# Professional Development & Training Opportunities
## Colorado Youth Awareness Week (September 8-12)

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<td><strong>Thursday</strong> September 3</td>
<td><strong>Statewide Town Hall (3:00-4:00)</strong> &lt;br&gt; <strong>Youth Mental Health</strong> &lt;br&gt; [Click here to join] (pre-registration NOT required) &lt;br&gt; (Zyshaun Jackson - Youth Voice Facilitator) (Chris Meyer - COACT Project Director) (Marc Fortney - Program Manager-Community Resources &amp; Federal Programs). For more information on Youth Mental Health contact: <a href="mailto:Christine.Meyer@state.co.us">Christine.Meyer@state.co.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong> September 8</td>
<td><strong>Introduction to Positive Youth Development Training</strong> (Pearl Bell) &lt;br&gt; <strong>CWTS (3:00-4:00)</strong> Pre-register: ColoradoCWTS.com OR [Click here] &lt;br&gt; Purple - 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.</td>
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### Other Opportunities:

1. **Thursday, August 27 (11:am-12:pm): Supporting Older Youth in Education** (select [here](https://coloradocwts.com/resources-for-caseworkers/youth-specific-resources) 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.  
   - This training will be recorded and available to view (at a later date) at: ColoradoCWTS.com  
2. **Mental Health First Aid: September 8-10**  
   - More info [www.mhfac](https://www.mhfac) - To be considered for the instructor training, contact Paige Warren at pwarren@mhfaco.org  
   Mental Health First Aid Colorado has received funding to expand the reach of Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA) throughout Colorado. They are offering free, virtual YMHA Instructor training for anyone interested in delivering this training in schools.

### Resources:

- **Youth Specific Resources**: [https://coloradocwts.com/resources-for-caseworkers/youth-specific-resources](https://coloradocwts.com/resources-for-caseworkers/youth-specific-resources) OR [Click here](https://coloradocwts.com)

### Why it Matters:

- **Video**: [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) OR [Click here](https://co4kids.org)

### Coming Soon...

- **Keep an open eye for a new course being offered by the Colorado Child Welfare Training System (CWTS)**: ColoradoCWTS.com  
  "A Future of Their Own: Essentials for Engaging Youth"

### Other Learning:

- Please check out other learning opportunities at: ColoradoCWTS.com OR [Click here](https://coloradocwts.com)