

Invest in your youth by spending two days learning how to support their voice

Join us on August 22-23, 2016 for two full days of strategies, practices and ideas for how to start and support an effective youth advisory in your program or school. We design our workshops to be active, engaging and focused on strategies and practices that can be directly applied in schools.

As a result of the training you will:

- Identify meaningful roles youth can play in programs
- Learn the components and stages of Neutral Zone's Teen Advisory Council
- Examine participatory research processes as a way to engage youth
- Learn and use planning strategies that can be applied to involving students in projects
- Understand the components of youth-adult partnerships (YAP) and how to support YAP
- Practice strategies, including scaffolding and divergent questioning to effectively support youth-driven initiatives

Plus, you'll receive a copy of the Teen Advisory Council guidebook, a guide for starting and supporting an Advisory.

Total cost: \$195

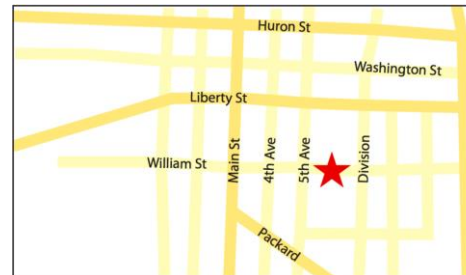
Research demonstrates that providing youth greater voice and leadership in the programs that serve them has many benefits: their participation grows, as does their engagement, interest, and investment. A greater leadership role provides new opportunities to develop 21st century skills like problem-solving, collaboration, communication & critical thinking.

I really enjoyed the practicality and demonstration of the different techniques/ ideas. I also really got a lot from having time to work toward implementation of our ideas. It helped while my ideas are fresh but also helped me process.

- 2013 Youth Engagement Institute Participant from community-based health center

Questions?

Email John Weiss at Weiss@neutral-zone.org



The Neutral Zone is a non-profit teen center dedicated to promoting personal growth through artistic expression, community leadership and the exchange of ideas.

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We believe youth thrive when they have a voice and engage in genuine decision making.



Youth Engagement Institute

for Community-based Youth Workers & School Advisors



**Advisory:
A Model to Support
Youth Voice &
Engagement**

**August 22-23, 2016
9:30am-4:30pm**

at the Neutral Zone 310 E.
Washington Street Ann Arbor,
MI 48104

Instructors

John Weiss currently serves as Neutral Zone's Director of Strategic Initiatives. For nine years he served as the Executive Director. John has worked with diverse populations of youth and youth-serving programs for more than 25 years. John also served as a teacher for Willow Run Community Schools and Ypsilanti Public Schools. He served as Project Director for the Youth Driven Spaces pilot and is one of the lead developers, trainers and coaches of Neutral Zone's work to disseminate its youth-driven practices and strategies to schools and youth-serving organizations.



Sharonda Simmons is Neutral Zone's Program Director, served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer for two years and has been active in designing and leading Neutral Zone's educational programming. Sharonda has a B.A. from the University of Michigan in English and African American studies. Sharonda is trained in intergroup relations from the University of Michigan Center for Intergroup Dialogue. She has received a Trainer of Trainers Youth Work Methods certification from the David P. Weikart Center on Program Quality.

The Program

In 2010, Neutral Zone and its partners (including the Weikart Center for Program Quality and MSU's Community Evaluation Research Collaborative) began the Youth Driven Spaces (YDS) project. YDS supports programs that serve older youth in implementing youth voice and decision-making structures and strategies. These practices have been developed and tested at the Neutral Zone for nearly 20 years.

One of the most important strategies within YDS is the teen advisory council (TAC) model. TAC is an effective and meaningful way to provide youth the opportunity and structure to be involved in a range of programmatic and governance projects and decisions. A School Advisory model was derived from YDS work and piloted at 19 high schools across Michigan from 2011 to 2015. Advisory helps provide students authentic roles and decision-making in creating a safer and more positive school climate.

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Online: neutral-zone.org/youth-driven-spaces/

Or by mail: fill out this form, and mail it (and your check, if paying by check) to:

Youth Engagement Institute
c/o The Neutral Zone
310 E. Washington Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

- Please add me to your mailing list. This Neutral Zone stuff sounds amazing, I'd like to hear more.

Total workshop cost: \$195

- my check (payable to the Neutral Zone) is enclosed
- please bill my credit card (AmEx, Visa, MC or Discover)

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Signature _____

Billing zip code _____

Please register by July 29th