strategies for uptake and integration into programming, funding strategy, and planning activities.

Presenters:

Josephine Pufpaff, Director of Systems Improvement and Youth Homelessness, Youth Collaboratory
Anne Farrell, Director of Research, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center, Transitional Living, Maternity Group Homes

Macro: This practice strives to help clients by intervening in large systems. Examples include the following: contributing to the state, regional, or national responses to youth, participating in broad evaluation studies, and educating decision-makers about RHY needs.

RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses accountability and sustainability.

Ocean IV
First Floor

Benefits of a Yoga Program for Youth in Shelter

Summary:

Learn more about the benefits of yoga for youth in a shelter and for those who have a trauma history. Discuss ways to bring a yoga practice into shelter services. Learn about resources to help organizations develop a yoga program.

The presenters will provide information about yoga's therapeutic value and its relevance to the RHY field.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn about yoga's therapeutic value and relevance to the RHY field.
2. Participants will learn more about yoga as an outlet to relieve stress, develop self-esteem, and support those with a trauma history.
3. Participants will discuss ways to bring yoga into their shelter services.
4. Participants will learn more about the resources necessary to develop a yoga program at their facility.

Presenter:

Jen Cousineau, Shelter Program Manager, Child and Family Charities
Joli Guenther, Assistant Director, Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center, Transitional Living.

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic
The workshop addresses well-being.

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Workshop Session IV

Caribbean VI A Treatment Perspective and Overview of Issues Concerning Youth Substance Use
First Floor

Summary:

Almost every facility faces common issues when it comes to substance use/addiction. Identifying paraphernalia, substances, and slang terms assists all in the field to stay aware of current drug trends facing the United States. The stigma of drug use often causes adolescents to deny use, thus denying help; there is also ambivalence or denial of related issues. Family history and lack of engagement, as well as youth struggling with both substance abuse and mental health issues can set back the healing process. The presenters will provide a summary of the research around homelessness and substance abuse, its impact on development and relationships, and the importance of appropriate intervention by RHY programs. This presentation identifies and defines these issues as well as assists participants in quick interventions and developing ways to talk to adolescents and help them engage with family members.

Objectives:

1. Participants will hear a summary of current research on substance abuse among youth experiencing crisis and homelessness.
2. Participants will be able to identify drugs (DABS, wax, etc.), paraphernalia, new and advanced ways youth are abusing substances, and the new terms and slang often used.
3. Participants will learn to reach out to all youth, how to avoid the stigma of addiction, and how to get family (as identified by youth) engaged while acknowledging their struggles.
4. Participants will receive quick interventions, resources, and more for the youth they serve.

Presenters:

Amanda Riddle, Substance Abuse and Residential Services Coordinator, Youth Bridge, Inc.
Chrissy Jackson, Area Leader and Education Specialist, Youth Bridge, Inc.
Eric Rolan, Coordinator of Substance Abuse Services, Youth Services of Tulsa

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.
RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic
The workshop addresses well-being.

Caribbean V
First Floor

Making the Connection: Housing; Homelessness; Young People; and Sexual Abuse, Harassment, and Assault

Summary:

Through discussion and hands-on activities, this workshop introduces how both sexual violence and unstable housing are a reality for many young people. This workshop can assist all professionals in understanding what sexual violence means for runaway and homeless young people. Finally, this session stimulates a strategic conversation about how to build and maintain community relationships with local rape crisis centers and other community programs to provide holistic services that help meet the needs of the most marginalized young people in our communities.

Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to name at least two ways sexual violence and unstable housing intersect and become a reality for many RHY.
2. Participants will be able to describe two new strategies for navigating and building relationships with runaway and homeless young people who have experienced sexual violence.
3. Participants will be able to describe two new core skills for engaging in partnerships with local rape crisis centers and other community-serving programs.

Presenter:

Karla Vierthaler, Advocacy and Resource Director, National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center, Street Outreach

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and collaboration.

Caribbean IV
First Floor

Confronting the Crisis: A Structured Family Session Format

Summary:

This interactive workshop begins with a summary of empirical evidence demonstrating improved outcomes for young people through various family engagement models. Presenters will share the family session meeting structure they developed to assist families in improving their communication style and problem-solving skills. While this process may not be without difficult moments, mediation-style techniques can reduce tension in sessions and leave all parties feeling more satisfied with the results moving forward. Utilizing this format assists in the consistent flow of operating a family session. The meeting structure is designed to assist professionals/mediators in identifying primary family concerns and issues that have resulted in the youth being out of the home. It also includes intervention planning for ongoing support. Inherent in the format are mediation-style tips for parents to help manage their effects and find unique solutions to the specific issues their family is facing.

Objectives:

1. Participants will hear the empirical basis for mediation, demonstrating how family engagement models improve youth outcomes.
2. Participants will learn a structural format to lead a productive family session.

3. Participants will receive a tool that will elicit participation from family and youth in crisis.
4. Participants will receive a tool to identify primary concerns that lead youth to BCP and assess needs to provide appropriate resources for ongoing support.
5. Participants will experience a positive and interactive environment for learning and exchanging information.

Presenters:

Vanessa Ingram, RHY Outreach Coordinator, Youth Service, Inc.

Shaneara Johnson, RHY Supervisor, Youth Service, Inc.

Caitlin Ryan, Director, Family Acceptance Project®

Caribbean III Evidence on Interventions for Addressing Youth Homelessness

First Floor

Summary:

Research conducted by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago's Voices of Youth Count estimates nearly 4.2 million youth and young adults in America experience some form of homelessness during a 12-month period. A new research-to-impact publication by Chapin Hall, *Missed Opportunities: Evidence on Interventions for Addressing Youth Homelessness*, summarizes what was learned from a rigorous and comprehensive synthesis of its research on youth homelessness programs and practices to address this significant challenge. This workshop introduces participants to the best and latest evaluation evidence on programs and practices to address youth homelessness. It also explores key knowledge gaps that providers can help to address in collaboration with research and evaluation partners. Presenters will review what is and is not known about what works in the following intervention categories:

- Prevention
- Family strengthening
- Shelter and housing
- Economic and employment
- Outreach and service connection
- Non-housing case management and support
- Individual counseling and treatment

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand basic concepts in evidence-based practice and how they relate to complex social interventions like RHY programming.
2. Participants will learn how to make use of a new resource for identifying evidence on programs and practices for addressing youth homelessness.
3. Participants will gain a high-level understanding of what types of programs and practices address youth homelessness, the populations of youth they best work for, and where the biggest knowledge gaps exist.
4. Participants will generate creative ideas concerning field-based knowledge and emerging innovations in programs and practices that could be good candidates for evaluation.

Presenter:

Anne Farrell, Director of Research, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

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RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses accountability.

Palm Beach

Second Floor

**Youth Designated Access Points and Mobile Assessments:
How Street Outreach Navigates Coordinated Entry**

Summary:

This presentation provides an overview of coordinated entry in both Philadelphia and the District of Columbia. Philadelphia serves as a case study to explore how street outreach can be used to increase the accessibility of the coordinated entry process. The presenters explore how street outreach can use a coordinated approach to connect more youth to resources that fall within and outside the Continuum of Care (CoC) system while utilizing best practices within RHY, such as youth-centered programming, harm reduction, and housing first models. Philadelphia has one of the few youth designated access points and mobile assessment teams in the nation, providing youth aged 18-24 with direct access to coordinated entry programs and other youth housing support. This session also explores how street outreach utilizes those best practices and innovative approaches to provide comprehensive access to programming, housing support, and basic needs. Participants will engage in meaningful exploration and discuss barriers and solutions to navigating the coordinated entry system in street outreach to offer the best possible services to youth.

Objectives:

1. Participants will deepen knowledge and understanding of coordinated entry, youth designated access points, and mobile assessments.
2. Participants will become familiar with best practices in coordinated entry and RHY programs as well as related overlaps and discrepancies.
3. Participants will discuss innovative ways to increase accessibility to coordinated entry through street outreach and to improve outcomes and reduce youth homelessness.
4. Participants will learn from each other's expertise in the area to explore innovative solutions.

Presenters:

Alyssa Weinfurter, Street Outreach Supervisor, Valley Youth House

Deborah Shore, Executive Director, Sasha Bruce Youthwork

This workshop is appropriate for:

Street Outreach, All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

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RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses collaboration and safe and stable housing.

Clearwater
Second Floor

Sustainability Through Change: Navigating Significant Organizational Changes

Summary:

Research has demonstrated a link between the culture of an organization and the responsiveness of the organization to a crisis, funding losses, and changes in leadership. During the last few years, Cocoon House completed a capital campaign, built a new multi-use building with housing for youth/young adults and a drop-in center, and navigated significant leadership change. Although many lessons were learned during this process, Cocoon House was able to sustain funding, stability, and organizational leadership through these significant changes. This workshop helps attendees gain an understanding of the complexities, challenges, and successes of major organizational change. Topics include strategic planning, succession planning, communication, and adapting to major changes. The presenters will also share evidence supporting the link between organizational culture and sustainability.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn about the research connecting organizational culture and the ability to sustain services and withstand unexpected change.
2. Participants will gain an understanding of the complexities, challenges, and successes of major organizational change.
3. Participants will learn how to create a strategic plan that helps maintain stability during significant organizational change and growth.
4. Participants will explore how to implement succession planning at their organization.
5. Participants will learn about practical strategies to apply during a time of significant change.
6. Participants will have access to sustainability resources developed for RHY grantees available through RHYTTAC.

Presenters:

Rachel Mathison, Director of Programs, Cocoon House
Joe Alonzo, CEO, Cocoon House
Anthony L. Hemmelgarn, Industrial Psychologist and Organizational Consultant

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses sustainability.

Jacksonville
Second Floor

Building State-Level Collaborations to Advocate for RHY

Summary:

Although the federal government provides substantial leadership and resources toward ending youth and young adult homelessness, states also play an important role. This workshop guides providers and other stakeholders on building state-level collaborations to advocate for runaway and homeless youth. The presenters will identify lessons learned from Texas's work to engage its state agencies in cross-systems collaboration, coordinate the first statewide youth count, build capacity to prevent and respond to child

sex trafficking, and advocate for state funding for programs serving runaway and homeless youth. Finally, presenters will offer practical tools for engaging stakeholders in the development and implementation of a shared agenda.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn from Texas’s experience working at the state level to prevent and respond to youth homelessness. These lessons learned will benefit attendees by serving as guidance for work in their states.
2. Participants will identify goals or objectives for systems change within their states and identify the stakeholders or players who must be at the table in order to meet those goals or objectives.
3. Participants will learn practical strategies and tools for facilitating meetings and engaging their stakeholders in the development and implementation of a shared agenda.

Presenter:

Christine Gendron, Executive Director, Texas Network of Youth Services

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

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RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses collaboration.

Ocean I

First Floor

Let’s Get Classy: Empowering Youth Voices through Passion-Focused Curricula

Summary:

This presentation focuses on creating passion-focused curricula for RHY. Through current models and theories of positive youth development (PYD), this session explores the benefits of utilizing youth voice, creating a positive group identity, and empowering youth to examine their strengths. This presentation highlights the importance of promoting self-worth and positive growth through curricula that are rooted in the individual characteristics of the youth served.

The presenters will provide an overview of the theory and evidence behind PYD as well as its relevance to the RHY field.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand and conceptualize current theories and models (positive youth development theory, social development model, etc.) that create the foundation for successful youth programming.
2. Participants will learn to incorporate individual strengths and unique passions to design curricula that empower youth voice.
3. Participants will discuss the importance of setting expectations that foster trust, transparency, and group identity.
4. Participants will learn to produce a curriculum that integrates current theories, models, and specific passions of RHY.

Presenters:

Rachel Hohneke, Outreach Case Manager, Urban Peak
Fatima Kiass, Outreach Case Manager, Urban Peak
Cindy Carraway-Wilson, Director of Training, Youth Catalytics

This workshop is appropriate for:

Basic Center

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Ocean II

First Floor

In the Mix: RHY and Homeless Education Partnerships in Coordinated Community Responses

Summary:

No one system is equipped to meet every need of young people experiencing homelessness. Presenters of this session will share information and inspire attendees to help them build meaningful partnerships between RHY programs, the education system, and other community agencies. Topics to be covered include:

- Partnerships: Requirements and natural touchpoints for RHY-education partnerships
- The bigger picture: Opportunities for engaging in broader collaborative efforts, including lessons from round one and two Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) sites

Objectives:

1. Participants will have a better understanding of “education players” with whom they may want to collaborate, including early care and education (in support of pregnant and parenting youth); K12 (McKinney-Vento, career and technical education, and others); and post-secondary education (Federal TRiO Programs (TRiO), state statutes, basic needs programs, etc.).
2. Participants will have a better understanding of specific touchpoints for partnerships between RHY programs and education, based on statutory and regulatory requirements, and best practices.
3. Participants will learn about the role RHY and homeless education programs have played in round one and two YHDP communities, with an eye for transferable lessons beyond the YHDP context.

Presenter:

Christina Dukes, Federal Liaison for the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic and RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses education.

Ocean III The Building Blocks of Resiliency

First Floor

Summary:

Trauma is pervasive in the lives of the young people in RHY programs, so it is crucial that interactions and programs are designed to offset the effects of trauma and begin to build resiliency. This workshop provides an overview of the building blocks of resiliency and strategies for helping young people capitalize on the factors that support resiliency and overcome the impacts of trauma.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the value of resilience and brain plasticity in combatting the impact of trauma.
2. Participants will learn about the psychological and external factors that contribute to resiliency.
3. Participants will learn strategies for building resiliency factors that contribute to the social and emotional well-being of youth.

Presenter:

Robin Donaldson, Chief Operations Officer, Indiana Youth Services Association

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and accountability.

Ocean IV Demonstrating the Value of RHY Programs

First Floor

Summary:

In today's data-driven culture, it is imperative that RHY programs demonstrate their value. This workshop shows participants what they can do with the data they collect. Participants will learn how to turn data into a powerful tool that demonstrates the value RHY programs have in the continuum of homeless services. The presenters will challenge participants to use both qualitative and quantitative ways to demonstrate a program's impact.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the importance of demonstrating program value.
2. Participants will be able to examine their program data to demonstrate impact.
3. Participants will understand the difference between qualitative and quantitative ways of measuring impact.
4. Participants will develop action plans to demonstrate their own program's value/impact.

Presenter:

Andrew Palomo, Director of Community Strategy, National Network for Youth

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses accountability.

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

General Session

Grand Ballroom

Third Floor

Opening Remarks and FYSB RHY Artistic Expression Contest Winner Presentation

Debbie A. Powell

Deputy Associate Commissioner

Family and Youth Services Bureau



“Rise Above Bullying”

Amaya (12), Brooklin (17), Elijah (14), Lexi (19), Jabari (14), Julia (12), Julianna (17), Marianne (15), Morgan (17), Myeisha (20), Quan (16), Toriann (17), and Deia (18)

Capital City Youth Services | Tallahassee, FL

Watch at <http://bit.ly/rhytraining19-rise>



“Dignified”

David (18)

Synergy Services | Kansas City, MO

Listen at <http://bit.ly/rhytraining19-dignified>

Keynote: “The Foundations of Resiliency”

Horacio Sanchez, President and CEO, Resiliency Inc.

2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Meet in Caribbean Foyer

First Floor

Site Visit: Covenant House

This year’s site visit includes a special opportunity to visit the Pace Center for Girls or Flite Center.

Site visit participants will visit Covenant House Florida during the 2019 National RHY Grantees Training. This organization is an RHY grantee, operating a basic center program. In addition to visiting Covenant House, attendees participating in the site visit will have the opportunity to visit Pace Center for Girls or Flite Center. Pace provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy. Flite Center is a resource available to youth aging out of foster care to assist with successful transitions into independent living.

Attendees with a site visit ticket should meet in the Caribbean Foyer (near registration) no later than 2:45 p.m. EST, with the site visit ticket provided at check-in. Three lines will be available: Bus A, Bus B, and Stand-by. Bus A will visit Covenant House and Pace Center. Bus B will visit Flite Center and Covenant House. Buses are boarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Boarding begins at 2:45 p.m. EST. All participants must be in the boarding area

by this time or risk losing their seats without a refund. Those interested in waiting in the stand-by line for an opportunity to fill an empty seat may do so—please bring \$5 (exact change). RHYTTAC staff will fill empty seats at 2:50 p.m. until the allotted seat count is full.



Covenant House Florida

Covenant House Florida (CHF) provides emergency shelter — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — a safe place to sleep, food, critical aid, and comprehensive holistic support services to youth under age 21 who are disadvantaged, abused, or experiencing homelessness. When possible, CHF facilitates and coordinates family reunification. However, when a youth is unable to return home, CHF works to develop a plan toward a stable living situation, including independent living for older youth and for those youth who cannot go home or CHF's Rights of Passage transitional housing and rapid re-housing programs in scattered site apartments. Overall, CHF helps youth transition from homelessness through a safe haven with adult role models and provides a continuum of services to help youth develop positive academic, social, life and job skills while enhancing their opportunities to become self-sufficient community members.



Pace Center for Girls

The holistic, gender-specific, strength-based, and trauma-informed Pace program model addresses the needs of girls and has garnered national recognition as one of the most effective programs in the country for keeping girls from entering the juvenile justice system. Pace currently operates centers throughout Florida and one in Macon, GA.

At Pace Center for Girls, they have developed a nationally recognized, research-based non-residential program model that features a balanced emphasis on academics and social services, with a focus on the future for middle and high school-aged girls and young women. The foundation of Pace offers a gender-responsive culture where they provide a safe environment that celebrates girls. Pace offers services that take into account how girls learn and develop, and their supportive staff members respond to and celebrate each girl's strengths and challenges.

Pace provides academics, counseling and therapy, life skills, career preparation, case management, parental engagement, transition services, scholarships, and other aids. The Broward Program also offers Diversion/ Civil Citation, Healthy Youth Transitions, Family Strengthening Program, Academic Enrichment, and more. All of Pace services are at no cost to the girls and their families.



The Fort Lauderdale Independence, Training, and Education Center

The Fort Lauderdale Independence, Training, and Education Center (FLITE), created by the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, the Community Foundation of Broward, and the United Way of Broward County, opened its doors in 2009 offering comprehensive and seamless service delivery for youth and young adults ages 13 to 23 involved in the child welfare system. The FLITE Center is the collaborating piece of a comprehensive system of care for transitioning youth.

Along with their partners, expanded, enhanced, and additional services and supports are evident across all domains and are pulled into one convenient location for the youth's access. All of these services are coordinated countywide through the Transition to Independent Living (TIL) System of Care Steering Committee and the TIL Life Coach Meeting, both of which are chaired by the FLITE Executive Director. Over 50 Life Coaches and over 20 agency managers/directors from roughly 15 different agencies throughout Broward participate in both meetings and look to FLITE to steer the ship on system improvements and filling the gaps for rising needs. Working in partnership with each other as well as many other service agencies in the community has increased their ability to fully serve and support youth facing any number of barriers, especially homelessness.

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Workshop Session V

Caribbean VI Strengthen Your Positive Youth Development Mindset! First Floor

Summary:

From a holistic perspective of adolescent health and well-being, adolescent behavior is influenced by many personal, social, and environmental factors, leading us to a broader view of adolescent development and a different approach to youth work. Using a positive youth development approach, they focus on competencies, opportunities, and supports young people need to thrive and make healthy decisions. In this workshop, participants will be introduced to new online training material on positive youth development. Presenters will explore key principles and trends in adolescent development that will change the way they engage with young people.

Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to identify the core principles of positive youth development.
2. Participants will explore key principles of youth development and experience online features that address additional topics such as adolescent development and technology.
3. Participants will be able to demonstrate how to use a strength-based approach in engaging youth. The presenter will introduce the concept of using a youth-centered or strength-based approach, a core principle of youth development, and invite participants to explore and practice strategies to integrate this approach in their programming.
4. Participants will be able to identify two strategies for incorporating positive youth development training material in their workplace and community.

Presenter:

Jutta Dotterweich, Extension Associate, Cornell University

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and accountability.

Caribbean V Unlocking the Secrets of Human Interaction

First Floor

Summary:

The factors influencing the quality of human social interaction have been determined well before they have consciously formulated an opinion. The gut instinct humans experience is based on certain actions the brain is designed to notice and interpret. Research has found that individuals who know what the brain monitors and how it is interpreted gain the ability to make a better impression, build meaningful relationships, and avoid succumbing to unintended biases. The quality of relationships and social networks are predictive of emotional stability, improved physical health, and better cognitive functioning. It is important that any individual whose purpose is to help others improve life outcomes learns the subconscious process the brain performs that unlocks the secret of successful social interactions.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the specific actions the brain subconsciously monitors that produce bias.
2. Participants will discover how the monitoring of nonverbal expressions results in feelings of empathy.
3. Participants will gain awareness of specific physical actions that can dramatically improve the quality of social interactions.

Presenter:

Horacio Sanchez, President and CEO, Resiliency, Inc.

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Caribbean IV An Introduction to Grant Reviews – How Can You Participate?

First Floor

Summary:

This session provides a brief introduction to the RHY program's annual grant application review process. FYSB seeks individuals with experience as staff, managers, or administrators of RHY programs who are interested in serving as panel members during grant reviews. Space is limited. This session will be repeated from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. If you are unable to participate in either session, you are invited to stop by the F2 Solutions (F2) exhibit table to learn more and to apply for consideration.

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how the review process works.
2. Participants will identify the skills necessary to contribute to their success as a federal RHY grant reviewer.

3. Participants will learn the steps necessary to apply to become a federal grant reviewer.

Presenters:

Laurie Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Safe Place Network
Tammy Hopper, Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer, National Safe Place Network
Jacqueline Thomas, Program Manager, F2 Solutions

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

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RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic and RHY 301/ Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

Caribbean III How to Retain Employees Through Effective Leadership and Management

First Floor

Summary:

This session explores research and best practices in non-profit leadership focused on positively impacting staff retention and employee performance. This workshop provides resources for leadership and management by offering perspectives from three agencies of varying sizes. Attendees will leave with a sense of the current research in the area of leadership and management and creative ideas for structuring career and salary incentives to retain high performing employees in an increasingly competitive job market. Please note: This is an extended workshop scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Objectives:

1. Participants will receive information on the research base for methods of retaining staff and effective leadership.
2. Participants will gain insight into becoming an effective leader and manager.
3. Participants will gain insight into ways to increase employee retention.
4. Participants will leave with tools to increase their effectiveness as a leader and manager.

Presenters:

Kami Diaz, LCSW, Executive Director, Central Texas Youth Services
Karen Willis, Programs Coordinator, Central Texas Youth Services
Paul Hamann, Executive Director, The Night Ministry
Melanie Heitkamp, Executive Director, Youthworks
Anthony L. Hemmelgarn, Industrial Psychologist and Organizational Consultant

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

This workshop addresses sustainability.

Palm Beach **Cultural Competency in Community Engagement**
 Second Floor

Summary:

As demographics increasingly change in communities across the country, the importance of client-centered care and culturally appropriate services is undeniable. Cultural competency is essential when working with diverse families and youth. This understanding begins with evaluating individual and organizational practices. This workshop explores understanding one's own culture, the culture of an organization, and how to interact with the youth and families served in RHY programs. Additionally, participants will be introduced to resources available through Georgetown University's National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC), supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health and Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Participants will also learn about the foundations of cultural and linguistic competence as well as hear about current research and empirical evidence concerning the importance of incorporating cultural competence into organizational practice as a foundation for the interventions and practices discussed.

Objectives:

1. Participants will receive information on current research related to the impact of culture on services and review techniques demonstrated to be effective in bridging cultural divides.
2. Participants will introduce frontline youth workers to the concept of cultural competency.
3. Participants will identify and address cultural barriers in community engagement.
4. Participants will reflect on individual cultural identity, personal values, and intercultural communication.
5. Participants will provide an effective communication model to understand, communicate with, and effectively interact with diverse populations.
6. Participants will receive access to training and resources from the Office of Minority Health.

Presenter:

Tiffany Storey, Program Director, Children's Aid Society
 Mary Sims-Johnson, Executive Director, Madison County Citizens Services Agency

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and accountability.

Clearwater **Best Practices to Support Young People in Housing First Programs**
 Second Floor

Summary:

This workshop explores the rewards and challenges of Housing First as an effective housing assistance approach and highlights best practices that can be used by providers to support youth and young adults seeking and working to maintain their own safe and stable housing. In addition to Housing First, models and topics for discussion include positive youth development, harm reduction, and supported decision-making. Tips for engaging landlords and property owners will be shared as well as ideas for getting systems "unstuck."

Objectives:

1. Participants will hear an overview of Housing First and youth rapid re-housing (RRH) core components and national trends.
2. Participants will hear lessons learned from the rapid re-housing for youth learning community and receive an overview of system flow and the role youth RRH plays in it.
3. Participants will receive education and support in exploring Housing First as a potential service approach and hear tips and "lessons learned" on how to engage clients, landlords, and other housing service providers.
4. Participants will experience a safe space for asking questions, sharing success stories, and brainstorming solutions to challenges related to Housing First and youth RRH.

Presenters:

Rebecca Kanitz, Director of Supported Housing, Pathfinders

Mindy Mitchell, Director of Individual Homeless Adult Services, National Alliance to End Homelessness

This workshop is appropriate for:

Transitional Living

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses collaboration and safe and stable housing.

Jacksonville

Second Floor

Addressing the Unique Challenges of Serving Youth Experiencing Sexual Exploitation/Trafficking in Rural Communities to Provide Support and Hope

Summary:

Participants will gain knowledge and a new perspective of the unique challenges of providing services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation/trafficking in rural communities. Not only do people think this is not a rural problem, but because it looks different than in larger communities, the challenges are harder to overcome. Through discussion and lesson-learned situations, participants will be able to share their challenges and learn how two different programs in rural Minnesota overcame barriers to provide support, education, housing, and hope for these young people.

Objectives:

1. Participants will gain an understanding of the Minnesota Safe Harbor/No Wrong Door Model that has provided the opportunity to secure funding to develop and implement services and housing for victims 24 and younger throughout the state.
2. Participants will learn and provide input into challenges found in rural communities in working with these youth.
3. Participants will hear lessons learned from two providers who work in rural communities in central and southern Minnesota to be able to provide support and hope.

Presenters:

Kathy Sauve, Youth and Family Resources Director, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Jane Vader, Outreach Youth Worker, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Mankato Youth Services

This workshop is appropriate for:

Street Outreach, All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and collaboration.

Ocean I **How Can My Program Identify Youth Victims or At-Risk for Human Trafficking?**
First Floor **Integrating Screening Approaches that Work in RHY Settings**

Summary:

RHY programs are likely to encounter youth at-risk or victims of labor and sex trafficking. Effective human trafficking screening processes in RHY settings require programs that successfully engage with the youth to understand their life experiences and vulnerabilities. Certainly, HT screening approaches should be built on trauma-informed and positive youth development strategies to reduce the likelihood of re-traumatizing the youth.

This interactive workshop presents the findings from the study, and the HT validated tool for RHY settings released by Covenant House, New Jersey in March 2019. The presenters will share case studies and strategies to assist grantees with their human trafficking screening approaches. Additionally, this session is an opportunity for grantees to discuss their human trafficking screening practices and develop a plan to integrate screening approaches effectively into their existing programs.

Objectives:

1. Participants will examine screening processes and interventions to identify RHY who are victims of or at risk for HT.
2. Participants will learn about the recent study conducted by Covenant House that led to the development of a validated HT screening tool for RHY settings.
3. Participants will identify practical screening strategies and develop a plan to integrate these approaches into existing RHY programs.

Presenters:

Jim White, Executive Director, Covenant House New Jersey

Ana Cody, Human Trafficking Specialist, Family and Youth Services Bureau

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 101/New to the RHY field/workshop topic, RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic, and RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Ocean II **Applying Trauma-Informed Care: Policies, Practices, and Techniques for RHY**
First Floor **Programs**

Summary:

This workshop allows RHY staff to fully explore and understand how trauma-informed care can be operationalized and applied within RHY programs and agencies. The workshop takes an interactive approach, providing space for participants to reflect on their practice with young people, ask questions, and engage with their peers to share knowledge and experience. Furthermore, participants will have a

supportive space in which to practice trauma-informed consciousness, responding to real-life scenarios and situations from within RHY programs. Participants will leave the workshop energized, inspired, and armed with at least a few concrete techniques and tools to use when applying trauma-informed care within their agencies and programs. Please note: This is an extended workshop scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand the evidence supporting trauma-informed care.
2. Participants will be able to identify common trauma-related symptoms and behaviors they see working with young people experiencing homelessness.
3. Participants will gain a better understanding of trauma-informed care principles and practices.
4. Participants will learn specific techniques, including language, actions, service-related documents, and policies and procedures to assist in the application of trauma-informed care within their RHY programs.
5. Participants will be offered space to practice, in real-time, trauma-informed consciousness, as it relates to working with young people experiencing homelessness.

Presenters:

Frank McAlpin, Program Manager, LA LGBT Center
Sydney Foster, Grants and Outcomes Manager, Immerse Arkansas
Elisabeth Jackson, Executive Director, Bridge Over Troubled Waters

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 201/Experienced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being.

Ocean III

First Floor

Improving Outcomes for Homeless Youth through Early Family Engagement and Conflict Resolution

Summary:

This interactive workshop begins with a summary of the empirical evidence demonstrating improved outcomes for young people through family engagement. Presenters will explore the development of an innovative intervention model by Marian Carney of New Beginnings, an agency delivering services to homeless youth and their families since 1980. The presenters will examine aspects of a family mediation model initially utilized almost 20 years ago as well as its evolution into an effective intervention today that incorporates the agency's models of trauma-informed care, strength-based, positive youth development, risk reduction, and culturally sensitive techniques. This workshop explores family mediation and developing reunification plans as a preventative measure. Please note: This is an extended workshop scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand how early family engagement in the process of youth homelessness increases the likelihood of positive outcomes.
2. Participants will learn how engaging community partners in the development of programming can lead to innovative approaches in both the prevention and intervention of youth homelessness.
3. Participants will learn about how elements of the Family Acceptance Project can be utilized effectively in working with parents of homeless youth in order to impact outcomes and build protective factors.

Presenters:

Rosie Moreau, Program Coordinator, New Beginnings, Inc.
Caitlin Ryan, Director, Family Acceptance Project®

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Micro Level: This is the most common practice, and it happens directly with an individual client or family.

RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses well-being and permanent connections.

Ocean IV

First Floor

Connecting the Social Support Network Dots:

Creating Opportunities for Permanent Connections and Social Capital

Summary:

During this workshop, grantees will learn about the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) recent research into social capital — including peer supports and efforts to build and leverage permanent connections — in human services programs such as those that serve RHY. Presenters will review findings from literature reviews, interviews, and case studies and then describe existing practices being used by evidence-based practitioners from the field to help participants create and tap into social support networks. Participants will also discuss strategies for measuring permanent social connections and other types of social capital.

Objectives:

1. Participants will hear research on the role of social capital, including peer supports, in improving well-being, increasing employment, and reducing poverty.
2. Participants will become familiar with emerging and evidenced-based practices being used by practitioners to help participants both build and use social support networks.
3. Participants will explore potential strategies for measuring permanent connections and other types of social capital.

Presenters:

Sofi Martinez, Social Science Analyst, Department of Health and Human Services
Shayna Scholnick, Promotor Pathway® Director, Latin American Youth Center
Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer, Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.

This workshop is appropriate for:

All RHY/Youth-Serving Professionals

Mezzo Level: This practice deals with small- to medium-sized groups, such as neighborhoods, schools, or other local organizations.

RHY 301/Advanced in the RHY field/workshop topic

The workshop addresses sustainability and collaboration.

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Third Floor

Poster Session Meet and Greet

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Caribbean Foyer

First Floor

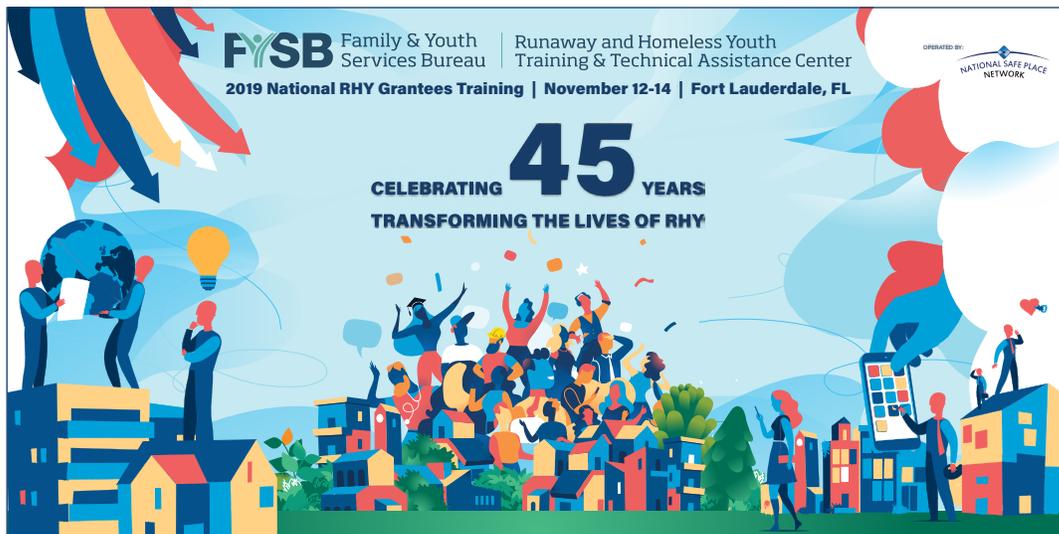
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7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Third Floor

Annual Banner Signing



8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

Third Floor

General Session

Keynote – “Speaking from Experience: Insight and Vision for the Field”

Panelists

Elizabeth Allee, Cascade Youth and Family Center

Tatyana Rozhnova, Lighthouse Youth and Family Services

Zakiyyah Rahman, Ozone House

Facilitators

Fonda Thompson, Open Arms, Inc.

Phillip Ringwood, DIAL/SELF Youth & Community Services

Closing Remarks

Debbie A. Powell

Deputy Associate Commissioner

Family and Youth Services Bureau

FYSB RHYTTAC Reminders

Laurie Jackson, President and CEO, National Safe Place Network

MY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Visit Exhibit Tables

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Networking (Location: Grand Ballroom)

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

General Session: Opening Keynote (Location: Grand Ballroom)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshop Session I

My session: _____ Room: _____

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch Break on my own or with: _____ Phone: _____
at: _____

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

General Federal Session (Location: Grand Ballroom)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop Session II

My region: _____ Room: _____ Officer: _____

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception (Location: Ocean View Terrace)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Self-Care Activity – Morning Walk (Location: Caribbean Foyer)

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Visit Exhibit Booths

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Networking (Location: Grand Ballroom)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Poster Session Meet and Greet (Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Workshop Session III

My session: _____ Room: _____

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshop Session IV

My session: _____ Room: _____

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

General Session: FYSB RHY Artistic Expression Contest Winner Presentation
Keynote (Location: Grand Ballroom)

2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Site Visit

Meet no later than 2:45 p.m. in hotel lobby (by Starbucks). *Bring site visit ticket.

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Workshop Session V

My session: _____ Room: _____

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Poster Session Meet and Greet (Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer)

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Self-Care Activity – Restorative Yoga (Location: Ocean View Terrace)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Annual Banner Signing (Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer)

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

General Session: Closing Keynote (Location: Grand Ballroom)



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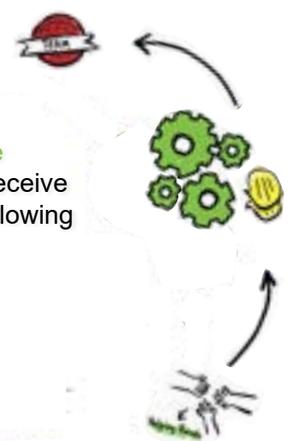
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"The National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families (NCHYF) provides information and resources to RHY grantees and other organizations that are developing and implementing prevention and intervention services for runaway and homeless youth. NCHYF also serves the general public interested in

learning about the issues facing runaway and homeless youth and the circumstances that often contribute to their running away or becoming homeless. NCHYF partners with the National Runaway Safeline and RHYTTAC to support FYSB's mission to end youth homelessness."



National Runaway Safeline

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Network
Exhibitor

"National Runaway Safeline (NRS) serves as the federally-designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth. NRS's mission is to keep America's runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. NRS

annually makes approximately 100,000 connections with youth and families through their hotline, website, and prevention and education resources. NRS co-sponsors National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) in November; get involved, take action, and make a difference. Stop by the exhibit table to learn more about NRS' services and NRPM or visit www.1800runaway.org."

EXHIBITORS



American Institutes for Research

NSPN - RHYTTAC Cooperative Agreement Partner
Exhibitor

"American Institutes for Research (AIR) is an independent, nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to conduct and apply the best behavioral and social science research and evaluation toward improving people's lives, with a special emphasis on the disadvantaged and most vulnerable populations. AIR is committed to understanding and addressing the unique needs of children, youth, and adults experiencing homelessness by researching what works, developing tools and resources, and providing training and technical assistance to support data-driven, trauma-informed programming."



Child Welfare Information Gateway

Exhibitor

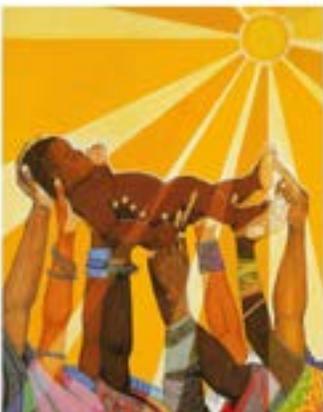
"Child Welfare Information Gateway provides access to timely, practical resources that help child welfare, adoption, and related professionals protect children and strengthen families. For more information, visit www.childwelfare.gov."



F2 Solutions

Exhibitor

"F2 Solutions (F2), established in September 2007, is an experienced management services provider focused on developing and executing innovative technology solutions for federal agencies and their programs. F2 is led by its President, Mr. Lynn Leeks, who brings more than 20 years of information technology (IT) training, management, and implementation in the areas of grants management and conferencing. F2's main lines of business include event management, IT consulting, grant review, and ancillary support to enhance its clients' resources and effectiveness."



George E. Miller Art Studio

Exhibitor

"George E. Miller is a nationally known child advocacy artist. He has devoted the past 20+ years of his life to creating artwork that advocates for the education and well-being of children. Mr. Miller's artwork addresses issues such as literacy, dropout prevention, child abuse prevention, mental health, and autism.

"I hope to inspire teachers, social workers, counselors, and parents. If a piece of my artwork encourages someone to share even one extra moment with a child that otherwise may have been overlooked, then my artwork has served its purpose." – George E. Miller"



National Institute of Mental Health
Exhibitor

“The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders. NIMH is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers that make up the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the largest biomedical research agency in the world. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). NIMH’s mission is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery, and cure.”



National Network for Youth
Exhibitor

“The National Network for Youth (NN4Y) is a public education and policy advocacy organization dedicated to the prevention and eradication of youth homelessness in America. As the largest and most diverse network of its kind, NN4Y represents

over 300 members and affiliates — organizations that work on the front lines every day with young people and their families to prevent and respond to youth homelessness. Together, we envision a future in which all young people have a safe place to call home. For more information, visit www.nn4youth.org.”



NSPN Membership
Exhibitor

“National Safe Place Network Membership utilizes its local, state, and national public and private partnerships to support youth service organizations and their staff. The collaboration among these partners facilitates ongoing opportunities with a range of packages offered to NSPN members to align with their

needs and priorities. All NSPN members receive updates, resources, and funding opportunities every month, and executive leaders can participate in quarterly conference calls.

NSPN delivers customized content, webinars, and on-site consultation services to Training Center Members. Organizational Development Members enjoy a full range of grant support services, including weekly information calls, grant reviews, and more. Professional Development benefits facilitate learning, growth, and career advancement for member staff as well as leadership succession investments for member organizations. Additionally, NSPN offers Individual Membership to professionals seeking to maintain accreditations and to stay abreast of new trends and resources. Learn more about the benefits of being an NSPN member at www.nspnetwork.org/join-the-network or email info@nspnetwork.org. Together we can!”



Open Table
Exhibitor

“The Open Table movement was born from one church’s chance encounter with a homeless man in 2005. Today, it is a nationally followed model, equipping faith and other organizations to

transform communities through sustainable, long-term relationships with people experiencing economic and/or relational poverty. The model has now been taught in 28 states, has a theory of change, evidence-based foundation, and replicable online training through the Open Table University. Ninety-five percent of those served by a table are still in relationship with their members two years after the table has completed.”



Quiet Elegance
Exhibitor

“Quiet Elegance invites you to browse their exhibit for a unique shopping experience. Attendees will find a refreshing selection of

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Safe Place®
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“Safe Place® is a national outreach and prevention program for youth in need of immediate help and safety. This initiative involves community support to provide safety and resources for youth in crisis. Over 20,000 community and business locations nationwide display the Safe Place sign, making help

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The Dibble Institute
Exhibitor

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True Colors Fund
Exhibitor

"True Colors United implements innovative solutions to youth homelessness that focus on the unique experiences of LGBTQ young people."



Wise Guys
Children's Home Society of North Carolina
Exhibitor

"Wise Guys is a nationally recognized and evaluated positive youth development program for young men ages 12-18 that addresses healthy masculinity, social and emotional learning, teen dating violence prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, and STI prevention. In-person and online training options are provided to other organizations that wish to replicate the program in their communities. Training includes a 2019 curriculum with over 70 interactive lessons to facilitate with young men."



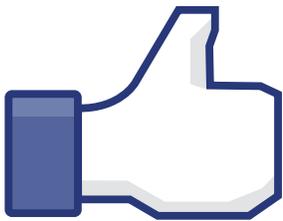
Youth Collaboratory
Exhibitor

"Youth Collaboratory harnesses the power of the youth services community to innovate, evaluate, and drive effective strategies that assure the safety and well-being of youth and young adults, unlocking their limitless potential. Their relationship-driven consulting services, strategic national partnerships, and research-based program models operate across sectors to help youth service practitioners focus on one goal: strengthening outcomes for youth and young adults. Youth Collaboratory was formerly known as MANY."

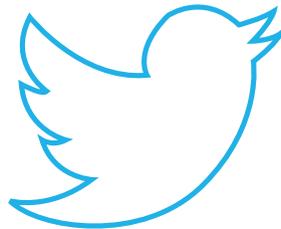
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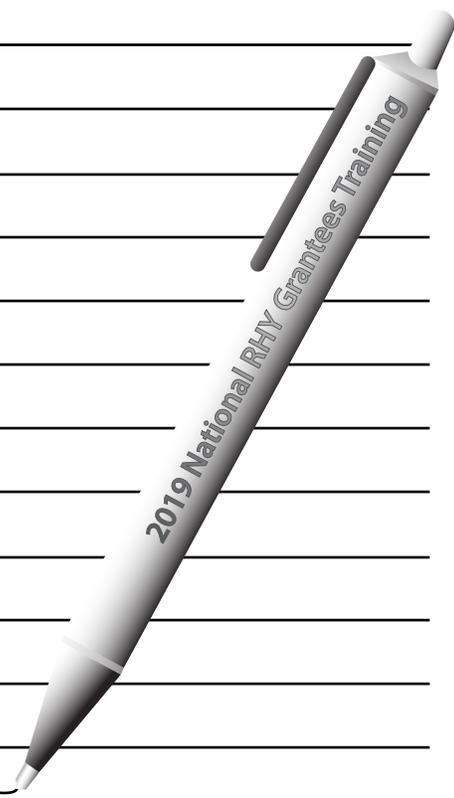
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—John Denver





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