



4th annual Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference

Tuesday May 22, 2012

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS!

The Dare to Dream conference planning committee invites youth, young adults and adults who work with youth to submit proposals for interactive workshops to be held at the 4th annual dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference. This conference will take place May 22, 2012 at URI, Kingston.

The conference brings together middle and high school age students with a variety of experiences and their adult or young adult advisors. Students will gain skills, information and make connections to help create positive change in their own lives and the lives of their peers. Presenters can expect the audience to include:

- Students who receive accommodations in school (IEP, 504, IHP, etc.)
 - Students with disabilities
 - Students with special healthcare needs
 - Students interested in learning more about youth resources
 - Students who have or are experiencing a mental health challenge
 - Students who have experience with the juvenile justice system
 - Students who have experience with the child welfare system (foster care, adoption)
 - Students who want to be more engaged in their school and community
 - Students having difficulties with school attendance
 - Students from diverse cultural backgrounds
 - Students who will receive supports and services as they transition to adulthood
 - Students with an interest in helping their peers (peer mediators, peer leaders)
- And much more!

[Click HERE for Workshop Proposal Application](#)

- All presentations must be either 30 minutes or 45 minutes
- All presentations should follow the Tips for Effective Presentation Guidelines

Workshops and presentations will be offered in five (5) categories. All proposals should be designed to fit in one (or more) of the following categories:

- **Create Change:**
Advocacy and leadership skill development (school culture, civics, disability/difference awareness, leadership styles, social justice, issues, ideas, social media, etc.)
- **Be Healthy:**
Health topics (relationships, physical activity, social/emotional health, disease prevention, anti-tobacco/drugs/alcohol, etc.)
- **Work Together:**
Building and maintaining a youth group or club (recruitment, team-building, conflict resolution, meeting skills, creating community, learning styles, communication skills etc.)
- **Life Skills:**
Successful post school outcomes (self-advocacy, employment, education, rights and responsibilities, money/budgeting, transportation, healthcare, insurance, disability services, accommodations, etc.)
- **Asset Building:**
Internal assets: (self-esteem, sense of purpose, cultural competence, planning/goal setting, empathy/friendship skills, restraint etc.)
External assets: (role models, finding support, service to community, school involvement, creative activities, belonging, etc.)

"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded to the individual."

-Albert Einstein



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Presentation Guidelines: Tips for Effective Presentations

- 🔑 Make it fun!
- 🔑 Request workshop development support
- 🔑 Youth and young adult led. Adult advisors may provide technical and logistical assistance during workshop presentation
- 🔑 Break up the presentation with activities appealing to different learning styles
- 🔑 Engage the participants; make it interactive
- 🔑 Avoid lectures
- 🔑 Write a catchy, creative presentation title and workshop description
- 🔑 Provide helpful materials, but don't overload participants
- 🔑 Time your presentation well, run through it in advance
- 🔑 Save at least 5 minutes at the end of the presentation for questions and answers

Workshop Formats/Presentation Styles:

Ideas for engaging presentations (panel discussion, theatrical show, role play, demonstration, hands-on activity, video or other multi-media production, town hall, etc.)

Workshop Presentation Development Support:

Contact Steve Kidd at Gamm Theatre (steve@gammtheatre.org or 401-723-4266)

Workshop Technical Requirements:

Very Important! Ensure that you adhere to predetermined length of presentation; effective public speaking voice projection or use of microphone.

December 1, 2011 Deadline for Presentation Proposals:

Very important! In order to have conference materials available for distribution by April 2, 2011 and allow time to provide presenters with technical assistance and workshop development opportunities, **please submit your proposal before December 1, 2011.**

Disability, in and of itself, is a neutral fact-not a tragedy. Prejudice, not autism, is the tragedy. It doesn't matter how impaired a person is; autism doesn't stop them from being a part of their family, a part of their community, a human being of infinite value.

-Lisa Daxer, a young woman with autism writes about a barrier she has come across.



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How to get involved...

Primary Contact Person

Designate a primary contact person who will be responsible for all workshop presentation correspondence and logistical arrangements:

- **Download** the [Presentation Details](#) and [Contact Information](#) forms and fill in all the information
- **Email, mail or fax** the forms to: Deb Golding:
Email: deb.golding@health.ri.gov
Phone: 401-222-5954
Address: RI Department of Health, 3 Capital Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908
Fax: 401-222-1442 (*please contact to alert fax submission via phone or email*)
- Keep a copy of your proposal for your planning purposes.

Workshop Development Support

- Consider Contacting Steve Kidd for workshop development support (steve@gammtheatre.org or 401-723-4266)

Proposal Confirmation

- You will receive an email confirming that we received your proposal. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Deb Golding
- We will be back in touch before the winter break to confirm whether your proposal has been accepted and to confirm workshop technical assistance and accommodations. Please save the date of the event, until then.

Presenter Registration

- Presenter groups will be automatically registered for the conference. This conference is free for presenters and attendees. A morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack will be provided and there is also a cafeteria and food court at the venue where you may purchase food.
- We encourage all presenter groups to join your peers by attending their workshops and presentations and share in the conference experience by attending the morning and afternoon keynote sessions.

Conference Contact Information

- Deb Golding 401-222-5954 or deb.golding@health.ri.gov
- Link to Workshop Proposal Fill-in Application:
<http://www.ripin.org/docs/D2DWorkshopProposalApplication.doc>

"What we have to give is much more important than what we hope to gain."

-Jeremie Kubicek



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Workshop Presentation Details

Workshop Title (*think youth- friendly!*):

(Please describe your workshop or presentation in 2-5 sentences. If your presentation is accepted, this description will be used as the basis for the "blurb" used in the program and workshop selection process. So please be clear and engaging and again, think youth-friendly!)

Workshop Description:

Please check one or more of the topic categories relating to your workshop:

- Create Change Be Healthy Work Together
 Life-skills Asset Building

What skills, information, and insights do you hope participants will gain from your workshop? *(Please describe in brief)*

Please describe your workshop format/presentation style you will use in this workshop: *(refer to presentation guidelines)*

Are you willing to present more than once? Y N

Presentation Length: 30 minutes 45 minutes

Please list maximum number of participants for your workshop. *(We will do our best to provide you with adequate space)*

Standard workshop room set-up is classroom style. *(Please describe any additional accessibility or set-up needs, not including technology, and please be specific.)*

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Flipchart & Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TV/DVD player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Projector Screen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LCD Projector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speakers for Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Podium	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portable PA Amp & Mic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overhead Projector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>(please describe)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note!

- If your presentation is on a **CD** or **Flash Drive** and is in Microsoft POWERPOINT, WORD, or other MICROSOFT OFFICE application, your document must be in **OFFICE 2003, XP, 2000 or 97 COMPATIBLE**.
- Although we can support DVD-Rs and DVD-RWs, we recommend that you use **CD-R's** to assure compatibility.
- If your presentation is in **OFFICE 2007 or 2010**, YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN LAPTOP to assure that the presentation will run correctly.
- If you are running **multi-media** such as **audio** or a **video**, (**even from the Internet**) we need a copy in **advance** to be sure we have the correct software and drivers loaded on the laptop you will be using.
- If your presentation is on a **Macintosh** YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN LAPTOP.

Completed Applications should be sent to:

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