

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.

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AFYA SYRIAN CHILDREN'S APPEAL



We all want to help and are frustrated by our seeming inability to impact the Syrian refugee crisis but here is a way for you to help. As the Syrian War enters its 6th year, the refugee crisis continues to be disastrous with millions of lives lost. Tens of millions of people have fled their homes, are displaced within Syria or are seeking refuge. This is quite simply the worst refugee crisis the world has witnessed since World War II.

Afya's Solution: By partnering with the IDF and US based Syrian NGOs, Afya can ship 40-foot containers of medical supplies to

Syrian health centers. We need to raise funds to make this happen! We have the supplies that match the specific requests and are ready to begin shipping. Syrians are seeking care in camps and health centers void of supplies. The IDF has offered its help and logistic support.

This collaboration is the essence of building communities with a singular intent abroad-to stand up and do something about the suffering of others. It involves the best that each party has to offer and by working together we can make a sweeping change in what health care delivery looks like to refugees living with trauma and without a country to call home.

ACT NOW to help us make this collaboration and delivery of supplies possible. Please share this message and request for support with your community of friends and family.

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Thank you,
Danielle Butin, MPH, OTR
Founder, Executive Director

"Quoting an experienced school counselor: "You can't change a bully into a flower child, but you can change him into a knight."

- Leonard Sax, [Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know about the Emerging Science of Sex Differences](#)

From the Soapbox...Again!

[Editor's Note: Karen's usual column has been suspended for this issue, in order to pay special tribute to the memory of our dearly beloved Carol Kelly, who recently passed away. Karen's regular feature will return in the summer issue of the CYC Advocate.]

"TAKE GREAT CARE" - ON THE CAREER OF DR. CAROL S. KELLY

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

Over the years those of us who corresponded with Carl Kelly noted that she signed off by saying "Take Great Care". Little did she know that after her passing on February 10, 2017, it would be noted that this phrase could serve as a metaphor for her outstanding career in child and youth work. Carl's dedicated and generous involvement in the field for many years touched many.

Like a number of major figures in the field of child and youth care, Carl was a native of Ohio. She earned a B. S. degree from Ohio State University in 1961, an MS from the University of Nevada in '62, and an Ed.D. from UCLA.

She began her teaching career at California State University-Northridge in 1969 in the College of Human Development Department of Child and Adolescent Development, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2007.

Martha Mattingly and I first met Carl some decades ago - maybe 1975- at one of those historical conferences in Washington, D.C. where we child care people quickly discovered each other. Carl as I had been associated at the time (if I recall correctly) with a Child Mental Health Specialist program founded by Dr. Norbert Rieger, at a state mental hospital in California. We became friendly associates and we enjoyed our commonalities and meetings at dozens of child care events for decades thereafter. My collection of photographs from my own career in the field contains probably several dozen of Carl and our other colleagues having dinner together - all over the world. In 1999 as I recall, on our way to a conference in Toronto, Carl, Shirley Atkins, Martha Mattingly, Sr. Madeleine Rybicki and myself all went to Niagara Falls. I have the photographs of us in rain ponchos to prove it! She was an active participant in the "Almost Midnight" basketball event at the Albert Trieschman conference in 1996. Carl was full of fun and high spirits and made every conference lively.



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Competencies In Review

COMPETENCY DOMAIN: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

By James Freeman

Child and Youth Care (CYC) is a different kind of profession. We seek to minimize forms of professional 'distance' and avoid positioning ourselves as an 'expert' on someone's life. Rather we come alongside, meet young people where they are, and support them in finding the next step in their own journey of life.

Being a growing CYC professional means that we have an awareness of the profession, manage our own professional behavior (e.g. staying current, reflecting on our own practice, participate in ongoing training) as well as personal development and taking care of ourselves. It also means we have a commitment to ethical practice, are aware of the laws that affect our practice setting, and engage in advocacy for the youth we work alongside.

Personal and professional growth doesn't happen without intention planning and action. Practitioners

who want to grow take initiative for their own learning. They seek out feedback and opportunities to stretch the boundaries of their own limits.

Being a competent professional is not limiting, but empowering to own own style and personality as we integrate the values and ethics of the field. It involves learning about ourselves and equips us to make decisions where there are not precedents or clear boundaries.

What are you doing in this next year to develop your professional knowledge and skills?

[To view the professional competencies, visit this link.](#)

President's Perspective

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Jody Rhodes

Welcome ACYCP members and friends to this spring edition of the *CYC-Advocate*. This issue has a significant amount of information on the history of the ACYCP. In 2017, we are 40 years STRONG. I have been refraining from saying 40 years old- with good reason. As you read the past president's perspectives in the "Where Are They Now" section that the *CYC Advocate* editor and ACYCP board member Michael Mitchell has put together, you will see how much we have accomplished and been through the last 40 years. I feel like the best is yet to come for the ACYCP. I have been involved with the organization for only about the past 10 years, so I'm a relative newcomer. We have much to be excited about coming on the horizon.



We invite you to join us in Milwaukee, WI on Wednesday, May 31st in a toast to our first 40 years, as we plan for the next 40!

Where Are They Now?

PAST PRESIDENTS REFLECT ON 40 YEARS OF PROGRESS

[Editor's Note]: While many people have labored long and hard to bring ACYCP to its current status as the premier advocacy organization for child and youth care workers, it's usually the president who has led the charge. Here are their perspectives on the historical evolution of the organization during their respective tenures. Since much of this is based on oral history and dusty recollections, there may be a few inconsistencies and inaccuracies; however these narratives do capture the feeling of the times and the events which shaped the course of the organization to the present day. The current President is Jody Rhodes, who took over in 2016.

RALPH KELLY, 1977-1981

Ralph Kelly was elected the first president of the National Organization of Child Care Worker Associations (NOCCWA), based on his reputation as head of the New York state association of about 1,000 child and youth care workers. NOCCWA grew out of informal conversations between attendees at the annual ORTHO psychiatry conference in 1976. These conferences often attracted 10-15,000 attendees. Many of these conversations involved Albert Trieschman's book, *The Other 23 Hours*, a landmark work in child psychotherapy and the importance of the front-line direct-care provider. This forerunner to ACYCP was an organization of state associations, not individuals. Some of the early members were Oregon, Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania (these two later merged), Maryland, Wisconsin, Ohio and Texas. Ralph had the distinction of being one of the first graduates from the child and youth care master's program at the University of Pittsburg, where he worked closely with Martha Mattingly and Karen Vander Ven. It was expected that about 50 people would show up for the first planning meeting in Chicago in 1977, which also attracted a delegations from Texas and Canada. Based on this it was decided to make NOCCWA an international body. In actuality, over 150 people attended. At this meeting by-laws were passed, officers elected, Shortly after this Ralph was asked to testify before the U.S. Congress on institution child abuse, but was unable to do so at the last minute, so Norman Powell (as vice-president) filled in. Testimony at these hearings, recorded in the Congressional Record, determined that the abuse was rife in residential facilities, because of poor direct-care worker training and working condition, including pay. In 1977 NOCCWA also received its 501c3 tax-exempt authorization. Thus was born the idea of certification for child and youth care workers. While NOCCWA met every year, it was decided to have an international conference every

three years; the first one being in Victoria, British Columbia in 1978. This was coordinated by Tony Maciocia, who was entrusted with them for many years thereafter. During Ralph's tenure, it was decided to create a journal on youth and child care practice, on which Mark Krueger was very active. Ralph served a term of four years, at which time he was succeeded by Norman Powell.

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NORMAN POWELL, 1981-1985

Norman was one of the early founders of the national Organization of Child Care Worker Associations NOCCWA (see Ralph Kelly) as the "dialogue coordinator" and later its first vice-president. He was elected president in 1981 and served until 1985. Starting out in his hometown of Washington, D.C., where he worked in residential treatment, he became the Director of the Division of Family Services for Catholic Charities of the Arch Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland. It was during this time that he met Ralph, who helped him start a state child and youth care worker association in that state. In addition to helping establish the Youth Work Journal, spearheaded by Mark Krueger and others, Norman testified before the U.S. Congress on the problem of institutional child abuse, on behalf of NOCCWA. It was during his term that NOCCWA invited Hillary Clinton as the first lady of Arkansas and a strong child-care advocate, to be a keynote speaker at the 1982 regional conferences in Michigan. This introduction led to discussions on the establishment of a state association in Arkansas. However, this later never materialized. The meeting with Hillary did lead to a personal invitation for the NOCCWA board to meet at then Gov. Bill Clinton's office in Little Rock. Hillary was also the keynote speaker at the Vancouver international conference in 1985. During Norman's term the current logo was adopted. He was succeeded as president by Mark Krueger.



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MARK KRUEGER, 1985-1989 (d. 2014)

[Editor's Note]: *The following was written by Prof. Emeritus Karen Vander Ven and is found at <http://www.acycp.org/mark-krueger-fund>*

"Dr. Mark Krueger, Professor of Youth Work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a venerable and internationally respected and beloved practitioner, scholar, and leader in child and youth work has died. His career spanned more than 40 years and benefited not only children and youth worldwide, but also the careers of child and youth workers who were empowered by his teaching, his leadership, his numerous writings, his advocacy, and his personal caring, compassion, creativity and modesty. These qualities were infused in his numerous activities that embodied his focus on the interactive, dynamic and relational aspects of child and youth work establishing it as a crucial and unique human service. Dr. Krueger held a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His entrance into the field of child and youth work began in the late 1960s when he served over a period of eight years as a line child and youth care worker and supervisor at the Lutheran Children's Friend Society in Milwaukee. This was followed by service as a child and youth care program coordinator and supervisor at Lakeside Children's Center also in Milwaukee."



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CUBIE BRAGG, 1989-1993

Some events during my tenure were: Supported State, regional and local conferences and associations, such as Maryland, D. C., Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Conferences were held annually in each state. Inter-Association Child Care Conference was an annual multi-state Child Care Conference held in Valley Forge, PA. We sent letters to Congress and the US Presidents for the support of our efforts to professionalize Child Care Workers.



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DAVID THOMAS, 1993-1997

When I was elected President of the National Organization of Child Care Worker Associations [NOCCWA] in 1997, I re-entered an organization in crisis. I had been involved a decade earlier, as

President of the Texas Association of Child Care Workers, and then dropped out of professional activities after my divorce. Similar to so many others, for years I had sacrificed my private life to professionalization. After a period of reflection, I helped create a new Texas organization, and was sent to my first national organization meeting as a representative of the Texas group. The agenda for that meeting, it turned out, was whether to dissolve the national association. I was elected president after consultation with the woman I was dating at the time [Ann] (to whom I am still married to). Over the next couple of years, we changed that name, to the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice [ACYCP] changed its governance structure, its mission, and its operations. The goal became establishment of national certification, and I spent most of the next several years chairing the group that did that. Martha Mattingly chaired the subcommittee that created the document that listed the competencies of the professional. Karen VanderVen, Varda Mann Feder, Frank Eckles, Carole Stuart, and others were active in the process as leaders, which resulted in the first professional-level certification. After that, I was burned out, and spent the last year of my terms in office finding my replacement. During these same years, I served as Executive Director of Texas Center for Adolescent Rehabilitation and Education, a Houston treatment center, which got into financial problems. After that, I took the Executive Director position in Dallas, with Bryan's House, a program for pre-school children with special needs, in 2004. The following year I resigned from ACYCP. I served at Bryan's House until 2015, when I resigned after developing Parkinson's Disease.



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PETER ROSENBLATT-THOMPKINS

When I think of my time as President, and within ACYCP, it seems so long ago and very separate than my work now. I deeply value the memories and the friendships, but alas, I am becoming more like Floyd Alwon in my growing year; "just what did we accomplish?" I can think of one singular accomplishment during my tenure at the helm and one important continuation. The accomplishment was a thorough review and update of the ACYCP; new By-Laws. Infrastructure is even less exciting in organizational discourse than it is in politics, but alas just as necessary. The review brought the by-laws into greater alignment with the work being done by ACYCP, and built a sturdier foundation on which to grow. The growth occurred during the next presidential tenure after mine, but the conversation for this growth remained alive and active during my term-mainly certification. While the conversation and even the work load began before my term and hit a great stride afterwards, we ensured that the new by-laws were ready for this new focus area of ACYCP. We were able to keep the conversation and work alive, and at least I can say that it didn't end under my term!



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CHIP BONSUOTTO, 2006-2009

When I look back on my tenure as President of the Association of Child and Youth Care Practice, I recall that we were always very busy and, more importantly, very productive. I believe that my term started with the 8th International Child and Youth Care Conference in 2006, sponsored in partnership with our Canadian friends. It was a magnificent event held in the beautiful city of Montreal with, as I recall, over 1,600 participants! It was truly an international event. My term ended with the 9th International Child and Youth Care Conference in 2009 held in the paradise known as Fort Lauderdale. It was another memorable and amazing event, which was a bit hamstrung by the Great Recession. In between, we managed to create and established the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) as a separate professional entity. Incorporated in 2007, CYCCB continues to test and certify child and youth care professionals across the county. I am very proud of the small part I played.



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JEAN CARPENTER-WILLIAMS 2009-2012

I became president, after Chip Bonsutto's presidency, in 2009. We had recently launched the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) and the work of certification had finally come to fruition, and we need to explore what role should the ACYCP now play. Most of my tenure was focused on rebuilding the infrastructure of the organization. When I came on

board, we had a hard time knowing who our members were. We had an inconsistent membership policy, and financial issues that needed to be addressed pretty quickly. I would say we were going through a re-imagining of the organization and I might characterize it as a few years of growing pains. However, we (and when I say we - I really mean we - especially Jody Rhodes) did create a membership data base and renewal process, develop and clarify membership levels and benefits, bring the support functions (i.e., contact information, phone numbers, etc.) to a central location (up to this point these functions followed the president). In addition, we updated our financial practices, moving bank accounts, and developing processes for IRS reporting, for example. All super exciting things!! I did start a second term in which we were going to focus on fine tuning a process for onboarding new board members, updating our website, and increasing outreach strategies. However, due to my personal work load issues, I did step down before my term was up, turning the organization over to Andy Schneider-Munoz, Ph.D.



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER-MUNOZ, 2012-2016

As the ninth ACYCP President, we grew professional development to scale. Following in Mark Krueger's legacy we were passionately committed. ACYCP used to meet once a year and we instead decided to meet once a month. Collaborating closely with Frank Eckles, President of the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB), we did everything we could to fully establish ACYCP [child and youth care profession] Certification. Certification grew from 50 workers to a hundred and then to many hundreds. Also working very closely with Carol Kelly and FICE USA, as well as Sister Madeleine Rybicki, we traveled to exchange learning and training on every continent of the world, and in almost every state across the country. The Journal [Journal of Child and Youth Care Work] also grew stronger as a means to share knowledge. Dale Curry, Jean Carpenter-Williams and I edited four special themed issues on international youth work, transition to independence for foster youth, child and youth care work competencies, and trauma informed care. Together ACYCP and CYCCB fulfilled a decade long dream and held a summit at the University of Pittsburgh, on child and youth care work and higher education, with 65 representatives from across the country including colleges and universities, journals, associations and other leaders preparing youth workers. Our dear colleagues Mark Krueger and Martha Mattingly passed away and I spoke with both of them in their last hours for us, to share how much we cared about them, and all they had done for the children and the workers! Their spirit lives on in our work!



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Q&A FORUM

By Michael Mitchell

Editor's Note: This column will return in the next issue.



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?

Whether you are a novice or an experienced



presenter, **ACYCP's Strategic Outreach 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!

For more information, kindly contact:
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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.



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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.***

If you need immediate help, call the CYC Office (979) 764-7306. They can answer most questions and provide you with necessary forms.

If you need more, attend one of our webinars. The webinars will be focused on whatever issues are brought to the session relating to certification completion. If you need more help than can be offered during the hour session, a resource person will be assigned to you who can stay involved until you get your application filed.

Register for the FREE Webinar Today! You will receive an email confirming you are signed up. Two to three days before the webinar is held we will contact you with instructions for how to join the webinar.

You will need a computer with high speed internet access. You can either use headphones at your computer or call-in using a phone. Certification staff will be available during the webinar to answer your questions.

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

There is no charge for attending the webinar. Your phone company may charge for the phone call.

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

2017	May 10	Jun 14	Jul 12
Aug 9	Sep 13	Oct 11	Nov 15
Dec 13			

Certification Help Webinars are all scheduled at:

3:00 - 4:00 PM Atlantic

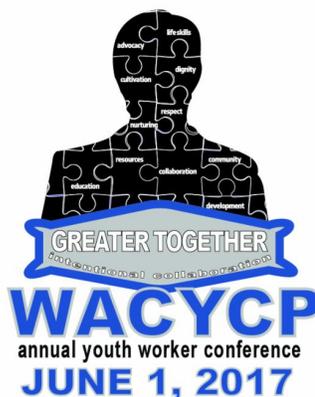
2:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern

1:00 - 2:00 PM Central

12:00 - 1:00 PM Mountain

11:00 - 12:00 PM Pacific

Save the Date



Lorraine E. Fox, Ph.D.

TRANSITIONS

Whether you colored Easter eggs, went to church, got an Easter basket or wondered why only Christian children got them, put on new clothes, read about the "Easter Bunny", saw the movie Easter Parade, or saw the day "Easter" marked on the calendar, we all knew that sometime in April there will be many mentions of Easter. Easter is about many things, and the meanings vary from culture to culture and religion to religion, but the basic story of Easter is transition. It's about life to death; and death to life; old to new; known to mystery. It's about moving from something old and familiar to something new and undiscovered. What are known as "Spring breaks" are scheduled close to Easter, when students transition, briefly, from the discipline of school and learning, to a few days or weeks of "cutting loose".

All children in care are more familiar with transitions than they should be, and Easter - regardless of one's faith or how it is acknowledged - is a good time for people caring for children and teens to use the occasion and symbols to talk about transitions with our kids. They've already had many, and they will have many more. Transitions can be daunting, but they don't have to be feared. Talking openly about the transitions our young people have already experienced is a good way to help remove or reduce the fear.



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Oh Canada!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!

This year marks **150 years** as a nation. Although the official date is July 1st, there are celebratory events occurring across Canada throughout the year. Spring is also a busy time for conferences in Canada. Come visit your friendly neighbor to the north and enjoy some training along with the birthday celebrations!

The Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (<http://www.cycanl.ca/>) is hosting its Provincial Conference May 25 to 26, 2017 in St. John's. Maxwell Smart and John Digney from Scotland and Ireland respectively, will give a keynote presentation.



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The Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care is hosting a provincial conference entitled "The Journey", June 1 and 2 at Humber College Lakeshore Campus, Toronto, Ontario. (<http://www.oacyc.org/conferences/2017-oacyc-provincial-conference>)

The Child and Youth Care Association of Manitoba is putting on a provincial conference on June 1 and 2 as well, "Guiding Our Dreams: Embracing Their Future and Ours". (<http://cycwam.ca/>)

The **CCCYCA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on May 29 and 30.** This event will occur prior to the **2017 OACYC Conference June 1 & 2**, hosted by Humber College Lakeshore Campus.

Finally, make a note of the **20th National & 12th Triennial International Child and Youth Care Conference in British Columbia in 2018.** It's never too early to start planning to attend this event. It's sure to be an energizing and exciting time for the CYC participants. [Please follow the planning and updates by following this link.](#)

Jeff Reid, CCCYCA Vice-President
CCCYCA representative to ACYCP
[CCCYCA Website](#)

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!

NEW AWARD HONORS PIONEER, TEACHER AND MENTOR CAROL KELLY

It is with great pride that the ACYCP Board of Directors announces the establishment of the annual **ACYCP Carol Kelly Newcomers' Award.**

This award was established to honor the example, spirit and legacy of child and youth care (CYC) pioneer, teacher and mentor **Carol**

Kelly [see "CYC PROFESSION LOOSEES PIONEER, TEACHER AND MENTOR" in this issue.]. Nominations are **open now** under the following criteria:

- Nominees and nominators **both must be current ACYCP members.**
- Nominees must have a **minimum of 3 years paid CYC experience.**
- Nominators may consist of more than one person, but at least one nominator must be an ACYCP member.
- Nominators may submit more than one nomination, but on separate nomination forms.
- Nominees may come from any area of the broad child and youth care (CYC) profession.
- Nominees may come from any level of practice (ex. direct care, research, administration, supervision, etc.)
- Nominees may reside or practice in any part of the world.
- Finalist nominations are reviewed and a winner selected by the ACYCP Board of Directors.
- Nominations are coordinated and vetted by the ACYCP Executive Board.
- Winners are only eligible for one award.
- Nominees hereby consent to their nomination and any related publicity.
- Nominators hereby consent to any publicity related to their nomination submission(s)
- Award finalists will be notified prior to the selection of a winner
- The award announcement and/or presentation will be made by the ACYCP President, at a time and/or place of the ACYCP Board's choosing. The award winner need not be present to qualify.



To download a nomination form, go to www.acycp.org and click on **Scholarships and Awards** and follow the directions. **The deadline for the 2017 award is Monday, May 1, 2017.**

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POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2017 Summer Training Academy Pre-Conference

The Summer Training Academy (June 28) is a premiere opportunity to improve your work with young people by engaging with nationally recognized trainers and a small number of peers. These sessions strengthen skills, expand knowledge, and improve practice through the in-depth exploration of content that is not possible in a conference setting.

Registration Fee: \$199

The Maine Event: Creating Positive Climates for Youth

The Maine Event: Creating Positive Climates for Youth is the 2017 combined annual conference of the Positive Youth Development Institute (PYDI) and the Collaborative for Perpetual Innovation (CPI).

For professionals interacting with youth in or out of school, this conference offers the latest in research and practice in creating climates positive for everyone and strategies in social trust and youth development.

Early Bird Registration (closes April 15) \$175

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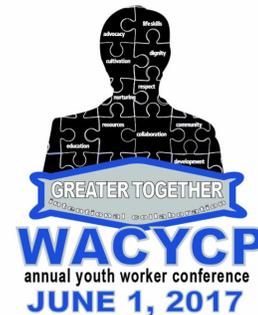
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Happy Reading!

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WACYCP ANNUAL YOUTH WORKER CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals (WACYCP) is accepting sponsors for the **2017 WACYCP Annual Youth Care Conference**. The all-day conference will be held on **Thursday June 1st** at the **UWM Youth Work Learning Center in Milwaukee, WI**. The theme of this year's conference is **"Greater Together: Intentional Collaboration"**. Each workshop will be 90 minutes long. We are also offering a 30 minute Poster Session option this year. Workshops will be aimed at introductory, intermediate or advanced direct youth care workers respectively, who serve with youth aged 7 to 21.



A full announcement of the conference workshops, registration, rates, travel info and other details will appear in the **spring CYC Advocate**, due out mid-April. Or watch the WACYCP website at: www.wacycp.org as details are posted. **Ask About Your ACYCP Member Discount!**

If you have any questions, please contact the WACYCP office at **(414) 519-3130** or via email: wacycp1@sbcglobal.net

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For more information and rates scaled on agency size, go to: www.acycp.org and click on **Membership/ Agency Membership** and follow the directions. We look forward to welcoming your agency into our membership network!

Resources At A Glance

YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA

Founded in 1986, YSA supports a global culture of engaged children and youth committed to a lifetime of meaningful service, learning, and leadership. With half the world's population under age 25, our mission is to help all young people find their voice, take action, and make an impact on vital community issues. Starting in 2016, YSA will focus all our assets and outcomes on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.



The YSA program model:

Activates through campaigns like Global Youth Service Day and Semester of Service;

Funds with YSA Grants;

Trains with resources and trainings offered in the YSA Learning Center; and

Recognizes through awards, storytelling, and visibility campaigns YSA delivers all programs to youth, educators, community organizations, and families through our Global Youth Service Network (GYSN) partners. The GYSN is a coalition of local, state, national, and international organizations committed to engaging children and youth as leaders through volunteering, community service, service-learning, national service, and voting/civic engagement.

Through YSA's programs, youth lead community change through:

Awareness (educating others to change behaviors),

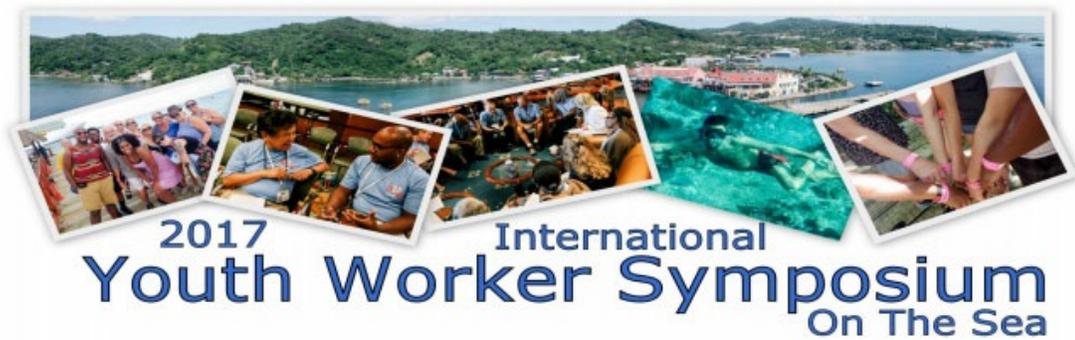
Service (using their passion, creativity, and idealism to solve problems through volunteerism),

Advocacy (to change policies and laws), and

Philanthropy (generating and donating financial and in-kind support) YSA believes in the importance of impact and outcomes. The impact of YSA's work is measured in terms of scale, diversity, visibility, impact on youth, and impact on community. As part of our 2015-2020 strategic plan, YSA has set ambitious goals to substantially increase the number of young people we engage in service, the number of partner organizations we work with, the number of youth-led projects we support that lead to measurable change in communities, the number of countries in which YSA is viewed as a resource center, and our annual revenue.

[Please visit their website here.](#)

Save the Date



2017 International Youth Worker Symposium On The Sea

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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Wednesday May 31st
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Rock Bottom Brewery
Lower Level Event Space
740 N Plankinton Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203

A special program highlighting 40 years of history, food and drink will be provided.

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