

BEST Initiative

2017-2018 Boston Training Calendar www.youthworkcentral.org

Save the dates for our 2017-2018 Boston BEST trainings!

Online registration will open one month prior to the start of each training - our trainings fill up quickly, so please sign up right away! See below for exact dates.

Fees vary by training. Unfortunately, no scholarships are available.

Fall Youth Worker Certificate Training **Training Fee: \$450pp****

***This rate is the Boston Subsidized Rate
(only available through Health Resources in Action hosted community trainings thanks to funding from
United Way of Mass Bay and Merrimack Valley)***

This eight-session, 32-hour training is based on the nationally recognized Advancing Youth Development curriculum. This training provides participants with grounding in the Positive Youth Development Approach. Participants are introduced to an appropriate common language for discussing youth development, and will explore information about positive youth outcomes, healthy relationships and boundaries, cultural competence, adolescent development, and other critical issues.

Marijuana and Youth: The impact of Changing Law and Strategies to Address Use **Training Fee: \$125pp****

This 6-hour training will provide us with a basic understanding of the new MA Marijuana law: what's legal, what isn't and possible legal implications for young people. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to practice Motivational Interviewing skills they can put to use when discussing marijuana use with their young people. This new law will impact youth programming in various ways and this training will provide youth workers a space to explore those implications and share strategies and approaches to support their young people in supportive and helpful ways.

Youth Work Supervisor Training
Training Fee: \$300pp**

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This four-session, 16-hour training focuses on supervision and program management in youth work. It addresses the roles and responsibilities of supervisors, communication, work relationships, program management, and the specific supervision of youth workers within a youth development framework.

What We Bring: White Youth Workers in Communities of Color Training
Training Fee: \$200pp

Good youth work requires a strong sense of self on the part of the youth worker, but all too often, whiteness is awkward for white youth workers (and youth) to talk about. This 10-hour training will offer participants room to talk about the challenges of addressing, confronting and embracing their identities as white youth workers, their reasons for working in communities of color, and what they can't and shouldn't bring to the work. Scenarios and other interactive tools will be used to help explore what best practices are in terms of talking with youth about race, addressing power dynamics, building alliances with youth workers of color, and sharing approaches and tools to help navigate challenges that come up in this work.

<<February Vacation Special Edition>>
BOOTCAMP Youth Worker Certificate Training
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Building and Measuring Positive Youth Outcomes in your Program Training
NEW OFFERING
Training Fee: \$125pp

This 4-hour training focuses on exploring positive youth outcomes with a special focus on developmental outcomes for youth programs. Participants will utilize tools that will help better articulate developmental outcomes and indicators, specifically, to use in evaluating their programs. This training will also provide participants with an opportunity to examine how they are integrating those outcomes through intentional practice and approaches.

Spring Youth Worker Certificate Training
Training Fee: \$450pp**

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Positive Behavior Management Training
Training Fee: \$125pp

This 6-hour training focuses on youth workers' role in deescalating behavioral situations with youth using an asset-based approach. This training will help participants practice probing techniques to understand the underlying issues motivating youth's behavior. Participants will explore individual practices and appropriate behavior management strategies that help promote positive behavior.