

# The Youth@Work 2018 Conference

## *Inspiring Minds, Changing Lives!*

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

January 9 - 11, 2018

*Sponsored by the California Workforce Association*

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

#### CONFERENCE FOCUS

The Youth@Work Conference will address formidable issues facing youth and young adults in preparing for work in today's economy, especially youth who face additional obstacles in connecting to employment that leads to viable economic futures and meaningful careers. Although attendees hail from a variety of youth serving organizations, youth program designers and youth policy makers, all share the common purpose of ***Inspiring Minds and Changing Lives!***

The **Youth@Work 2018 Conference** will provide a series of plenary speakers, panels, workshops and discussion sessions to help meet the challenges that youth providers, regions, local workforce development boards, community colleges, adult education, and other agencies and organizations face in providing effective services to WIOA eligible and other opportunity youth.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

The Conference brings together educators, youth practitioners, program supervisors and managers, workforce development professionals, and youth policy makers involved in youth employment, training and education programs. This includes programs that assist transitioning foster youth, adjudicated youth, youth with disabilities, as well as CTE programs, ROP and adult education programs.

#### PREPARING YOUR WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Proposals may include strategies, approaches, innovations, methods, tools, and insights that help better serve WIOA eligible and other at risk-youth. This may include the expanded use of work based learning, dropout prevention and recovery strategies, summer job and pre-apprenticeship programs, basic skills programs, internships, on-the-job training opportunities, financial literacy, and entrepreneurial skills training.

We strongly encourage the inclusion of youth in presentations where appropriate, as well as sessions designed and led by youth.

Most workshop sessions will be 60 minutes, although one set will be 75 minutes.

## SUGGESTED TOPICS

### **Program Designs**

*Youth Centered Program Designs & Principles; Youth Cultural Competencies; Designs that Capture and Incorporate Youth Perspectives*

### **Recruiting Out-of-School Youth**

*Effective Outreach Strategies; Youth Centers; Communicating with At-Risk and Disconnected Youth*

### **Work Experience in the Context of the New Economy**

*Connecting youth with self-employment and other 1099 and gig economy opportunities*

### **Use of Social Media, Online Learning, Software and Mobile Apps**

*Online Training and Other Online Resources; Using Technology to Engage Youth in CTE; Using Mobile Apps for Job Search, for Career Exploration; for Youth Engagement; for Training, (and any other cool mobile apps relevant to our work)*

### **Work Readiness**

*Best practices in work and job readiness; teaching employers how to supervise youth, unique bridge/ onramp programs*

### **Career Pathways**

*Initiatives that connect education and training programs that enable individuals to secure a job or advance in a demand industry or occupation, and best practices that help construct or point to Pathways.*

### **Earn and Learn Models**

*Internships, Work Experience and OJT Development; Youth Entrepreneurship; Transitions from College to Careers*

### **Serving Youth with Disabilities**

*Outreach to Youth with Disabilities; Integrated Employment and Accommodations in the Work Place; Person Centered Planning*

### **Justice Involved Youth**

*Approaches, Guides, Manuals and Tips for serving Justice Involved Youth; What Youth Need After Incarceration*

### **Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Programs and Partnership Models**

*High School Bridge Program; Multi-Craft Partnerships; Youth Pre-Apprenticeship Programs; and Professional and Community Partnerships*

### **Sector Approaches, Employer Engagement and Business Led Youth Initiatives**

*Garnering Employer Participation; Partnerships with business (e.g. Starbucks); business engagement strategies*

**Youth Assessment,**

*Evaluations of Youth Program Effectiveness, ROI and Other Positive Program Outcomes*

**Transitioning Foster Youth**

*Best Practices in Helping Foster Youth Transition into Employment*

**Fiscal Management & Administration**

*Fiscal Management; Youth Procurement*

DEADLINE: **Wednesday, Nov 1, 2017**

Proposers are encouraged to submit prior to the deadline.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE: **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

Applicants will be notified on or about this date.

CONFERENCE HOTEL

**Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel**

1230 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 447-1700

Rates: **\$179/** single or double

Hotel Reservations:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1709264686&key=2E108F3>

or call 1-800-325-3535 & mention the CWA Youth@Work Conference.

*Presenters are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. We strongly advise you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, since we expect the hotel block to sell out.*

**REGISTERING AS A WORKSHOP PRESENTER**

**All workshop presenters must register for the Conference!**

*While we greatly appreciate the contribution of our presenters, CWA cannot financially underwrite presenters' participation. Please cooperate by abiding by presenter registration policies.*

**FULL CONFERENCE PRESENTER RATE \$470**

Includes three-day access to all Conference sessions and meals. ☺ ☺ ☺

**ONE DAY PRESENTER RATE \$350**

I am attending other Conference sessions and functions but only on the day of my presentation. ☺☺

**ONLY PRESENTING MY WORKSHOP No Charge**

I am coming only to present my session. I will not be participating in any other Conference sessions or function. ☹

**YOUTH RATE (must be participating in a WIOA youth program) \$365**

#### ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE

We anticipate that well over 500 individuals will attend the Conference along with approximately 50 youth participants.

#### CONFERENCE INFO

To register for the Conference, to make hotel reservations, to find out about sponsoring or exhibiting, or for additional Conference information, go to: <http://calworkforce.org/youth-conference/>

#### PROPOSAL OR PROGRAM QUESTIONS

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#### REGISTRATION ISSUES

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#### SPONSOR OR EXHIBIT INQUIRIES

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## SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Email the proposal as a Word document to John Baker, CWA Conference Curator at: [corefactors@gmail.com](mailto:corefactors@gmail.com) **Please use the workshop title as the subject line.**

### Proposal Guidelines

Compose a Word document with simple formatting in Century Gothic 12 point font. Please do not bold, italicize, underline or otherwise attempt to embellish the document.

The Proposal should contain the following:

**Suggested Title** for your Working Session (workshop)

**Presenter(s) Names**, with titles and organizational affiliations. If presenters are not yet confirmed, please indicate TBD (to be determined).

**Description** as you would like it to appear in the Conference Program (a few clear concise paragraphs, 75 words or less)

Any additional information you would like us to know in considering your proposal.

**Presenter Contact Info** (for each presenter)

Name

Email

Phone (cell or office)

### **AV REQUIREMENTS**

All rooms will have a LCD Projector & Screen.

Speakers to play a video ( )

Internet ( )

Flip Chart ( )

*No additional AV needs* ( )

( ) **Yes**, I understand that I must register as a presenter per the instructions above. If you are coming just to present and leaving, you will still need to register but you will not need to pay a fee.