

# Youth Development Practitioner Certificate

## 2009-2010 Revised Training Schedule

The Youth Development Practitioner Certificate consists of eight courses covering a range of Youth Development topics. Courses are taught by a variety of teachers with expertise in the field. You may take any or all of the eight courses, in any order. After successfully completing all eight of the courses, you are awarded a Youth Development Practitioner Certificate. Successful completion of a course includes: attendance at all scheduled class sessions, completion of all reading assignments (to be distributed on the first day of class), completion of a final project for the course, and the presentation of your final project to your peers. All classes are held from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Village for Families and Children South Campus 331 Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford. For additional information, please contact Sereyna Wallace at 757-9894.

**Principles of Youth Development** Using an assets-based and holistic approach, students will learn the framework and principles of youth development as a professional field of practice.

*October 7, 14, 21, 28*

**Youth Empowerment** Youth empowerment practice views youth as active partners in youth programming rather than a population to be served. This strategy builds skills and confidence in youth that leads to success in adulthood. *November 4, 11, 18, December 2*

**Program Development & Management** This course will focus on the practical skills needed to develop and manage a youth program including planning, recruitment and retention, relationship building with youth, setting and meeting program goals, fulfilling grant requirements and measuring outcomes. *December 9, 16, January 13, 20*

\* **Effective Communication with Youth & Families** Effective communication is the basis of positive relationships with youth. Issues of verbal/non-verbal communication, communication with families and the influence of culture will be discussed. *January 27, February 3, 10, 17*

\* **Legal & Ethical Issues in Working with Youth** Students will explore a professional ethical code of conduct as well as issues of agency policy, confidentiality and mandated reporting laws. *February 24, March 3, 10, 17*

**Cultural Competencies** Students will explore different cultures — ethnic, regional, generational, etc.— and will learn ways of integrating a cultural framework into program development. *March 24, April 7, 14, 21*

**Linking Youth to Community Resources** This course describes a comprehensive approach to case management that takes a holistic view of youth from assessment to referral and follow up. *April 28, May 5, 12, 19*

**Educational & Career Development with Youth** Students will learn tools and strategies for moving young people toward their goals, with a focus on college readiness and employability skills. *May 26, June 2, 9, 16*

# Youth Development Practitioner Certificate Training Registration

Please complete the registration form below and return to:

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- I would like to complete my Youth Development Practitioner Certificate and register for all 8 courses.**
- I would like to register for the following individual courses:**
- Principles of Youth Development - *October 7, 14, 21, 28*
  - Youth Empowerment - *November 4, 11, 18, December 2*
  - Program Development & Management - *December 9, 16, January 13, 20*
  - Effective Communication with Youth & Families - *January 27, February 3, 10, 17***
  - Legal & Ethical Issues in Working with Youth - *February 24, March 3, 10, 17***
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I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ courses X \$25 per course\*)  
*Please make checks payable to City of Hartford-Office For Youth Services*

\*Actual cost is \$50 per course – 50% of cost will be provided through  
HOYS scholarship funds for the 2009-10 program year

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