

Uplifting Youth Adult Partnerships for Health Justice

March 1, 2, and 3, 2022

2:00 – 4:30 pm (Mountain Time Zone) via Zoom

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This virtual summit is hosted by the Region 8 Federal Interagency Adolescent and Young Adult Workgroup and is designed to help professionals working with adolescents and young adults in Region 8 states and Tribes (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming) understand the importance of authentic youth engagement in all aspects of work. Participants will learn tools and skills development from young adult leaders on ways to partner authentically. (Closed Captioning and Spanish interpretation will be available.)

Day 1 (March 1)

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| 2:00-2:10 | Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Setting the Stage |
| 2:10-3:00 | The Importance of Connectedness: Learn from a panel of youth from Region 8 states on the importance of social connectedness at the individual level. The moderated discussion will include several topics, such as relationships with peers and adults, social media, and the impact of COVID. |
| 3:00-3:10 | Stretch Break |
| 3:10-4:15 | Roadmap to Youth Adult Partnerships: This session will highlight positive youth development and social justice youth development frameworks for engaging and empowering young people to make a positive impact in their communities. This session will model authentic youth adult partnerships and provide tips, tools, and inspiration for how to implement this work. Hear from young people and adults in this engaging session! |
| 4:15-4:30 | Day's closing |

Day 2 (March 2)

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| 2:00-2:10 | Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Setting the Stage |
| 2:10-2:40 | Creating the Space for Authentic LGBTQ+ Engagement: A diverse group of LGBTQ+ youth and young adults from across Region 8 will share how adults can incorporate respectful and inclusive practices into their work with youth in public health and healthcare settings. A facilitated discussion will follow, with LGBTQ+ youth available to answer questions from the audience. |
| 2:40-3:50 | Implementing Comprehensive Reproductive Health Services for Youth: Puberty, pregnancy and HIV/STIs, continue to be health disparities and challenges among youth. This session will provide resources for providers and youth leaders to help with advocacy and implementation of comprehensive youth reproductive health services. (Stretch break included) |

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3:50-4:10 Behind the Scenes: An overview and discussion of the planning for this Summit which was designed to model an uplifted youth adult partnership.

4:10-4:30 Day's closing

Day 3 (March 3)

2:00-2:10 Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Setting the Stage

2:10-3:05 Environmental Justice - This session will highlight the intersectionalities of environmental justice. Participants will understand the importance and severity of the climate crisis today, while also being inspired and empowered to take action and cultivate collective hope. This session will include an environmental justice capstone film, interactive activities inspired by the Work That Reconnects, and time for both restoration as well as envisioning our future.

3:05-3:15 Stretch break

3:15-3:40 Going Forward: Don't Forget To Be A Human: Two program managers, who have a combined 10 years of experience as the "youth" in youth-adult partnerships and several more years on the "adult" side, will have an informal chat on the human element of youth engagement. We'll cover what youth-adult partnerships look like in practice, the importance of holistic relationships, and the responsibility adults have to support the young people they work with, in *and* out of the office.

3:40-4:00 Wyoming YAYA Photovoice Project – A powerful example of using tools like Photovoice to learn from youth about the issues that matter to them - not just in the present, but for the future.

4:00-4:30 Summit closing

*For more information or questions regarding this summit,
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