

# THE NSPN Insider

THE NATIONAL SAFE PLACE NETWORK NEWSLETTER

## PARTNERSHIPS HELP ADVANCE NSPN'S MISSION



*From left to right: UPS' Zola Marshall and Rhonda Whitted present NSPN's Laurie Jackson with grant funds.*

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National Safe Place Network (NSPN) relies on collaborations with individuals, communities, organizations, and companies who believe in its mission to ensure an effective system of response for youth in crisis. The year, NSPN formed two significant partnerships with The UPS Foundation and the NBCC Foundation to help advance the Safe Place® and membership programs.

The UPS Foundation awarded NSPN with a \$22,200 grant to implement a Family Focus Awareness Program that will help the organization create more resilient communities by strengthening families and ensure the well-being of youth. The program will involve input from UPS volunteers on the most effective and preferred methods of communicating information about Safe Place. NSPN will utilize their input to develop a full spectrum of tools and resources to effectively educate youth and adults about Safe Place. NSPN is excited to replicate the Family Focus Awareness Program within more than 1,400 Safe Place communities nationwide.



In addition to its partnership with The UPS Foundation, NSPN has teamed up with the NBCC Foundation to offer NSPN members the chance to apply for the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship Program for Addiction Counseling

(MFP-AC). Twenty fellowships of up to \$11,000 are available for individuals enrolled in a master's-level addictions program in social work, marriage and family therapy, psychology, or nursing. NSPN member applicants will receive: priority access to the program application, tips for successfully completing the application, preferred consideration for the Fellowship, and an individual NSPN membership.

To learn more about the NBCC MPF-AC and apply, please visit:  
<http://www.nspnetwork.org/nbcc-foundation-partnership>

# LAURIE'S CORNER



"Playmaker" is a word that has stuck with me recently. It was introduced to me at a workshop I attended over the summer by an executive coach. He shared the word along with the lesson to take action and be the playmaker, regardless of the situation or circumstance. As a former professional football player, the presenter made many comparisons to the different positions on a football team and within an agency – all of them being important, all of them holding the ability to be a playmaker. I share this lesson now as I consider all the work and investment involved in providing safety nets for youth in crisis and services for the families involved. It takes many positions and many individuals to begin to meet these needs and conquer this challenge. Every individual involved in this work is a playmaker, whether the person is a CEO, a frontline youth worker or advocate, a volunteer, a donor, or a youth or family member. Each possesses the ability to make a difference and to advocate for positive change. As the season and the year changes, I challenge each of you to harness your inner playmaker and use your skills and power to continue to build a positive environment for all, especially our youth and families.

While we're on the topic of playmakers, NSPN recently formed significant partnerships with individuals, corporations, and organizations who desire to help grow NSPN's programs and services. You can read about these playmakers in this edition of the NSPNsider newsletter. Partnerships are truly the heart of NSPN's mission to build an effective system of response for youth in crisis. We strive to collaborate with local, state and national partners to advance the safety net for youth in communities across the country. When we speak our "Together, we can!" motto, we mean it!

The past year has been incredible and we look forward to 2017, a new year in which we will continue to expand our services to assist the Network and ultimately, youth and families. During this holiday season and always, we extend our most sincere appreciation for your commitment to NSPN and, most importantly, for being a "playmaker" for youth. We are grateful to be connected with you!

Happy holidays,

*Laurie Jackson*

## play mak er /'plā, mākər/

### **noun**

noun: playmaker, plural noun: playmakers

1. a player in a team game who leads attacks or brings other players on the same side into a position from which they could score.
2. every individual involved in this work:  
"CEO, a frontline youth worker or advocate, a volunteer, a donor, or a youth or family member."  
*synonyms:* advocate, change-maker, ... more

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# NSPN HONORS



## The UPS Foundation

The UPS Foundation contributed \$22,200 to NSPN to implement a Family Focus Awareness Program that will help create more resilient communities by strengthening families and ensuring the well-being of youth in crisis. The program will be created with input from UPS volunteers on the most effective and preferred methods of communicating information about Safe Place and TXT 4 HELP. NSPN is honored to be selected as the recipient of this generous grant from The UPS Foundation.



## QuikTrip Corporation

QuikTrip Corporation recently supported NSPN with a contribution of \$100,000. QuikTrip, a convenience and gasoline retailer, is a longtime supporter and valuable partner in NSPN's mission to ensure an effective system of response for youth in crisis. NSPN is grateful for their ongoing commitment and support.



## Chief Joel G. Baker

NSPN is pleased to announce Chief Joel G. Baker as a member of the Board of Directors. Chief Baker leads the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, an organization with which he has been involved since 1988. Prior to his appointment as Fire Chief in 2015, Chief Baker served as the Deputy Fire Chief of Atlanta Administration at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport where he was responsible for providing unparalleled fire protection, EMS, and other emergency services to the airport community. NSPN and the Board of Directors are excited to welcome Chief Baker and look forward to his insight, direction, and leadership.



## J. Barry Barker

NSPN is proud to recognize the contributions of J. Barry Barker, Executive Director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), who recently completed his term of service on the Board of Directors. Barry joined the Board of Directors in 2007 and has been instrumental in Safe Place program growth within the public transportation industry. His leadership and support helped garner more than 65 transit companies as partners in the Safe Place effort. NSPN salutes Barry for his devotion to strengthening communities, youth, and families.



*Adam Jonas*



*Jim Pearce*

## Adam Jonas and Jim Pearce

Adam Jonas and Jim Pearce are two dedicated professionals who recently completed their terms of service on the NSPN Board of Directors. NSPN and the Board of Directors are grateful for their collective wisdom and guidance to advance the organization's mission.



## Sue Barton

Sue Barton recently completed her term of service on the NSPN Advisory Board. Sue joined the Advisory Board in 2009 and served two years as the Advisory Board Chair. Her commitment, dedication, and passion for NSPN and youth services is palpable. NSPN and the Advisory Board are thankful for her service and wish her continued success.



# NSPN MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES

## NSPN Membership Continues to Grow



**Minority Fellowship Program**  
The National Board for Certified Counselors

**20** available fellowships  
**\$11,000**  
of up to

for selected individuals enrolled in a **master's-level addictions program** in social work, nursing, psychology, or marriage and family therapy.

Visit [nspnetwork.org](http://nspnetwork.org) for eligibility requirements, to apply, and to see how NBCC's proud partner, NSPN, can help.



In the first half of the 2016-2017 membership year, NSPN has already seen a nine percent increase in the number of members. The organization is also excited to announce new member benefits, including a quarterly roundtable call for executive leaders and preferred access to the The NBCC Foundation's Minority Fellowship Program.

Want to learn more about NSPN's Membership packages and benefits? Visit [www.nspnetwork.org](http://www.nspnetwork.org) today.

## You Serve America's Youth Youth Today Serves You!



Youth Today is the only national print and digital publication created by professional journalists for youth service professionals. Online 24/7 and in print bimonthly, Youth Today reports on the issues, challenges and state of youth in America.

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# SAFE PLACE NEWS AND UPDATES

## Safe Place Agencies Receive QuikTrip Grants

Eighteen licensed Safe Place agencies received funding support from QuikTrip totaling \$200,600 dollars. Each agency was awarded a pre-determined amount per QuikTrip store in their community and had the opportunity to earn incentives based on progress toward meeting and exceeding their annual Safe Place goals. So far in 2016, 14 licensed Safe Place agencies exceeded their outreach goals resulting in an extra \$64,700 dollars granted proportionally to each agency.

“The Safe Place partner agencies in the communities in which QuikTrip operates are providing vital, valuable resources to youth in need, said Lauren Sherry, Public Relations Manager for QuikTrip. “As partners, QuikTrip provides funding for these agencies to cover expenses when

youth in crisis come in to our stores for help. We are also happy to provide additional funding for those agencies who go above and beyond to raise awareness and promote Safe Place, as well as provide accurate reporting on outreach and work with youth in need.”

Congratulations to the funded licensed agencies and a huge thanks to QuikTrip for providing such generous support.

### Want to start Safe Place?

Interested in starting Safe Place in your community? Contact NSPN today to learn more about how you can expand the national safety net for youth! [info@nationalsafeplace.org](mailto:info@nationalsafeplace.org)



## NSP WEEK IS COMING - MARCH 19-25, 2017





# 2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCES

## Focus 2016: A “BIG” Success



Focus 2016 “What’s the Big Idea?” was a wonderful success. Conference participants engaged in networking events and attended thought-provoking workshops and keynotes. Featured topics during Focus included the new Department of Labor Exempt Rule, human trafficking, suicide assessment and post-vention, and fundraising. The 2016 Runaway Games winners, “Dazed and Confused,” represented a cross section of participants who completely demonstrated the “Together we can” attitude. Whether it was attending an informative session, joining a reverse site visit, or being reminded of the critical nature of human relationships, there was something for everyone. NSPN extends a special thanks to the presenters, moderators, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the event’s big success. To learn more about NSPN’s national biennial conference, Focus, please visit: <http://www.nspnetwork.org/focus-national-conference>.

## 2016 National RHY Grantees Conference



The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) and RHYTTAC recently hosted the 2016 National Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantees Conference in St. Pete, Florida. The conference took place November 15-17, 2016, and included more than 50 workshops, three preconference institutes, two keynote sessions, two large federal sessions, one site visit, poster board presentations, and a welcome reception featuring fireworks donated by the St. Petersburg / Clearwater Convention and Visitors Bureau. The keynote addresses were delivered by Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, a pediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine, and Carissa Phelps, an author, public speaker, and founder of Runaway Girl, Inc.

Nearly 700 grantees from all 10 federal regions attended the conference. To view more photos from the event, please visit RHYTTAC’s Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/rhyttac](http://www.facebook.com/rhyttac). Recorded sessions are available for viewing at [www.youtube.com/user/watchRHYTTAC](http://www.youtube.com/user/watchRHYTTAC).





# 2016 CYC TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

## Child and Youth Care (CYC): Foundations Trainings



In 2016, child and youth care practitioners across the country participated in the six-day Child and Youth Care (CYC): Foundations training course. They learned communication techniques, reviewed professional ethics, practiced group development, learned about brain-based guidance, and ways to work with and address the different developmental needs of young people, including those who have experienced trauma. The course's outcomes include the increased understanding of: how children and youth develop, how to work within and across systems, and techniques for helping youth thrive and gain independence.



The CYC Certification has become increasingly popular among youth services professionals because a large number of agencies require certification. In addition, the CYC Certification makes it easier for providers to transition between practice settings and offers professional training as opposed to vocational training.

NSPN conducted trainings in St. Louis, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Phoenix, Arizona. For more information about the CYC: Foundations course or to schedule one in your area, please contact us at [cyc@nspnetwork.org](mailto:cyc@nspnetwork.org).

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SAFETY

Honor the children and young people you love by giving to NSPN this holiday season. You can even give a gift in their name!

Your gift today will offer immediate safety to thousands of vulnerable youth. Right now, in communities across America, young people are counting on you. Your generous donation will tell young people they are truly not alone this holiday – and they are part of a community of people who care. Together, you and all of us at NSPN can make this holiday season bright for young people.

**Use the enclosed envelope to send your contribution today, or give online at [www.tinyurl.com/nspndonation](http://www.tinyurl.com/nspndonation).**

P.S. If you give in someone's name, NSPN will send an acknowledgment card thanking your honoree for being the kind of person that inspired you to give! It's a great way to show someone what they mean to you.





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National Safe Place Network envisions a world where all youth are safe. It is our mission to ensure an effective system of response for youth in crisis through public and private partnerships at a local, state and national level.