

Invitation to Participate in the Virtual Resource Fair for the 2020 Youth & Peace Conference

Planning is underway for the 9th Annual Youth & Peace Conference, which is scheduled to take place on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. Due to COVID-19 safety issues, all aspects of the 2020 conference are happening virtually this year, including the resource fair, workshops, dialogue circles and the opening and closing ceremonies!

The 2020 Youth & Peace Conference (YPC) has benefited by grant funding from the Office of Violence Against Women and therefore, is focused on gender-based violence issues. The 2020 YPC Youth Leadership Team selected a title for the conference: *“Cultivating Safer Communities by Centering Women of Color”*, to express their interest in uplifting the voices of marginalized women, including Black/African American, Latinx, Indigenous, and Trans women, emphasizing how, if these communities are safe, our community as a whole is safer for everyone.

We are reaching out to invite community organizations that serve youth and young adults to participate in this year’s virtual Resource Fair, which will take place on the YPC Facebook page (Facebook.com/youthandpeace), as well as on a new Instagram account being set up by the Youth Team. By holding this year’s virtual Resource Fair on YPC’s Facebook page, we plan to highlight and introduce community organizations serving youth to a larger audience than will actually participate in the conference itself.

We are requesting community organizations to provide a video or ad explaining your programs and services for youth. These videos and ads will be posted on the YPC Facebook page beginning on Monday, Sept. 21 (which is International Day of Peace) and continuing during the week leading up to the virtual conference on September 25, 2020 (and will remain posted on the YPC Facebook page).

Instructions for submitting a video or ad: Create a short video explaining who your organization is and what services you provide for youth and young adults. We suggest that the videos be approximately one minute in length. And if you have multiple services or programs that need to be highlighted, you might consider providing a separate video for each program. Ads need to be provided in jpg or png format.

The videos and/or ads should be emailed to Gabrielle Hernandez at the Center for Community Dialogue & Training: gghernandez@ourfamilyservices.org. **The deadline for sending your video or ad is September 15.** Once we have received all the videos and ads, we will create a schedule for posting them on the YPC Facebook page (and hopefully also on a new Instagram account) and will email that schedule to all participating organizations.

Additional Request for “Give Away” Items: As you know from participating in actual “in person” resource fairs, exhibitors typically have a variety of “give away” or promotional items that are available for participants to take with them, items such as pens, erasures, wristbands, nail files, &/or handouts that contain information about the organization. We are inviting exhibitors for the 2020 virtual Youth & Peace Conference to provide 250 copies of one or more promotional items that we can include in packets that will be assembled and delivered to participating high schools (or youth serving

organizations) for each youth registered for the conference. When you indicate that you want to participate in this part of the Resource Fair and provide 250 copies of one or more promotional items, we will email you information about when and where you can drop off those items (or make arrangements to collect the items from you).

If you have any questions about the 2020 Youth & Peace Conference, please contact YPC Coordinator Ann Yellott (520-991-6781 – text ok; azyellott@gmail.com) or check out the YPC website (www.youthandpeace.org).

For questions about participating in the virtual 2020 YPC Resource Fair, please contact Rebecca Cotton at the Center for Community Dialogue & Training (rcotton@ourfamilyservices.org). We hope you will be excited about this unique opportunity to share information about your organization and services with youth and youth-servicing adults.

To register to participate in the 2020 YPC Resource Fair, please send an email ASAP with the following information to Rebecca Cotton at the Center for Community Dialogue & Training (rcotton@ourfamilyservices.org).

- 1. Name of Your Organization or Group;**
- 2. Your Name**
- 3. Your Contact Information (phone & email address)**
- 4. Whether you will be submitting a video or ad;**
- 5. Whether you want to provide promotional item(s) to be included in packets to be delivered for each participating youth and if so, what are those items.**

Thank you for your attention to this information and hopefully for your participation in the 2020 YPC virtual Resource Fair.

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