

Rhode Island Statewide Professional Development Calendar

Fall 2012



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This year the Providence After School Alliance (PASA) and the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA) have teamed up with generous support from RIDE's 21st CCLC Initiative and the Wallace Foundation to bring you this professional development menu.

We are excited to offer workshops and conference opportunities almost every Friday this fall in an effort to connect program providers to the resources they need to focus on quality improvement.

Many of the workshops have a small fee to balance food and trainer costs. We have tried to keep fees low so that these professional development opportunities stay as affordable as possible. If there is a cost to the workshop, the fee is listed in red immediately following the training title.

Introduction to the RIPQA

9/21/12: 1pm-5pm

Trainers: Shevaun Keogh-Walker, Kuniko Yasutake

The Rhode Island Program Quality Assessment (RIPQA) is a quality assessment tool and improvement process that is being used by after school and youth development organizations across Rhode Island. Participants will learn about the two components of the tool: a program observation tool designed to help front-line staff and instructors improve their practice (Form A) and an administrative checklist designed to help directors to improve their overall administrative management practices (Form B). The training includes hands-on practice using the tool and an overview of how it was created and is being used across the state.

Location: Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903

Baseline Youth Work Certificate Training: \$20.00

9/28/12, 10/5/12, 10/12/12: 9am-12pm

Trainers: Kuni Yasutake, Maryclaire Knight, Shevaun Keogh-Walker

This three-part baseline certificate is a third-year offering from PASA and RIASPA designed to meet the needs of those who are brand new to the youth work field. Sessions will provide a history and overview of the field and an introduction to basic youth development principles and the ages and stages of child development. Participants will learn about a variety of different types of after school environments youth workers might encounter and will discuss techniques for managing groups and dealing with behavior. Finally, the workshops will help new youth workers build communication skills to better serve and engage with socially and culturally diverse youth and families, as well as essential professional behavior required for youth workers. Participants will receive a certificate and be prepared for entry-level positions in a variety of youth-serving settings.

Location: United Way of Rhode Island, 50 Valley Street, Providence RI

Core Competencies Series

10/26/12, 11/9/12: 9am-11am

(10/26/12) Building Leadership Skills through the Rhode Island Core Competencies

Trainers: Joanne Hoops, CPO, and Lauren Schmeig, VP of Communications & County-Wide Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County; Debbie Bailey, Director of iNCASE

Topics of leadership in selected domain areas of the Rhode Island Core Competencies will be explored in this interactive workshop. Participants will explore their own personal learning style and how to create an effective learning environment for others. Workshop participants will come away with an effective tool for project planning and management and will discuss how they can integrate agency values into a performance management system for their own agencies.

(11/9/12) Professional Portfolios: Inspiration for Continuous Improvement

Trainer: Tracy L. Shea, Executive Director, Newport Community School

Learn the dos and don'ts of developing a professional portfolio and its important connection to high-quality program service delivery as well as professional growth.

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RIPQA in Practice—Youth Work Methods Series: \$10.00 per session, or \$30.00 for the entire series

11/9/12, 11/16/12, 11/30/12, 12/7/12: 9am-1pm

Trainers: Kuni Yasutake, Shevaun Keogh-Walker

(11/9/12) Building Community/Structure and Clear Limits

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. Part of that safe community is building positive structures that allow positive youth energy to flow freely, without falling into program chaos. This interactive workshop helps participants work on building a safe and supportive community in their programs and to practice identifying and maintaining clear limits.

(11/16/12) Active Learning

Do you know the difference between active learning and “hands-on” learning? Giving youth materials is just the beginning. This interactive workshop introduces the “ingredients” of active learning, explains the role that active learning plays in the experiential learning cycle, and helps participants create more powerful learning opportunities for youth.

(11/30/12) Cooperative Learning and Homework Help

Do the youth in your program have opportunities to work together in groups, teaching and learning from each other? Cooperative learning is an excellent way to nurture youth leadership, build community, and keep things fun. This interactive workshop will equip participants with grouping strategies and ways to think about building cooperative learning into any program offering. This workshop will also include a module on how to structure effective homework help time into your program.

(12/7/12) Ask Listen Encourage

Do you communicate with youth in a way that makes them feel supported and heard? This interactive workshop introduces various communication techniques that help you build more supportive, youth-centered relationships. Participants will learn how to ask more effective questions, to listen actively to youth, and offer youth encouragement rather than praise.

Location: Casey Family Services, 1268 Eddy Street, Providence, RI

Save the Dates!

Appearing below are a variety of upcoming opportunities for high quality professional development in Rhode Island targeted to the after school education community.

Note: Registration for these events is separate from this calendar.



2012 Promising Practices Conference

Rhode Island College Dialogue on Diversity Committee Presents
15th Annual Multicultural Conference

Child & Youth Development Conference
Saturday, November 3, 2012: 8:30am-12:30pm

The Promising Practices Conference at Rhode Island College will bring together scholars, youth workers, teachers, and practitioners-in-training to develop, share, and promote cutting-edge strategies for advancing equitable opportunities for youth in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The theme of this year's conference is "Child & Youth Development." Youth Development initiatives are designed to support children and youth so they can advocate for themselves and their communities.

Keynote Speaker: Dana Fusco, author of *Advancing Youth Work: Current Trends, Critical Questions*

Registration for Promising Practices will be opened in early fall on the Promising Practices website: <http://www.ric.edu/promisingpractices/index.php>

2012 Lights On Afterschool! Breakfast of Champions

THE POWER OF AFTERSCHOOL AND THE FUTURE OF EXPANDED LEARNING

Presented by the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance



10/19/12: 7:45am-9:30am, **\$50.00**

Featuring Keynote Speaker **Milton Chen**, author of *Education Nation: Six Leading Edges of Innovation in our Schools*. The 2012 Breakfast of Champions will be held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI 02905.

Registration for the *Lights On!* breakfast is open now—for more information contact Joseph Morra at joseph.morra@afterschoolri.org or 401-444-0615.

December 2012 Afterschool Mini-Conference



12/19/12: 8am-12pm, **\$15.00**

(Opportunity to attend for free if registered for the October 19th Lights on Afterschool Breakfast of Champions)

This no-frills, half-day conference will feature workshops centered around youth development practices, expanded learning, and improving after school environments.

Registration materials for the December Mini-Conference will be coming to your inbox soon! For more information contact Joseph Morra at joseph.morra@afterschoolri.org or 401-444-0615.

Fall 2012 Workshop Registration Form*

Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Note: To ensure maximum organizational diversity, workshop registration is limited to 3 people per organization. Please complete one registration form for each attendee.

Please check which workshops you would like to attend:

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Payment Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail registration information, payable to:

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*Professional Development hours from DCYF are available for most workshops in this calendar. Call RIASPA at (401) 444-0615 for more information.

