



Summer Institute 2019

Register yourself and your staff team to attend Summer Institute as your gear up for Summer! *Remember, you cannot send staff to this training unless they are registered.*

Register here: www.tinyurl.com/2019SYI

Details

Thursday, June 13th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (8:30 Registration Check-In Opens)

Wellstone Center

179 Robie Street E.

Schedule

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Welcome & Framing – Plenary Session

9:40-10:40 Breakout Session I

10:50-11:50 Breakout Session II

11:55-12:40 Lunch and networking

12:45-1:45 Breakout Session III

1:55-2:55 Pulling it all together

Session Descriptions

Exploring Self-Awareness and How it Shapes our Work with Youth:

Why does it matter what kind of mindset YOU have? Each human being has experiences and identities that shape their perspective of the world and how they navigate through it. This session is about personal exploration about your mindset and its influence on your daily work with youth.

Facilitator: *Dr. Geeta S. Vora, Vora S.E.R.V.I.C.E.S non-profit org.*

What Would You Do? Dilemmas in Youth Work:

Youth workers are faced with difficult situations throughout the summer including inappropriate conversations, boundary issues, and multiple bullying behaviors. Participants will discuss how to navigate these difficult situations to create inclusive and welcoming environments.

Facilitator: *City of Saint Paul, Right Track Job Coaches*

LGBTQ 101 & how you can be an ally in the workplace

Join us for an interactive workshop that will provide an overview of LGBTQ+ identities and discuss how using inclusive language can create safer spaces. We will also cover how to develop skills to be an effective ally.

Facilitator: *Jess Harkcom & Tabitha Mitchell, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation*

The Power of Play: (Sessions 1 & 2)

This hands-on workshop will give you the skills to become the stand out performer in your program. Participants will learn how play can be used to manage groups of any size effectively. Use the power of play to build rapport, establish rules and consequences, address learning styles, transition successfully, and engage youth effectively. Bring your sneakers and get ready to have fun!

Facilitator: *Brandon Elsner and Shaena Swanson, Playworks*

Strengthening Your Leadership Style:

Leaders come with several different philosophies and strengths. In this session, you will learn about 5 leadership styles, discover which one fits you, and learn how to use your style effectively.

Facilitator: *Julie Richards, Inquire, Decipher, Progress LLC*

From Tricky to Terrific... Making Transitions FUN!

We have to get from one place to another! If we build fun into transitions, we can often avoid disruptive behaviors and move smoothly from one activity to the next. We'll discuss the basics for managing a group during a transition, staff role & transition tips, plus learn attention getting techniques, games, chants and songs to use during your summer transitions. This workshop is designed with school-agers in mind, and geared for youth workers who work in programs serving Pre-K-5th grade children.

Facilitator: *Emily Holder, SPPS Discovery Club*

Building Community:

Do you know what it takes to build an emotionally and physically safe space for youth? Building an emotionally safe community of peers and adults is essential for youth to learn and develop as individuals. This interactive workshop will introduce participants to a variety of activities designed to support the community building process.

Facilitator: *Craig Sweet, Wilder*

The Spectrum of Reflection:

Reflection is a critical piece in transforming everyday activities into meaningful learning experiences. You'll leave this workshop armed with a spectrum of reflection activities to use this summer in your programming.

Facilitators: *City of Saint Paul, Right Track Job Coaches*

Session IV –Preparing for the Journey Ahead

Summer Institute is over and now we are prepared...right? Training is important but connecting it to practice is what pulls it all together. This session we will hear from youth workers at a variety of stages in their career. Hear their lessons learned, tips and trick, and what skills they leveraged to be the best in their work. Attendees will reflect with colleagues around the lessons from the day and how they will apply them to their work this summer.