

RI Youth Workforce Development System



Youth Worker Certificate Training Program BEST Initiative (Building Exemplary Systems for Training Youth Workers)

This 32-hour professional development program offers interactive training with expert instructors and networking opportunities with youth development peers. The BEST certificate allows you to master core competencies critical to the youth work field, and is recognized by many institutions of higher education. BEST is the only region-wide professional skills training and credentialing system for youth workers and supervisors.

Curriculum:

- Positive youth outcomes
- Adolescent developmental stages
- Cultural competence
- Adulthood and stereotypes of youth
- Professional portfolio development

Training sessions will be held at the RI Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 10
Friday, March 26
Wednesday, March 31
Wednesday, April 7

To earn the BEST certificate, you must attend all five sessions.

Availability is limited. Acceptance to the program is based upon the following three factors: 1) an active connection to the RI statewide youth system; 2) the scope of youth services provided by your agency; and 3) the effectiveness of your programming in preparing youth for the contemporary labor market. If you are not selected to participate, your check will be returned promptly.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR RHODE ISLAND SERVICE PROVIDERS:

The Governor's Workforce Board Rhode Island has graciously offered to cover \$450 of each \$500 individual tuition charge for the BEST program.

You pay only \$50!

REGISTRATION

Complete the application form and send with \$50 payment to: RI Dept. of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI 02920, Attn: Tamara Keane.

Checks should be made payable to: Health Resources in Action.

For more information, contact Tamara Keane at (401) 462-8817 or tkeane@dlt.ri.gov.

Application and payment due February 15, 2010.

