Child and Youth Care: Foundations Course

The Child and Youth Care: Foundations course, developed by the Academy for Competent Youth Work and sponsored by the Child and Youth Care (CYC) professional community is a 40-hour competency based training leading to National CYC Certification by the CYC Certification Institute and CYC Certification Board. National Safe Place Network (NSPN) is partnering with the Academy for Competent Youth Work to offer the training through eight, five-hour modules over six days.

The youth services field is currently transitioning from its early "problem-centered" focus into practices that recognize the importance of:

1) strengths-based care
2) asset identification and development
3) trauma informed practices
4) recognition of the importance of brain-based interventions
5) the impact of culture and human diversity
6) relational approaches that offer genuine connections and caring supports

This infers a workforce of CYC workers who are versed in these concepts and who have the wide skills to offer this type of care. The Child and Youth Care: Foundations course and CYC certification recognize these trends and promote their use in the field.

Become a certified youth care worker! Sign up for our next session today at nspnetwork.org or contact NSPN at 502.635.3660 for more information.

Child and Youth Care: Foundations course cost:

Base Fee*: _____ $600
NSPN Base Member: _____ $450 (25% Discount)
NSPN Professional Development Member: _____ $300 (50% Discount)
Current RHY Grantee (Funded Staff): _____ Free

*Fee includes cost of course and workbook. Does not include additional fee for certification testing at the end of the course.

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Child and Youth Care Certification

In addition to the Foundations course, participants will have the opportunity to complete the certification test at the conclusion of the course and apply for CYC Certification at one of three different levels: Entry, Associate, and Professional.

Entry Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: are engaged in basic training in child care and youth work; are focused on learning fundamental practice skills; work under the supervision of others with more advanced credentials; have minimum of one year working with children, youth and families.

Testing as part of Child and Youth Care: Foundations course: _____ $50

Application processing fee: _____ $50

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ $35

Associate Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: completed basic training in child care and youth work; mastered fundamental concepts and are working on deeper knowledge and expanding skills; provide supervision to less experienced practitioners and receive supervision from others; have a minimum of three years experience.

Testing as part of Child and Youth Care: Foundations course: _____ $75

Application processing fee: _____ $100

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ $35

Professional Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: demonstrate the full range of knowledge and skills needed for competent practice; graduate from baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree program; provide supervision; have a minimum of five years of experience.

Testing as part of Child and Youth Care: Foundations course: _____ $135

Application processing fee: _____ $150

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ $50

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