

Summer Institute 2019 FAQs



How do I register my staff?

It is your responsibility to sign up your summer staff for the Summer Institute!

- Sign up your workers here: <https://tinyurl.com/2019SYI>
- **Registration opens May 14.** Slots for workshops fill up, so be sure to sign your staff up early to have the most workshop choices!
- **Registration closes June 10.**

How do I know which workshops to choose for my staff?

Use the workshops descriptions to consider what training you would like your staff to start the summer with but take their preferences into account too! Use the preference sheet below to have your staff identify which workshops they are most interested in

What's new this year for workshops?

We have kept some of the same foundational workshops, but also added in some new ones! One difference you will notice is that all participants will be attending the session at the end of the day called **Preparing for the Journey Ahead**. This session will be set up as a panel and planning session, creating time to hear from a range of youth work perspectives. Each attend will also be given time to create their own reflection sheet. This is meant to be a tool that you both can use to reflect on the day; highlighting what they are excited to implement, and what areas they may want to grow or get additional support around.

Can I sign all of my staff up for the same workshops?

If you'd like your staff to be in a small group, you can sign multiple people up for the same workshop. We recommend signing up **no more than 5 of your staff** for the same time slot. This will ensure that participants get to hear diverse, valuable perspectives from participants with varying levels of experience in youth work.

What information do I need to give my staff to prepare them for the day?

Here are a few talking points to help prepare your staff members for the day:

- **Be sure to sign in to every workshop** you attend, and **attend the workshops you are assigned**. This is how we will keep track of your hours and make sure that you attended.
- **Be professional** and dress appropriately. Remember, you're on the job!
- **Arrive on time**. Plan your bus route or travel plans ahead of time so you can get there by 8:45 to register.
- Come with a **positive attitude** and **be ready to participate** actively!
- Complete the reflection sheet at the final session so we can reflect on your experience together!

Do Right Track workers get paid for Summer Youth Institute?

Yes! They can get paid for up to 6 hours if they attend all of Summer Youth Institute. They also can get paid for **up to three hours of site-specific training** during the week of June 10. Consider holding a site-wide staff training in addition to SYI so that all of your staff are on the same page as you kick off summer!

Summer Institute 2019 Preference Sheet

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Job Site: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Email: _____

Your preferences help your supervisor register you for workshops that interest you! Depending on availability and site requirements, supervisors will do their best to get you at least your top two choices.

Which four workshops would you prefer to go to during the Summer Institute? **Mark your preferences from 1 to 3 (with 1 being your first choice, 3 being your last choice). Please choose only 3 options.**

Rank	Workshop Name	Description
	What Would You Do?	Youth leaders 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 positive, inclusive, and welcoming environment.
	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.
	The Power of Play.	This hands-on workshop will give you the skills to become the standout 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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	<i>From Tricky to Terrific... Making Transitions FUN!</i>	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-5 th grade children. Facilitator: <i>Emily Holder, SPPS Discovery Club</i>