

November 2017

Dear Youth Workers/Youth Serving Agencies:

Clark University and the HOPE Coalition are very pleased to announce that it will be holding the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Worker Training Institute (YWTI)** beginning this January!

Quality youth work depends on a committed, well-trained workforce, especially on the front lines with young people. Organizations that are committed to the professional development of direct-service staff have a higher level of staff morale, a higher commitment the organization, and lower turnover rates.

The Youth Worker Training Institute is a 15-week comprehensive and meaningful professional development opportunity for youth workers. Staff will gain knowledge about positive youth development, build skills in program planning and implementation, learn more about the roles and responsibilities of youth workers, and develop a common understanding of the youth development approaches and local resources. Each session includes networking and resource sharing among the group.

There are a limited number of participant slots for this training. Participants will receive a certificate of completion from Clark University.

The training sessions will be held every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 AM starting January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (excluding noted holiday observances). The sessions will be held at the Boys & Girls Club each week. Please identify staff you would like to send to the Institute and use this link to register your staff by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017: [Youth Worker Application](#).

To learn more about Clark University's Youth Work Practice offerings, please follow this link: [Certificate in Youth Work Practice](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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# The HOPE Coalition & Clark University are happy to announce the 2018 Youth Worker Training Institute

## **The Youth Worker Training Institute**

provides instruction and training on how to work with young people in a Positive Youth Development framework. Participants will learn:

- How to build protective factors (e.g. positive discipline, youth culture)
- How to reduce risk factors (e.g. violence, mental health problems, sexual behavior, and substance abuse)
- How to build professional skills in program development and management.

Students in this class will be both community youth workers as well as Clark students. Each week, a different seasoned youth development professional will co-facilitate the session, allowing for a variety of perspectives and excellent networking opportunities.

## **Who should attend?:**

- *Anyone working with youth who wants to develop their skills*

## **What is it?:**

- *15-week comprehensive series of workshops*

## **When is it?:**

- *Mondays from January 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

## **Time:**

- *9:00 AM-11:50 AM*

## **Cost?:**

- *FREE!!!*

**Number of slots are limited! Apply soon!**

**Apply by 11/30/17 with this link: [Youth Worker Application](#)**



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