

# Professional Development & Training Opportunities

Colorado Youth Awareness Week (September 8-12)

Date:	Professional Development Opportunities:
<p><b>Thursday September 3</b></p>	<p><b>Statewide Town Hall (3:00-4:00)</b> (Zyshaun Jackson - Youth Voice Facilitator)  <b>Youth Mental Health</b> (Chris Meyer - COACT Project Director)  <b>Click here to join</b> (Marc Fortney - Program Manager-Community Resources &amp; Federal Programs).                      ( pre-registration NOT required)                      For more information on Youth Mental Health contact: <a href="mailto:Christine.Meyer@state.co.us">Christine.Meyer@state.co.us</a></p>
<p><b>Tuesday September 8</b>                      “Kickoff”  <b>Wear Purple</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to Positive Youth Development Training</b> (Pearl Bell)                      CWTS (3:00-4:00) Pre-register: <a href="http://ColoradoCWTS.com">ColoradoCWTS.com</a> OR <a href="#">Click here</a>  <b>Purple</b> - Youth Awareness Week's color should be purple because the color represents: independence, creativity, pride, peace, and ambition. We believe this reflects the lives of children." -project Foster Power members.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday September 9</b>                      “Youth Civic Engagement”</p>	<p><b>Chafee   NYTD Training</b> (Derek Blake &amp; Ricardo Matthias)                      CWTS (2:00-3:30)                      Pre-register: <a href="http://ColoradoCWTS.com">ColoradoCWTS.com</a> OR</p>

<p><b>Other Opportunities: (Professional)</b></p>	<p><b>1. Thursday, August 27 (11:am-12:pm): <a href="#">Supporting Older Youth in Education</a></b> (select <a href="#">here</a> to join)                      This webinar will be a one-hour session focused entirely on the unique support that we need to offer to older youth in education in order to support them in graduating. We will provide tips for increased communication between caseworkers and school professionals, provide an overview of the multiple paths to graduation, and discuss special provisions to support graduation for students in foster care.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This training will be recorded and available to view (at a later date) at: <a href="http://ColoradoCWTS.com">ColoradoCWTS.com</a></b></li> </ul> <b>2. Mental Health First Aid: September 8-10</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More info <a href="http://www.mhfac">www.mhfac</a> - To be considered for the instructor training, contact Paige Warren at <a href="mailto:pwarren@mhfac.org">pwarren@mhfac.org</a></li> </ul>                     Mental Health First Aid Colorado has received funding to expand the reach of Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) throughout Colorado. They are offering free, virtual YMHFA Instructor training for anyone interested in delivering this training in schools.</p>
<p><b>Resources:</b></p>	<p>Youth Specific Resources: <a href="https://coloradocwts.com/resources-for-caseworkers/youth-specific-resources">https://coloradocwts.com/resources-for-caseworkers/youth-specific-resources</a> OR <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
<p><b>Why it Matters:</b></p>	<p>Video - <a href="https://co4kids.org/community/video-why-partnership-matters-when-youre-working-young-people">https://co4kids.org/community/video-why-partnership-matters-when-youre-working-young-people</a> OR <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
<p><b>Coming Soon...</b></p>	<p><b>Keep an open eye for a new course being offered by the Colorado Child Welfare Training System (CWTS):</b> <a href="http://ColoradoCWTS.com">ColoradoCWTS.com</a>                      “A Future of Their Own: Essentials for Engaging Youth”</p>
<p><b>Other Learning:</b></p>	<p>Please check out other learning opportunities at: <a href="http://ColoradoCWTS.com">ColoradoCWTS.com</a> OR <a href="#">Click here</a></p>