



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Strengthening Youth & Families Conference

October 30-November 2, 2017  
Sheraton Georgetown Hotel ~ Georgetown, TX

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The *Strengthening Youth and Families Conference* is Texas' only interagency-funded annual conference for youth-serving professionals, attracting over 300 attendees who come together for several days of networking and professional development. Conference partners include Health and Human Services Commission and Texas System of Care, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth, Texas Education Agency, Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, ViaHope, and Boys to Men Texas.

The Conference Planning Committee seeks to offer workshops related to the promotion of positive youth development and the prevention, intervention, and treatment of high risk behaviors in youth. Workshops will be geared to a multi-disciplinary audience of youth-serving professionals, volunteers, and family members.

A limited number of workshop slots are available for subject-matter experts and groups interested in conducting presentations at this conference. The conference committee is actively seeking proposals that include youth, young adults, or family members as presenters or co-presenters who have accessed services from any of the youth-serving systems. Each workshop will be limited to 90 minutes. Applicants interested in providing presentations on multiple topics must submit separate applications for each topic. **Applications must be received by June 10, 2017 to be considered.** The primary speaker for each workshop will be given a complimentary conference registration; the secondary speaker will be given a 50% discount off the registration fee. No speaker fees will be available for workshop presenters. Finalists will be notified by July 1, 2017.

Submit workshop proposals at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017SYFCProposal>

### Examples of Workshop Areas

- ◆ Youth development and resiliency
- ◆ Community engagement strategies
- ◆ Community resource development
- ◆ Substance use and current trends
- ◆ Effective parenting strategies
- ◆ Motivating change
- ◆ Faith-based initiatives
- ◆ Innovative programs and practices
- ◆ School-based mental health services
- ◆ Prevention or intervention initiatives
- ◆ Promoting educational success
- ◆ Mentoring youth
- ◆ Mediation skills
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ Effective advocacy
- ◆ Intimate partner violence
- ◆ Human trafficking
- ◆ Working with social media and youth
- ◆ Suicide prevention
- ◆ Family engagement (including extended families)
- ◆ Youth and families with multi-system involvement
- ◆ Adverse childhood experiences
- ◆ Cultural competency
- ◆ Understanding mental health issues & treatment
- ◆ Self-injurious behavior
- ◆ Family-driven care
- ◆ Role of the volunteer in strengthening youth and families
- ◆ Families of veterans
- ◆ Trauma informed treatment and care
- ◆ Volunteer engagement
- ◆ The volunteer advocate
- ◆ Working with special populations of youth (gender-specific, LGBTQ, gangs, etc.)
- ◆ Integrated service coordination
- ◆ Diversion initiatives
- ◆ Self-care for providers, volunteers, and parents
- ◆ Evaluating prevention or treatment programs

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