Call for Family & Youth Representatives

Rural Behavioral Health Symposium
Practical Strategies to Address the Behavioral Health Needs of Children and Families in Rural America

September 21-23, 2010
Glendale, Arizona
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Are you interested in strengthening services for children, youth, and families?
If so, you are invited to submit a scholarship application to attend the Rural Behavioral Health Symposium: Practical Strategies to Address the Behavioral Health Needs of Children and Families in Rural America. Workshops will feature practical strategies and innovative practices in rural communities, including youth development, family-driven services and supports, collaborations/partnerships, and youth engagement and youth led initiatives.

Scholarships Available!
Scholarships will be awarded to a limited number of Family & Youth Representatives, and include: $120.00 ($40.00 per day to help cover meal costs) plus the $295.00 Symposium Registration Fee. Total Amount of each Scholarship: $415.00

Representatives who may apply for scholarships include:
- Family Leaders/Representatives
- Youth Leaders/Representatives
- Caregivers/Foster Parents/Kinship Care
- Family and/or Youth Support/Other

Scholarships will be awarded to parents, youth, relatives, caregivers, supports, and those who are currently receiving behavioral healthcare services. No scholarships will be awarded to Behavioral Healthcare providers or paraprofessionals.

Purpose of the Rural Behavioral Health Symposium
This Symposium will focus on practical strategies that build upon the innovations and strengths of rural communities and address the behavioral health needs of their children and families. The purpose is to disseminate information on how to create and sustain services and supports for children and their families in rural America. Partnerships at the Federal, state and community levels are a key to sustainability, particularly during these challenging economic times. Innovative partnerships can help reduce the impact of behavioral health problems and promote a good quality of life for the entire community, including those with behavioral health challenges.

Workshop Themes:
- Successes at overcoming challenges
- Technology innovations (including telehealth/telemedicine)
- Service provision innovations (including accessing services)
- Sustainability
- Cultural and linguistic competence
- Collaboration/partnerships (including: child welfare, early childhood, education, agriculture, youth development, recreation, workforce initiatives, transportation, juvenile justice, governmental, business, foundations, faith based, and other community based organizations.)
- Funding and financing strategies
- Workforce
- Public Health approaches-including promotion, prevention and resiliency strategies
- Youth development
• Suicide Prevention
• Evidence-based and promising practices
• Family driven services and supports
• Youth engagement and youth led initiatives
• Social marketing (including education and outreach)

HOW TO SUBMIT A SCHOLARSHIP:

Please note that only online applications will be considered
For questions or assistance, email: jtomasko@wiche.edu

Scholarship Review Process:
A panel of family and youth experts will review applications and make awards based upon the following:
• First come/first served along with the following considerations:
  o Need
  o Representation of the diversity of rural communities
  o Diversity of family and youth cultural backgrounds and experiences
  o Other compelling considerations

To Apply for a Scholarship, Please Submit the Following Information:

Name ____________________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________ State _____________ ZIP ___________________

Work telephone (_____) ___________________ Alternate telephone (_____) __________________________

E-mail ____________________________________ Fax____________________________________________

Check if applicable:

_____ Family Leader/Representative

_____ Youth Leader/Representative

_____ Caregiver/Foster Parent/Kinship Care

_____ Family and/or Youth Support/Other (please specify):_______________________________________

Please tell us why you would like to attend the Rural Behavioral Health Symposium: