



## 2010 Workshop Preview

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MCCOY's Learning Network provides professional development opportunities to enhance the knowledge and abilities of the local youth services community. Workshops and trainings provide participants with new insights as well as opportunities to share their own knowledge and experiences. The following is a preview of the low-cost workshops and trainings that will be offered throughout 2010.

### **BEING A YOUTH MENTOR: FEB 19**

Youth are at the center of the work we do. Unfortunately, there may be times in which we get so caught up in our jobs that we forget to stop and listen to the youth voice. This workshop is being developed by a group of young people. The specific topic will be shared some time mid year.

### **ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY NEED: MARCH 25**

You know that your program or service is important and needed, but how can you prove to funders and community partners that this is the case? Establishing community need is an essential step in securing support for your work. This workshop will help you understand the importance of need assessment research and how to make a clear and compelling case that your services meet a specific need. Participant will explore data analysis techniques and publicly available data sets.

### **STEWARDS OF CHILDREN: APRIL 20**

Statistics suggest that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by age 18. Ninety percent of children who are sexually abused are violated by someone they know and trust. Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children sexual abuse prevention program takes a comprehensive approach to the problem of sexual abuse within youth serving organizations. In this training, you will learn how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

### **NETWORKING TO COLLABORATING: MAY 12**

Meeting new colleagues and learning about their work rarely seems like a difficult task, but moving from "I know what you do" to "Here's what we've accomplished together" may pose a challenge for many. In this workshop, you will explore the different phases of professional networking, how they lead to collaborative relationships and the ways in which collaborative partnerships can exist successfully without monetary exchange.

### **UNDERSTANDING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: JUNE 30**

Practical knowledge of youth development is one of the prerequisites for exemplary youth work. In this interactive training, you will explore the basics of youth development and key concepts for positive youth development, leaving with new strategies for engaging youth and promoting success.

### **EXPANDING YOUR FUNDING SOURCES: JULY 29**

Finding the appropriate funders—and winning their support—can be challenging. In this training, you will learn new techniques for researching and identifying prospective funders whose interests align with your program and explore strategies for approaching funders and establishing long-term relationships. You will also leave with a "nuts and bolts" overview of proposal writing.

### **MEETINGS THAT COUNT – IMPROVING YOUR FACILITATION & PRESENTATION SKILLS: AUGUST 19**

Have you ever found yourself meeting to meet about what you are going to meet about in the next meeting? Are you tired of boring staff meetings that seem to go nowhere? This interactive training will explore the differences between workshops and trainings, present best practices around facilitating and presenting, and provide engagement techniques that elicit results during meetings.

### **TEAMBUILDING & PROMOTING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH WORKERS: SEPT 30**

Being a successful youth serving agency often revolves around the strength and overall satisfaction of your team. Moreover, ensuring your volunteer youth workers feel like valued members of the team can be a challenge. If you are a manager, team leader or a front-line youth worker seeking teambuilding ideas, this workshop is for you. You will learn techniques for engaging in reflective dialogue, working through dilemmas and creating an environment for supportive teamwork.

### **EARLY INTERVENTION & PREVENTION: OCTOBER 14**

Developing and enhancing community support for at-risk families is very important in the intervention and prevention process. In this workshop, we will operationally define intervention and prevention and the current issues facing Marion County. We will examine the resources necessary to support families and ways in which youth serving agencies can be a part of the solution. You will leave this workshop with strategies for engaging families and the community you serve.

### **NOW THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED FUNDING: NOVEMBER 11**

Finding the appropriate funding sources and grants is one thing. Balancing your organization's limited resources with funder requirements to successfully manage and report on the grant is another. In this workshop, we will explore strategies for effective grant reporting and funder communications. You will learn techniques for effective and efficient grant management and record keeping.



## More Learning Network Opportunities

### PROVIDER COUNCIL

If you are seeking new ideas, working through a dilemma at your organization or just want to increase your professional network, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to engage with youth serving professionals. Provider Council meetings are free and open to all those interested in youth development topics. Provider Council is generally every 4th Wednesday of each month (with an exception of holidays and special circumstances) from 8:15-10:00 am.

MCCOY is looking for Provider Council presenters. If you are interested in leading a discussion or sharing information about a program or service, please contact Shaunette at [Shaunette.Byers@mccoyouth.org](mailto:Shaunette.Byers@mccoyouth.org).

### ADVANCING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

As a member of the national BEST network, MCCOY utilizes training materials which were developed by the Academy for Educational Development's National Training Institute for Community Youth Work. The Advancing Youth Development Curriculum presents basic language and concepts of youth development and also explores youth participation and cultural assumptions about young people, ultimately finding new methods to assess and strengthen your competencies as a youth worker. Throughout Learning Network activities MCCOY seeks to present various components of the AYD curriculum.

### YOUTH PROGRAM QUALITY ASSESSMENT/IMPROVEMENT

The Youth Program Quality Assessment and the Quality Improvement System (YPQA/I) is at the heart of MCCOY's Ready by 21 Quality Counts™ initiative. The YPQA is a research-validated system that provides local youth-serving organizations the tools to measure and evaluate the quality of the youth program experience. The insight from the evaluation is then used by the organization to promote the creation of an environment that taps into the most important resource of any youth program – a young person's motivation to attend and engage. In this approach, MCCOY leverages tools created by the Center for Youth Program Quality, a joint venture of the Forum for Youth Investment and High/Scope. Organizations participating in this program commit to both the assessment and the improvement process. MCCOY will provide ongoing technical assistance to participating organizations, as well as access to a range of quality improvement resources and training tools.

### DIRECT SERVICES

MCCOY's Learning Network addresses the priority professional development and resources needs of the youth worker community. If your organization seeks professional development opportunities that are not on the 2010 schedule or wants to personalize any of the workshops for its employees, MCCOY will work with you to address the need or to connect you with other community resources and services.

### Learning Network Online

While coming together for workshops and trainings is valuable and necessary at times, MCCOY also recognizes the limited time youth workers have. To support the professional development needs of youth workers unable to attend live workshops, many of our resources and workshop materials will be posted on our website: [www.mccoyouth.org](http://www.mccoyouth.org).

In addition, join us for conversations around various topics on Allied for Youth, our online youth worker forum at [www.alliedforyouth.ning.com](http://www.alliedforyouth.ning.com).



Keep informed about upcoming Provider Council Meetings and other Learning Network topics and events by subscribing to the Youth Provider Notes e-newsletter at [www.mccoyouth.org](http://www.mccoyouth.org).

### Contact

If you have any questions or are interested in any of the Learning Network offerings, please contact Shaunette Byers, Community Initiatives Coordinator, at 317-921-1267 or [Shaunette.Byers@mccoyouth.org](mailto:Shaunette.Byers@mccoyouth.org).

