



38th Annual Conference of
The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus
Liverpool, New York
October 26-29, 2008

Dear Colleague:

The Program Committee is seeking dynamic presenters for the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus Annual Conference being held October 26 - 29, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York.

The theme for this year's conference is:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Roots for a Strong New York

The conference will focus on such issues as: Promoting Positive Youth Development, Resiliency, Effective Leadership in Changing Times, Quality After School Programs, Collaborative Planning, Youth Leadership, Voice and Civic Engagement, Effective Services for Runaway and Homeless Youth, Inclusion, Juvenile Violence, Disconnected Youth, Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy Prevention, Substance Abuse and other Adolescent Health Related Issues, Creative Fundraising and Marketing, Out-of-School Time Programming, School/Community Collaborations and other topics of importance to achieve positive outcomes for children, youth, families and communities. **Workshops that include youth in their presentation are highly encouraged.**

We invite qualified presenters to submit proposals for workshop sessions that are relevant to the conference theme and focus areas. Presenters should complete the attached "Proposed Presentations/Workshops" form and return to the address listed **by May 30, 2008.**

Workshop proposals will be selected based on their relevance to the conference theme and focus areas, engaging format, youth involvement, style, and clarity. Presenters will be notified in late June as to whether their presentation/workshop has been selected for the conference. Additional information will be provided once a workshop has been confirmed and as we near the date of the conference. We regret that we are unable to offer honoraria to workshop presenters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

2008 Program Committee Co-Chairs

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