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Fourth Annual PARTNERS for Youth Conference Taking Place Friday, Feb 14

February 13, 2014 (Minneapolis) - On Friday, February 14, the fourth Annual PARTNERS for Youth Conference will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges will kick-off the conference with a welcome at 9:00 a.m.

This year's conference has four themes including: "Strengthening the Field of Youth Work," "Reframing Youth Violence Prevention," "Equity & Cultural Competency," and "Youth Worker Resources and Self Care." Over 375 professionals who work with youth, youth, and presenters are expected to attend.

"We are excited for the opportunity to gather and support our talented community of youth serving professionals," said Deb Bahr-Helgen, City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Manager. "And by Mayor Hodges claiming Friday, February 14 as Youth Worker Appreciation Day, it will now serve as a reminder to all of us of the great work done in our community to serve our youth."

Morning conference plenaries will cover the state of the field of youth work and rollout the Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence. The afternoon will feature 16 workshops with topics that cover Culturally Responsive Youth Work, Youth Worker Resources, Historical Trauma in the African American and American Indian Communities, Supporting Youth of Color, Hennepin County Juvenile Justice Initiatives, Supporting Girls, Grant Writing, Youth Leadership, and more. A full list of workshops and presenters is available [online](#).

The Fourth Annual PARTNERS for Youth Conference is sponsored by Minneapolis Employment and Training, Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

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