2017
Annual Youth Care Worker Conference
Thursday June 1st 2017
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

In partnership with

Location:
UWM School of Continuing Education
161 W Wisconsin Avenue
7th Floor Conference Center
Milwaukee, WI 53201

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Full Day Conference Schedule  
Thursday June 1st 2017

Conference Schedule:
8:00 am to 9:00 am  
Continental Breakfast/Registration
9:00 am to 10:00 am
Welcome: Dana Dorn, WACYCP Board President
Keynote Speaker: Poetry to Renew Your Passion

10:00 am to 10:40 am
Poster Sessions/Networking
10:40 am to 12:10 pm
Workshop Sessions A
12:10 pm to 1:10 pm
Lunch (provided)
1:10 pm to 2:40 pm
Workshop Sessions B
2:40 pm to 3:00 pm
Wrap Up/Door Prizes/Hand in Evaluations

Keynote Speaker:  
Poetry to Renew Your Passion

Be inspired to be the best youth care worker you can be. Listen to one of Milwaukee’s best spoken word poet as he renews your youth work spirit.

Muhibb Dyer has performed all over the U.S. and in 2002 was a finalist at the National Poetry Slam (the nation’s top spoken word competition). Other notable performances include: Def Poetry Jam-Local Finals, MATC Dinner with Geronimo Pratt, Featured in Sing Your Song Documentary of the life of Harry Belafonte, Operation Push - featuring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Vote or Die Rally - featuring P. Diddy, C-Span appearance at 2004 Democratic Convention. Muhibb Dyer is co-founder of Flood the Hood with Dreams. Wanting to live and teach the messages he brings, Muhibb began a successful campaign to bring the art of the spoken word to inner city youth. He has conducted several seminars and conflict resolution workshops in the Milwaukee Public School system encouraging youth to take responsibility for their futures. Mr. Dyer has also made
numerous guest appearances as a motivational speaker for graduation commencement ceremonies as well as other events. A native Milwaukeean, Muhibb began counseling and mentoring youth through various programs while he was still in high school himself.

**Poster Sessions/Resource Scavenger Hunt: 10:00 am to 10:40 am**

Please visit all the resource tables located outside of room 7970 and heading towards the workshop rooms. Come learn about the Youth Work Certification System in Wisconsin and Membership in both the ACYCP (national association) and WACYCP (state association). Also learn from other agencies about Best Practices and Resources available. Visit enough resource tables to earn a special prize!

**Session A Workshops 10:40 am to 12:10 pm**

**Workshop A1: Working with Troubled Teens**

*National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain: Developmental Practice Methods*  
*Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domains: Safety, Health*

**Presenter:** Sister Madeleine Rybicki, CSFN, MS, Training Specialist at Holy Family Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, Board Member, ACYCP, Vice President of CYCCB Board, *nationally certified youth care worker*

The goal of this workshop is to define depression, suicide and other emotional disorders. Information will be shared with workshop participants regarding signs and clues to look for. The workshop will empower the youth workers in how to respond to those exhibiting those signs and clues. Time for the workshop participants to create their own action plan will be provided.

**Workshop A2: Building Partnerships: Including Personal Financial Education in the Curriculum of Youth Work Professionals**

*National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain: Professionalism and Developmental Practice Methods*  
*Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domains: Program Activities, Communities*

**Presenter:** Dr. Deb Getz CYC-P, Assistant Clinical Professor, Indiana University School of Public Health- Bloomington, *nationally certified youth care worker*

Many universities are adding financial education services to support student success. This knowledge can be an important part of the education of future and current youth workers because engaging with youth and families requires confidence and knowledge regarding the financial domain of wellness. The IU School of Public Health-Bloomington Youth Development (YD) major and minor requires that students engage in building their personal financial education competence. Students are guided through reflection, goal
setting, attending an individual peer financial education (PFE) meeting, and reflecting on how the assignment supports their success and confidence as youth work professionals.

**Workshop A3: CYC Credentialing: What’s In It For ME and how do I get on-board?**

**National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:** Professionalism  
**Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:** Professionalism/Professional Development

**Presenters:** Debbie Zwicky, CYC-P, Secretary of the national CYC Certification Board, and a long-standing board member of both the Wisconsin Association of CYC Professionals and Association for Child and Youth Care Practice and Frank Eckles, CYC-P is the Executive Director of the Child and Youth Care Worker Certification Institute, Past President of the national CYC Certification Board, Treasurer of the Texas Youth and Child Care Worker Association and 2nd Vice President of the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice. *nationally certified youth care workers*

Where will you and your organization be in 5 years? National certification is providing a new standard of professional development for CYC practitioners. Understanding the impact of state and national credentialing for CYCs is key to your future.

This workshop will provide the information you need to prepare for testing and apply for certification. What level is best for you? How do you prepare for testing? What resources are available to help you? A wealth of information on state and national training and certification resources will be provided.

**Workshop A4: What Does It Take? Building Core Competencies for Youth Development Professionals**

**National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:** Professionalism  
**Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:** Professionalism/Professional Development

**Presenters:** Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Director of Partnerships & Community Engagement, Center for Youth Engagement; Jeremy Tribelett, Director of Training & Technical Assistance; Center for Youth Engagement; Sumaiyah Clark, Director of Impact, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee; and Patrick Schrank, Director of Programmatic Services, Milwaukee Christian Center

After a year of collective research and action by over a dozen youth-serving agency partners, Beyond the Bell has released the Core Competencies for Youth Development Practitioners. This guide provides a set of competencies—or knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to youth development work—for youth development professionals. The competencies detail key skills in safety; health; program design; program activities; family, school and community engagement; professionalism and professional development; and sustainability and advocacy. Skills are directly targeted to professionals at the direct service, program supervision and management, and administrative staffing levels within an organization. The guide also includes a Self-Assessment Tool for staff to measure their own knowledge and skills.

**Workshop A5: Diversity, Character, Anti-Bullying**

**National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:** Cultural and Human Diversity  
**Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:** Program Design, Program Activities, Professionalism

**Presenters:** Santo Carfaro, consultant, S & J Consulting
This session is designed to give participants hands-on experiences in developing relationships with youth, exploring the beauty of our diversity, and looking at ways we can proactively work together towards a culture of acceptance and inclusion.

Workshop A6: Prevent Human Trafficking: ARTREACH

National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain: Developmental Practice Methods
Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain: Safety, Health, Communities

Presenters: Donna Neal and Mary Staten, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Jasmine Porter-Bonds, Site Coordinator, Neu-Life Community Development

ARTREACH is a human trafficking awareness and prevention program for middle and high school youth, developed by Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, and implemented at Neu-Life Community Development sites. Youth are educated about sex and labor trafficking and then encouraged to create collaborative art pieces that can be displayed in public venues. Our goal is to help young people make smart decisions, teach them to watch for warning signs of someone being in trouble, and find the courage and resources to help. We also want to broaden community awareness of human trafficking and stimulate constructive community dialog and action.

As a result of attending this workshop, participants will be more knowledgeable about the dangers presented by human trafficking to Milwaukee youth, especially girls, and better able to recognize warning signs and engage youth in discussions about the issue. Participants will also understand the possibilities ARTREACH can bring to a program or an agency, and the assistance that is available.

Session B Workshops (1:10 pm to 2:40 pm)

Workshop B1: A Brain Neuroscience Perspective to Activate, Boost & Reinforce Resilience in Young People

National Child and Youth Care Competency Domains: Applied Human Development, Relationship & Communication
Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domains: Safety, Health

Presenter: Hector Sapien, LCSW CYC-P, * nationally certified youth care worker*

This workshop will provide a brief overview of brain development followed by how it is functionally affected by stress, trauma, calming states, and healthy relationships. Emphasis will be on how CYC workers can use their skills/program/curriculum to boost and enforce resilience in young people.

Workshop B2: Professional Boundaries and Documentation: Discussion and Application

National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain: Professionalism and Developmental Practice Methods
Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain: Professionalism/Professional Development

Presenter: Pamela A. Richmond, Ph.D., Colorado State University-Pueblo Department of Social Work
Given the inevitable presence of boundary situations taking place daily it is imperative for workers to document what transpired. Yet, identifying boundary issues that should be documented and knowing proper procedures of what to record can be a challenge. It is important to know proper documentation skills to protect the client, worker and agency. Through the reading of case scenarios, workers will identify whether documentation is necessary. If documentation is deemed essential, workers will pick out the salient points and will write a case note. This will be an interactive workshop with a generous amount of time designated for discussion.

**Workshop B3: Lessons Learned from Youth Living Out Loud, a program for Sexually Exploited Youth**

*National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:* Developmental Practice Methods  
*Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:* Safety, Health, Family

**Presenters:** Tiffany Wilhelm, Crisis Stabilization Program Coordinator, La Causa, Inc. and Jenna Reetz, MSW, Wraparound Program Manager

Youth Living Out Loud (YLOL) is a program originally initiated by Wraparound Milwaukee in 2014 through an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Mentoring for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation grant. Wraparound Milwaukee has engaged community partners, La Causa Inc., Rethink Resources, Medical College of Wisconsin and Diverse & Resilient to collaborate in providing comprehensive case management, medical and mentoring services to youth who are vulnerable to being sexually exploited and/or sex-trafficked. This workshop will discuss the lessons learned from providing specialized services to youth in Milwaukee, WI via the examination of successes and challenges. A presentation about the current program, training, service provision and community partnership involvement will lead into a small group discussion about risk indicators that can make youth vulnerable to being sexually exploited and/or sex trafficked, as well as highlight who would benefit from specialized services encompassing the primary concerns of health, safety and overall well-being.

**Workshop B4: Sexual Exploitation of Youth, A case study of Africa**

*National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:* Professionalism  
*Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:* Safety, Health, Family

**Presenters:** Opeyemi Olajide Olowookere, Executive Director, Global Support for Kids Initiative.

There is a high prevalence of both child sex tourism and trafficking in youth for sexual purposes in Africa. Civil and political conflicts, poverty and HIV/AIDS have left many African countries politically, economically and socially fragile. In this volatile state, families must struggle for survival and children can become more vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation. Children often have to contribute to the family’s income as well as take care of their siblings and other family members.

**Workshop B5: Gangs Strength Base Approach**

*National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain:* Developmental Practice Methods  
*Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domain:* Program Design

**Presenter:** Clem L Richardson MS, MAC, CSAC, CEO/ Executive Director, Manna Behavioral Services
The purpose of this workshop is to get participants to understand and practice nontraditional techniques of confrontation and feedback. Which assist with individuals that is involved in gangs that are underrepresented and resistive in lowering compulsive defenses. Provides strength-based strategies for reducing youth involvement in gang violence.

Participants will learn and practice different methods of engaging clients in group and individual sessions. The techniques and methods used was adapted and practiced in MI trainings and Thinking 4 a Change (T4C). Participants will learn from a historical context about the origin of gangs, why the gangs of the 80’s have change and how the millennials are more dangerous than the former gangs. After attending this workshop participants will be able to address concerns about cultural relevance, and differentiation of types of strength-based interventions.


National Child and Youth Care Competency Domain: Cultural and Human Diversity
Beyond the Bell MKE Core Competency Domains: Program Activities, Communities

Presenter: Kiran Vedula is a producer and youth advocate from Milwaukee specializing in music composition, video production, live performance, and media-based mentorship. He has been an active member of the Milwaukee arts community since 2006, currently part of the collective New Age Narcissism, and instructor/mentor at True Skool, COA Youth and Family Centers, and Express Yourself MKE

The strongest, most effective youth arts programs share a common mission: to create a safe and inspiring environment in which young people can freely and honestly express themselves. These programs motivate young people to seek knowledge and awareness by processing their experiences, emotions, and concerns through creative expression. They also provide opportunities for young people to share, discuss, and take pride in their work, developing self-worth and confidence in their voice. For the past six years, Kiran Vedula (also known as Kiran Vee and Q the Sun) has been applying this mission, and his wide-ranging experience as a performer and producer, to his work with several youth organizations across Milwaukee. In this workshop, he will present and discuss two music videos created in collaboration with teenagers at True Skool and COA Youth and Family Centers.

Travel Information

Hotel Block: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Downtown Milwaukee
611 W Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53203
(414) 273-2950

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* only 6 blocks from the conference and meeting site
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* onsite restaurant and bar
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Workshop Choices: Please Circle only 1 per session

Session A Workshop 10:40 am to 12:10 pm  A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 Title:_____________________

Session B Workshop 1:10 pm to 2:40 pm  B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 Title:_____________________

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$80.00 Early Bird Registration (Before May 15th) for current WACYCP members and WACYCP agency members

$95.00 for Members/Agency Members AFTER May 15th

$95.00 Early Bird for Non-Members (Before May 15th)

$120.00 for Non-Members AFTER May 15th

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