

The Association for Child and Youth Care Practice Inc.



THE CYC ADVOCATE

Our Mission: *ACYCP's mission is to engage practitioners in building the child and youth care profession. We build collaborative partnerships, promote innovative training and education, shape public policy, and inform developmental practice through research and scholarship.*

Our Vision: *We envision a society which recognizes, understands, and supports the essential role of child and youth care work in ensuring the well-being and success of children, youth, and families. ACYCP aspires to excel as an influential and innovative organization advancing child and youth care practice throughout the profession.*

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING CELEBRATES MILESTONE



President Jody Rhodes eulogizes deceased ACYCP pioneer Carol Kelly

[Editor's Note: Copies of written reports and the actual minutes-of-meeting, may be accessed at www.acycp.org)

This year's ACYCP annual board meeting was extra special, as it marked the 40th anniversary of our strong and vibrant organization. Held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee/School of Continuing Education, this meeting was filling with exciting CYC ideas and agenda items.

President Jody Rhodes opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Carl Kelly, Ph.D., who passed away earlier this year. This was followed by a preview of the week's events, both educational and social. Sister Madeleine Rybicki followed this with a traditional non-denominational invocation.

Jody then presented the slate of nominees for current open Board positions. These included herself for President, Chip Bonsutto for Delegate Q and Tom Woll as Delegate K. All were unanimously elected by voice vote and they will serve through December of 2020. Next, Christina Scanlan was nominated and elected as 3rd Vice-president and newest member of the Executive Committee, joining Jody Rhodes, Michael Mitchell, Frank Eckles and Hector Sapien.

The Board then took up the matter of U.S. federal government severe cuts to after-school program funding, and approved the following resolution introduced by former ACYCP president, Andy Schneider-Munoz:

After-school is critical to vulnerable children and youth, especially when families need to work. The Association for Child and Youth Care Practice, the nation's professional board for direct care practitioners, joins with the National After-School Alliance and the National After-School Association to call for full funding in the federal budget for after-school programs.

After-school programs have been proven to ensure lifelong success and are a critical component of the nation's social infrastructure to ensure healthy development for the next generation.

We condemn shifting funding away from the neediest kids in society and instead call for bipartisan support for children and youth, and the programs that serve them. A democracy is only as strong

as the investment we make in the future generation.

It is estimated that 100,000 CYC professionals would lose their jobs under the proposed cuts. Andy urged attendees to go to the National After School website <https://naaweb.org/> for ideas on how individuals can actively advocate for the repeal of this budget decision.

The Board next took up the matter of the ACYCP awards and scholarships. It was proposed and approved, that ACYCP immediately seek out and secure a 501c3 fiscal agent, in order to **facilitate tax-exempt donations** in support of the vision and mission of the ACYCP. **Frank Eckles** offered the services of the **Academy for Competent Youth Work**, which has a 501c3 tax status. It was also proposed that ACYCP combine the **Martha Mattingly Scholarship**, and the **Mark Krueger Scholarship**, under an **Awards Committee**, staffed by the current members of the two funds, and make the necessary applicable by-law amendments to allow this motion to be approved. The motion was approved, pending the necessary by-law change. In connection with this, it was moved and approved that the two scholarships be combined for administrative purposes. This however doesn't change the individual identity of the respective funds.

The next business item was **revisions to the Code of Ethics**. It was reported that the **Training and Research Committee** had developed the following revisions to the COE: (1) Made them more person-centered (2) Added online consideration, and (3) Added elements regarding self-care. A discussion raised a couple of important points. Should ACYCP consult the Canadians for input? Jeff Reid, speaking on behalf of the **Canadian Council** believes they will fully support it. Andy Schneider-Munoz mentioned that the awards and scholarships should emphasize how important Ethics are in the qualifications for candidates. The motion to approve was passed unanimously. A copy of the newly revised COE can be found on the ACYCP website.

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ADVANCING YOUTH WORK: CURRENT TRENDS, CRITICAL QUESTIONS

This path-breaking book brings together an international list of contributors to collectively articulate a vision for the field of youth work, sharing what they have learned from decades of experience in the training and education of youth workers. Carefully designed evaluation and research studies have legitimized the learning potential of youth programs and non-school organizations over the last twenty years, and recent attention has shifted towards the education, training, and on-going professional development of youth workers. Contributors define youth work across domains of practice and address the disciplines of knowledge upon which sound practice is based, reviewing examples of youth practitioner development both in and outside of academia. Raising critical questions and concerns about current trends, Advancing Youth Work aims to bring clarity to the field and future of youth work.

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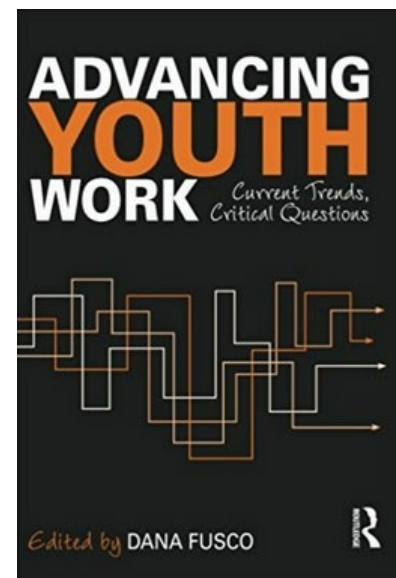


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Competencies In Review



COMPETENCY DOMAIN: CULTURAL AND HUMAN DIVERSITY

By James Freeman

The Competencies for Professional Child and Youth Work Practitioners (2010) describe the domain of cultural and human diversity in three aspects: (1) awareness and inquiry, (2) respect in our relational interactions and communication, and (3) an integration of cultural sensitivity in the developmental supports which we offer.

The competencies provide a foundation of knowledge and skills for professional CYC practice. This description is a starting place - a common ground - we can use in assessing professional practice as it relates to cultural and human diversity. We can assess our own practice and professional development as well as programs and environments where children and young people are living.

Respecting the vast diversity of human experience and identity is important to professional Child and Youth Care (CYC) practitioners. Fight against racism and discrimination. Aim to protect cultural traditions and elements of identity that are valued by others. Remove barriers to inclusion and participation. Be an ally with those who are pushed into the margins. This part of our work is one thing that makes CYC such a unique profession.

To view the professional competencies, visit www.cyccb.org/competencies

From the Field Toolbox - Part 1

WHY OFFERING JOB OPTIONS TO ADOLESCENTS IS CRUCIAL FOR THEM, COMMUNITY

By Michael Mitchell

[Editor's Note: The following article, Part 1 of a 4-part series, is reprinted with permission of the Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (JJIE). For more information on the JJIE, go to: <http://jjie.org/>]

One of the most consistent recommendations to come out of report after report on fatal confrontations between youth and law enforcement has been the need for jobs. Increasing both adult and youth employment options is seen as essential to the mix of solutions needed to stabilize communities most at risk of violent encounters with police.

An entire book can be written on the long- and short-term benefits of getting adolescents into the workplace as soon as possible. Those working in the juvenile justice system know well that youth employment can help close the window of opportunity (between 4 and 7 p.m.), through which teens can slip into mischievous, anti-social and criminal activities.

Whether as a preventative or as remediation, constructive engagement through work activities connects kids to community, thereby addressing another cause of juvenile crime and gang recruitment.

However, actually setting up and running a successful youth employment program is an undertaking rife with challenges, which can turn into barriers if not handled knowledgeably. Being able to deal with the major misperceptions of the primary stakeholders can make or break the best of youth employment efforts.

Coordinating youth, parents, employers, funders and community to achieve positive outcomes is not a task for amateurs. A strong general understanding of employment dynamics is the essential key to success. It all begins with a focus on the youth themselves.

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NEED HELP WITH YOUR CYC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION AND FORMS?



Help is HERE! The CYCCB and the CYC Certification Institute are now offering monthly webinar-based Certification Assistance.



If you need help completing your certification, application, references, documenting your training and experience, finishing your portfolio, or a host of other things, **then attend our FREE Certification Help Webinars.**

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If you have questions, please contact us at (979) 764-7306 or at cycinformation@adl.com.

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Webinars will be held once-a-month on the following Wednesdays for the remainder of 2017:

2017	Aug 9	Sep 13	Oct 11
Nov 15	Dec 13		

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- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Central
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Mountain
- 11:00 - 12:00 PM Pacific

MOVING? CHANGE OF JOB? GOT A PROMOTION?...

Well, we wish you all the best of success! But don't forget to take us along! Who knows, your ACYCP membership benefits and resources may come in real handy in your new situation.

Or does your current email not permit personal or outside messages? Just get us your new email contact and any other membership data updates.

So put us on your calendar or to-do list to make sure our contact remains unbroken. Just shoot off a quick easy email to acycp2011@yahoo.com with all your relevant changes, and we'll take care of the rest. We're soooo confident you'll be glad you did!

IF YOU GOT IT, FLAUNT IT!

Do you have skill sets in a youth and childcare specialty? Would you like to share your CYC experience with colleagues in the U.S. and Canada?



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Whether you are a novice or an experienced presenter, **ACYCP's Professional Development Committee** would like to hear from you! We can help you with every step from helping with your PowerPoint slides to tips on how to organize and pace your presentation. Like so many of ACYCP's activities, you'll be helping your CYC colleagues do more and do it better. In addition, it will look great on your resume.

We're looking to schedule a line-up of presenters every other month, beginning in 2017. So holler back and sign-up to take ACYCP to the next level!

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Creating Positive Climates for Youth

ANOTHER POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE SUCCESS



Left to Right: Tim Duffey with conference sponsor reps: Martin Mackey, Susan Burns Chong, Page Nichols, Craig Haims

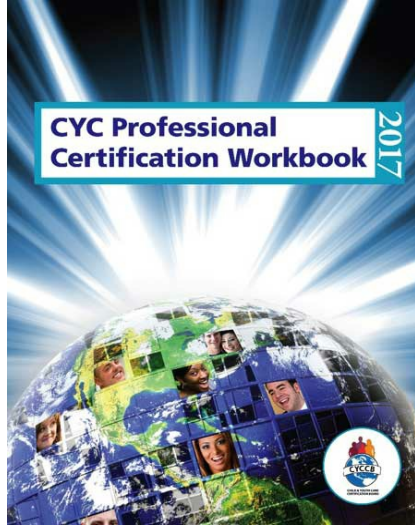
The beautiful coast of Maine was once again the site for an annual positive youth development conference, supported by ACYCP. The event was held **June 28th - 30th in Portland, Maine**. This year's theme, *Creating Positive Climates for Youth*, featured keynotes by **Dr. Phil Lanoue**, 2015 National Superintendent of the Year, and **Frank DeAngelis**, positive climate specialist and principal of **Columbine High School** during the 1999 school shooting, along with over 30 breakout sessions. The event drew over 250 participants from 14 states.

ACYCP Board Members **Tim Duffey and Hector Sapien** serve on the conference planning team and inform content selection to ensure topics of high interest to child and youth care professionals are included in conference sessions. "This year's conference provided a unique opportunity for professionals from a variety of fields to network and consider how we all contribute to healthy, positive climates for our children and youth," said Duffey. "We are proud to have the support of ACYCP to help us accomplish the goals of the conference."

Future issues of the CYC Advocate will feature content and registration details for the 2018 event.

CYC PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION WORKBOOK PUBLISHED

CYCCB is pleased to announce that the long awaited **CYC Professional Certification Workbook** is now available. The



workbook is designed to help child and youth work practitioners prepare and apply for professional certification (CYC-P) offered by the Child & Youth Care Certification Board.

It provides a wealth of information in an easy-to-use format. It includes information on the history of the CYC certification effort, characteristics of certified practitioners, the testing and application process, forms, costs, and sources for a wide variety of articles, publications, and professional development supports useful to CYC practitioners working in any setting. The sections on test preparation and the professional portfolio offer sample exam questions and portfolio responses. Information about the Entry, Associate, and Professional level certifications is included.

The workbook is in response to the need for a one-stop source of information that addresses applicant questions and needs. Whether you are preparing for testing, completing an application, or simply exploring how to improve your CYC knowledge and skills, this

workbook is designed for you. The workbooks is constructed with tabbed sections to make it easy to find answers for whatever certification related questions you might have.

The workbook is available from CYCCB for \$30 (which includes shipping costs).

[Order a manual at this LINK](#)

NORRIS COUNSELOR SHINES AS FIRST AWARD WINNER

Although many ACYCP members are still feeling the recent acute loss of our dear colleague and friend, Carol Kelly, Ph.D., our sadness was sweetened by the awarding of the first annual Carol Kelly Newcomers' Award, established in her honor. Like Carol herself, this year's winner has been both mentor and counselor; personal example and champion, for youth and children.

Jermaine Woods, a counselor at the Norris Adolescent Center for boys in Mukwonago, WI (this year celebrating its 100th anniversary), knows first-hand how difficult it can be to overcome the negative circumstances of "a place where daily struggles were common and the tendency for people to make healthy decisions was fairly uncommon." As with many people drawn to the youth and child care profession, Jermaine found that he could re-direct the forces of adversity to the advantage of others like himself. Where he once felt keenly challenged and struggling, he now deeply appreciates the power, which this kind of first-hand knowledge and experience can bestow, when used in the service of others. While Jermaine may acknowledge a fair degree of luck for his success, his nominator and Unit Supervisor, Daniel Gross, attributes hard work and good personal choices for Jermaine's rise as a CYC professional.



(left to right): Dale Curry, Jermaine Woods, Karen Vander Ven

Although new to residential treatment, Jermaine has brought the same "can-do" determination and commitment, to his roles of leader, mentor and role model. Gross points out that Jermaine has invested heavily in his professional qualifications as a member of the ACYCP, WI Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals (WACYCP) and holder of ACYCP/ CYC Certification, resulting in the designation of Advanced Care Practitioner at Norris. These technical skills, says Gross, are complemented by a "charismatic" personality, which makes him "passionate in his mission and genuine in his message." The respect of his young male clients, supervisors, managers and peers has also earned Jermaine a nomination for WACYCP's 2017 award as "Youth Care Worker of the Year."

The Carol Kelly Newcomers' Award was presented to Jermaine at the Rock Bottom Restaurant during the 2017 ACYCP 40th Anniversary celebrations, by CYC pioneers Dale Curry, Ph.D. and Karen Vander Ven, Ph.D. from Kent State University and the University of Pittsburgh, respectively.



HI ALL YOU SUPER YOUTH WORKERS!

What are you doing **November 8-15, 2017**? I have a great idea for something you might just want to put on your calendar right now!

It's the **International Youth Worker Symposium on the Sea** at a fantastic **Iberostar Beach Resort** in **Playa Paradiso, Mexico**.

It's only \$800 (per person for double room) for the entire week including:

- A week long symposium filled with rich conversations and engaging sessions on important topics for the field of youth development
- A youth worker study tour to meet the Youth Workers from the region and learn about the issues facing young people in this area
- A great room on the ocean for you and a friend/family member or colleague (yes you can bring family and friends)
- All your food/drinks for the week (including taxes and tips)
- Your transportation from the Cancun airport.

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Q&A FORUM

By Michael Mitchell



DOES OUT OF SIGHT MEAN OUT OF MIND?

QUESTION: I work on 3rd shift in residential treatment, which I enjoy. However, it seems that whenever my agency hands out recognitions and awards, 2nd and 3rd shift workers are strangely absent from the list. We all feel overlooked and unappreciated. What can we do?

ANSWER: "This is definitely a common issue," says Kari Sisson, Executive Director of the Association of Children's Residential Centers. "This can be remedied by the administration being on site during these shifts, getting to know those staff who only work later in the day, engaging them, listening to the specific challenges of the evening shifts as well as what draws them to working these shifts. Knowing staff is key to having them feel like part of the overall organization. Do they work second or third shift because of child care? Going to school? They like the busy evenings or quieter nights?" Sisson adds, "Make sure team/staff meetings take place at least on first and second shift so more staff can participate. And I'd ask supervisors to provide accolades for staff on all shifts, in a public way, because it takes a team to provide stability and nurturing 24 hours/day."

Kari Sisson
Executive Director
Association of Children's Residential Centers

From the Soapbox...Again!

YOU'RE MIS-EDUCATED, DAVID BROOKS. LET US EDUCATE YOU!!

By Karen VanderVen, Ph.D., Professor Emerita Department of Psychology in Education University of Pittsburgh

"Mis-educating the Young". This was the title of the June 23 column by well-known New York Times writer David Brooks. Writing about the need to help young adults get on with their lives (nothing wrong with that!) he then said, "If you are underemployed, let it be done in a way that others will find interesting later on. Nobody is going to ask you 'What was it like being a nanny?' "

Oh, really, Mr. Brooks. What makes you think that the work of nannies, early childhood teachers, child and youth care workers who work with youngsters in a variety of settings, after-school workers and many others holding titles referring to work they do to provide crucial care, relationships, activities and many other core essentials of positive human development to children, youth - and adults - isn't interesting ? It's interesting, challenging and a lot more than that -it's a fundamental contribution to human welfare and a better society.

And whether you think it is interesting or not, the work and the contributions these workers make towards building a better world, are crucial for the future.

Now, yes- perhaps nannies and all the other direct caregivers are "underemployed" - if by that term you mean being under recognized, underappreciated, and, most definitely, undercompensated. In spite of that, thousands of caring and dedicated people devote their lives to providing the ingredients that help young people develop into productive citizens.

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Resources At A Glance

CYC-NET

Connecting with your profession is an important part in your ongoing professional development and learning. One of the best ways to connect with colleagues from around the world, is to open up an issue of the monthly CYC-Online journal. This rich CYC resource is freely accessible at the beginning of each month. There are over 200 back issues of the journal available for download. They can also be searched by author, title, or keyword. Last year CYC-Net published over 160 new articles on a variety of topics relevant to CYC practice.

The website features a news portal that is updated regularly with CYC happenings and related information around the world. There is also a discussion board available to post and respond to questions about your work with children, youth, and families.

To keep this resource freely accessible practitioner around the world CYC-Net relies on donations to maintain a staff of two in Cape Town, South Africa, who build and maintain the website platform and make regular updates to the site. The writers and editors of the site volunteer their time and efforts to create this amazing resource. Don't miss the next issue of CYC-Online at www.cyc-net.org

Oh Canada!



CONFERENCE REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS

Quebec Association of Educators (<http://www.gae-aeq.com/>)

The QAE held a very successful provincial conference on March 17, 2017. The board can take a bow for excellent timing as this was also Montreal's birthday with free transit for everyone. 170 showed up for a great day of fellowship, speakers and networking.

Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland & Labrador (<http://www.cycanl.ca/>)

John Digney from Ireland and Maxwell Smart were co-keynote speakers at the CYCANL Provincial Conference held May 25 - 26, 2017. CYCANL has maintained annual provincial conferences for many years. The Association enjoys an assist from one of the greatest entertainment triangles on the continent - the legendary George Street to retire to after the workshops are done. If you get the chance to visit St. John's Newfoundland, make George Street a must see.



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Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (<http://www.oacyc.org/>)

The Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care held their annual conference on May 31 and June 1 at Humber College in Toronto, Ontario. The conference was well attended, to the point it was sold out. On a somber note, Christine Gaitens, President of the OACYC used her opening remarks to up-date the membership and urge them to action following the tragedy in the Kawartha Lakes.

[OACYC Statement on Death in Residential Care 2017](#)

[Letter of Support](#)

Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations

The annual general meeting of the Directors of the Board of the Council met at Humber University, Child and Youth Care Faculty, Lakeside Campus, May 29 & 30, 2017. Again, policy review dominated the meeting. This was a transition year for Some, with some leaving and others joining. Jeff Reid (yours truly) was elected President.

Child and Youth Care Association of British Columbia (<http://cycabc.com/>)

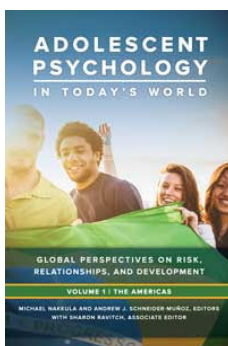
The 2018 Child and Youth Care Conference - 20th Canadian National | 12th Triennial International Conference: Transitions and Transformations: influencing change through relational practice is scheduled to take place in beautiful British Columbia. Dates: May 2-4, 2018 Location: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel (7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC) <http://www.sheratonvancouverairport.com/>

Accommodations: We have negotiated a special conference rate for our guests and it will be available for the days leading up to the conference as well as a few days afterwards so that you can extend your stay and enjoy the beautiful Vancouver area! A special group rate has been set up for delegates at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. To book your reservation, please quote the "National Child & Youth Care Conference Rate 2018" group rate or Group Code "ND25AA". -

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Adolescent Psychology



Coming Soon... from co-editors Andy Schnieder-Munoz and Michael Nakkula

ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF ACYCP BOARD MEMBER



[Editor's Note: *It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of **Robert Kopf** (b. March 2, 1968), a current ACYCP Board member, on June 1, due to complications from an earlier auto accident. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Rob's family and friends.]*

(The following professional bio is taken from: [Academy for Competent Youth Work](#))

"Rob was a Family Facilitator at Hathaway-Sycamores RCL-14 group home in Altadena, CA. He worked in the field for over nineteen years in a variety of practice settings and roles including supervising mental health rehabilitation for residential and group home aftercare programs, crisis intervention, day treatment, classroom behavioral support, and teaching Physical Education in a non-public school. Rob was certified in Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) and the evidence-based practice Seeking Safety. In

addition to teaching the CYC: Foundations Course he was also a certified RISE Trainer - a federally funded pilot program that teaches caregivers skills to support, advocate, and find permanence for LGBTQ youth in care. In 2001 Rob was recognized by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) with the Direct Service Merit Award. In June 2016, Rob was elected to the Board of the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP). He died on June 1, 2017."

(The following eulogy, written by Rob's sister Susan, is reprinted here from a June 17 memorial service.)

"How can I, Rob's big sister, sum up his life and express just how very much he meant to his family and friends? This remembrance cannot possibly do justice, but I will try..."

....In 1996, circumstances just happened to 'work out' where Rob was hired by The Sycamores (now Hathaway-Sycamores), starting a career that would last 20+ years. From the very start, it was obvious Rob had found what he was meant to do. Although he never got into specifics, it was obvious to use he loved working with the youth and helping their families. He had the gift to care deeply without burning out.

...Rob was a fantastic friend, who deeply valued the friendships he had. His friends were brother to him. He started making his life-long friendships in elementary school and kept them....No words can express just what a wonderful son, brother, and friends Rob was or how shocking and sad it is that he was taken from us so suddenly and too soon. I hope we can all give thanks for the fact that he was in our lives and celebrate how he touched us all..."

President's Perspective

WANNA GET MORE INVOLVED IN ACYCP? HERE'S HOW!

Jody Rhodes

The ACYCP has just celebrated 40 years of great CYC history, and we are looking for members to get more involved. We are only as strong as the youth work members we represent. Here are a few ways to get involved, to advocate for your field! Feel free to contact me directly for more information at jodyrhodes@sbcglobal.net:

Attend the **August 3rd Special Meeting** - we are meeting via **teleconference at 11 am Central Time** to go over some organizational business. This meeting is open to all members. Dial In Number: (US and Canada) 1-712-832-8324 Access Code: 5248966

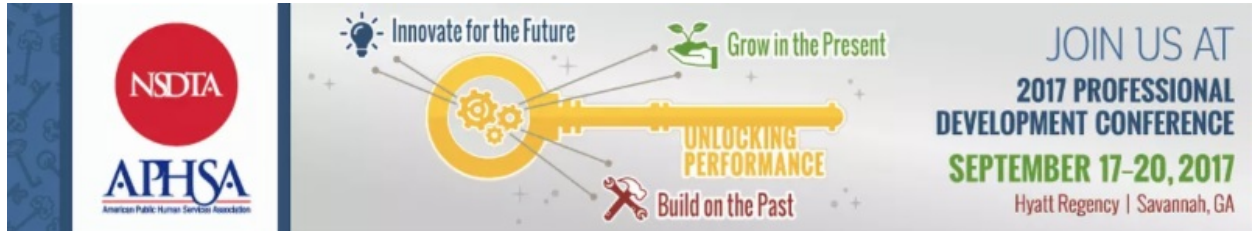


Join an ACYCP committee. We have **three great committees**, where the bulk of the exciting projects are developed; **Professional Development** (webinar, workshops and conferences) contact **Chris Scanlan** (christina.l.scanlan@gmail.com); **Strategic Outreach** (marketing ACYCP and building CYC partnerships) contact Janet Wakefield (janet@thejourneyonline.org) and **Membership Services** (membership benefits and recruitment, plus on-line publications) contact Michael Mitchell (propman46@gmail.com). All three committees are working on exciting CYC ideas, and they would welcome your input and participation.

Keep an eye for our next **quarterly webinar**- topic and date to be determined. It's a great way to capture a professional training in the comfort of your own office or home. Or consider conducting a webinar of your own. Whether it's your first ever or your tenth, we can help you design and execute a quality presentation on just about any CYC topic you'd like to share.

Any way you like it, there's plenty of opportunity to get involved. And don't forget that these activities are great for professional development, and it looks great on your resume. Give us a holler today!

NSDTA 2017 CONFERENCE



ACYCP CONSOLIDATED SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

by Frank Eckles

At the June 2017 ACYCP Annual Meeting, the Board created the Awards Committee to manage the growing number of awards and scholarship funds offered to ACYCP members. Currently ACYCP members can receive financial support from the Martha Mattingly Scholarship (for entering professionals to help with attendance at conferences and meetings) and the Mark Krueger Activities Fund (funding of small mini grants to workers and youth as they spend time together playing basketball, enjoying the outdoors, writing poetry, traveling to other countries, etc). The new committee was renovated to include the awarding of the

Life Achievement Award and the new Carol Kelly Newcomer's Award. The committee is in the process of further refining the awards and scholarships it administers.

ACYCP members and other individuals and agencies are encouraged to donate by using the 40-for-40 link at <http://www.acycp.org/>

It's a great way to express your gratitude for those who do so much to support young people and families. It's also an opportunity to help others develop as CYC professionals, plus better fund projects with youth. It's a great example of how ACYCP works to improve the field of child and youth care work.

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