

Connecting with Youth The Rural Way

Full day no cost training

October 29, 2018

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Meridian Community Centre

100 Meridian Way, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E0

(Lunch/snacks and resource materials included)



Engaging adolescents in a meaningful way is a skill that can be learned. It is grounded in the principles of understanding the developmental needs of youth, the assets they have, appreciating how their brains are developing, and recognizing the importance that peers and caring adults have in their lives. Through research and other information tools and techniques, this workshop will walk participants through these principles. Then, through small group discussion and practical application processes, special consideration will be given to applying these principles within the unique characteristics that living life in rural Ontario can bring.

This workshop is intended for all those who work with youth and/or are interested in engaging youth such as, economic development staff, parks and recreation staff, elected officials and/or advisory committee members to:

- Discover the keys to engaging and retaining youth in rural communities
- Learn more about teen development and how teens make decisions
- Create a stronger youth voice and presence in local decision making processes
- Connect with others who are interested in supporting positive youth development
- Understand the unique role of adults in supporting effective youth engagement

Presenter:

Jesse Williamson, Project Manager, Strategic Youth Initiatives, City of Hamilton

Jesse Williamson is the Acting Project Manager for Strategic Youth Initiatives for the City of Hamilton Healthy and Safe Communities Division. Jesse has 13 years of experience working in youth recreation. Currently Jesse oversees the creation and implementation of Hamilton's youth strategy. Over his 13 years in the field, Jesse has supported many organizations and grassroots youth groups with capacity building, through training plans, data analysis, program development, strategic planning, and revenue generation. Jesse and his team from Hamilton are a platinum level youth friendly community through Play Works and were selected as National Community Partner of the year for Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities in 2016.

[Register Here](#)

The deadline to register is October 24



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