



**TNOYS CONFERENCE ON SERVICES TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
HOUSTON, TEXAS | JUNE 25-28, 2019**

### **TNOYS Annual Conference Priority Topics**

#### **Mixed Youth + Adult Audience**

- Team work/ collaboration
- Problem solving
- Building strong youth-adult partnerships
- Examples of youth voice in action, youth stories, and youth Q&A panels
- Human trafficking
- Youth homelessness
- Foster care
- Juvenile Justice
- Health care and mental health
- Cultural competency & undoing bias (intersectionality or with certain groups)
- The opioid drug crisis
- Impact of trauma
- Brain development
- Resources and youth services available (statewide)
- Youth legal rights
- Social media
- Creative self-expression (art, poetry, etc.)
- Reflections on current TV/movies about mental health

#### **For Youth Only**

- Crafting one's story
- Self-advocacy
- Transition-to adulthood skills (job readiness, finances, housing, etc.)
- Leadership skills

#### **For Adults/Providers Only**

- Legislative and policy updates
- TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention)
- Working with youth with intellectual and/or physical disabilities
- LGBTQ youth topics
- Trauma-informed care topics
- Reducing restraint and seclusion
- Suicide prevention
- Safety when transporting youth
- Current standards of care/licensing
- Ethics and boundaries in youth services
- Normalcy for youth in foster care
- Positive youth development
- Avoiding burnout
- Employee retention and supervision
- Board development
- Supervision of youth in peer roles
- Increasing youth and family voice
- Supporting the transition to adulthood/aging out
- Skill building & best practices related to counseling, case management, foster care, and residential programs
- Working with media
- Working with limited funding