

Arkansas Youth Development Institute Kick Off Webinar

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Webinar Logistics and Features

- All participants please mute line to start. Select mute option on phone or type *6. Line can be un-muted by pressing *6 again for the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.
- Navigate webinar features for participants
- A copy of this Power Point presentation will be sent to all registered participants.
- This is an informational webinar and TAPP credit will not be provided.



Webinar Presenter



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Objectives

- Explore Arkansas YDI course choices, features, registration, and clock hour credit process
- Learn about the “Youth Worker Orientation” certificate
- Share strategies on how to use these courses to support the professional development needs of professionals that work with youth.



What is the Arkansas Youth Development Institute?

The Arkansas Youth Development Institute was designed to provide free, easily accessible, training on some of the core knowledge needed when working with youth.

The content of the courses are of relevance to youth workers serving children and youth in elementary – high school.



Who could benefit from these courses?

- Afterschool youth workers
- Afterschool Administrators
- Day/Residential Camp Personnel
- Religious groups that work with youth
- Parents
- Coaches
- School Day Educators
- Mentors/Tutors
- Anyone who interacts with children and youth!



Arkansas YDI Background

- In 2008, the Colorado Afterschool Network launched the Youth Development Institute. Conversations began at this time about possible AR & CO collaboration.
- In 2009, ARRA funded provided by the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education allowed for the development of 3 online training modules to be used in YDI platform.



Course Options

- *Overview of Positive Youth Development Approach*
- *Child Development*
- *Adolescent Development*
- *Engaging Parents*
- *Working With Culturally Diverse Youth*
- *Unhealthy Coping Behaviors in Youth*
- *Maltreatment of Youth*
- *Health Disparities and Their Impact on Academic Achievement*
- *Age Appropriate Discipline*
- *Conflict Resolution*
- *Bully Prevention*
- *Civic Engagement: Engaging Young People in Civic Life*
- *Working With Girls*
- *Building Assets With Youth*
- *Cultural Competency for Youth Workers*



Course Features

- Embedded videos and reflection activities
- Potentially unfamiliar terms highlighted within the text of the courses and defined in the glossary
- If you are not sure where you read something, you can use the search feature to find it.
- You will be able to discuss course content and share your own experiences with other youth development workers on the discussion boards from around the WORLD!



More Course Features

- You will find links to additional helpful resources and relevant web sites embedded in the course content.
- You can move from one course to another easily and without having to logout or return to a homepage.
- You can do them at any time 7/24/365



Free Supervisor Guide

- **Overview of Positive Youth Development Approach**
- **Child Development**
- **Adolescent Development**
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Supervisor Guide Features

- These free guides contain meeting plans that supervisors can use to enhance and advance the learning of their staff based on the YDI courses.
- Each meeting plans takes about 45-60 minutes, on average, but they can also be *adapted for any time frame* to fit a program's professional development needs!



Registration Process

- Go to www.aosn.org
- Click on “Youth Development Institute” tab
- Scroll to end of page to “CLICK HERE TO START” hyperlink
- You will be directed to the Colorado YDI site – click on “Create a new Login” link
- You will then be sent username and password shortly thereafter.



Criteria for Course Completion

- Every page must be viewed
- All quizzes passed with a 75% or higher
- Minimum of 1 posting to a discussion forum per course.
- **One** make-up quiz is available if you fail to pass the first quiz with a 75% or higher



Course Hour Equivalence

- Each course is worth between 1-2 hours of training hour credit.
- Visit www.aosn.org and click on “Youth Development Institute” → YDI Resources → to see the listing of all courses and associated clock hour equivalence.
- Assigning clock hours is a new feature for Arkansas YDI participants contrary to what the Colorado YDI site says
- Certificates issued electronically



Why Assign Course Clock Hours?

- Help participants meet required professional development hours outlined by employer
 - Ex. programs licensed by DCCECE, programs participating in Better Beginnings, participants that are practitioners in the TAPP Registry, etc.



Certificate of Completion

This certificate is awarded to

NAME

Building Assets In Youth

at the Arkansas Youth development Institute on

DATE



Jennifer Harris

Arkansas Youth Development Institute Coordinator

2.0

training hours credit

Getting Credit via the TAPP Registry

- Forward electronic certificate to Jennifer Harris at ydi@aosn.org
- You will be sent an electronic survey via survey monkey to complete that contains all required TAPP information.
- Weekly survey results will be sent to the TAPP Registry for processing



Youth Worker Orientation Certificate

- **Overview of Positive Youth Development Approach**
- **Child Development OR Adolescent Development**
- **Engaging Parents**
- **Working With Culturally Diverse Youth**
- *Unhealthy Coping Behaviors in Youth*
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Youth Worker Orientation Certificate

18 total clock hours

- 17 from required YDI courses
- Final Reflection Activity – 1 hour equivalent – contact Jennifer for assignment at ydi@aosn.org
- YDI participants must forward individual course certificates and completed reflection activity to get Youth Worker Orientation Certificate



What are different ways that YDI courses can be used?

- Request potential applicants to complete a module and use it as conversational starter during the interview process.
- Use courses to offset training provided in your current orientation process
- Build them into staff meetings discussions
- Market them to parents as parent education resources
- Other ideas?





**Are there
other course
topics you
would like to
see
developed?**





Any Questions?

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of services and
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