



# Community Planning and Economic Development

## News Release

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## City of Minneapolis Provides Forum for 350 Youth Service Providers to Exchange Ideas at Fifth Annual Minneapolis PARTNERS With Youth Conference

**February 12, 2015 (Minneapolis)** - On Friday, February 13, over 350 youth serving professionals, community leaders, youth, and presenters will gather for the Fifth Annual Minneapolis PARTNERS With Youth Conference. The PARTNERS With Youth Conference is a day-long event where youth serving professionals come together to network, share policy updates, and receive training. This year's conference is being held at the Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center (2924 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Minneapolis) from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The event will kick-off with a welcome provided by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges at 9am followed by a keynote address by Minneapolis Afterschool Network, Afterschool Project Director Fatima Muhammad.

"Ensuring that the youth in our communities have safe and enriching experiences is key to their growth and development," said Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges. "This is an integral part of my goals to grow the City and ensure all young people have unlimited opportunities for success and happiness. I am grateful that we have the Minneapolis PARTNERS With Youth Conference to pull together the best and brightest in the field of youth development to further our commitment to our young people."

Over 23 workshops will be offered at this year's conference including:

"Empowering Youth as Community Change-makers" presented by D'Ana Tijerina, Minneapolis Department of Health, Public Health Specialist and Johnell Hallman, Safety Committee Coordinator, Minneapolis Youth Congress,

"Create a Group Culture that Builds Strong, Confident Resilient Youth" presented by Tyler Fish, Associate Program Direct of Staffing, Voyageur Outward Bound and North Pole Explorer,

"Social and Emotional Learning: Applying the 'Ways of Being' Model" presented by Kate Walker, Associate Professor and Specialist in Youth Work Practice, U of M Extension Center for Youth Development, Brandi Olson, Impact Mapping + Measurement Consultant, Brandi Olson Consulting, and Margo Herman, Assistant Professor and Extension Educator, U of M Extension Center for Youth Development, and

“Understanding Brain Science and Early Trauma to Build Healthy, Resilient Youth” presented by Chalonne Wilson, Community Leadership Program Associate, Wilder Foundation and Renee Anderson, Director of Education & Training, Minnesota Alliance With Youth.

The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board will also be introducing a new online citywide resource for families, young people, and youth workers during the conference. The “What’s Up 612!” program finder platform provides information on quality afterschool activities for ages 5-21. The online resource was developed in collaboration with Youthprise.

“As the Chair of the Youth Cabinet and a strong supporter of youth and families in Minneapolis, my vision is that the City of Minneapolis will be a national model where all youth can flourish, reach their full potential, and become long term, contributing residents,” said Council Member John Quincy.

The Fifth Annual Minneapolis PARTNERS With Youth Conference is sponsored by City of Minneapolis Employment and Training, City of Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, National Forum for Youth Violence Prevention, and Youthprise.

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