

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

Join us on June 18-19, 2013 for two full days of strategies, practices and ideas for how to start and support an effective student advisory in your school. We design our workshops to be active, engaging and focused on practical strategies and practices that can be directly applied in schools.

As a result of the training participants will:

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

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

This training has been approved for 11 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) -- formerly known as SB-CEUs.

Total cost: \$295

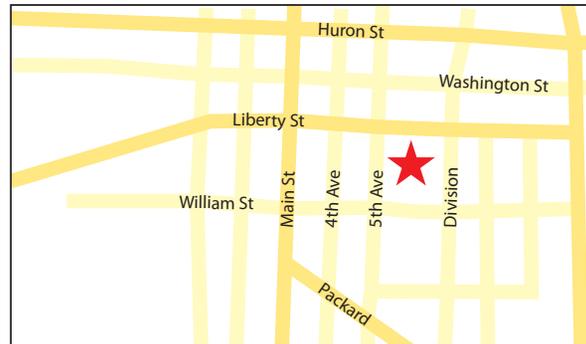
Education reform, to be as effective as possible, must have the direct involvement of students. Effective implementation of school reform change requires participation by and buy-in from all those involved, students no less than teachers (Levin, 2000).

I learned how to plan meetings and keep them under control while actively engaging other students in our meetings. – High School Student, Eastern High School Lansing MI

As a result of my participation in training and creating a TAC I plan to do more projects to help my school and be a better leader. – High School Student, Fitzgerald High School, Warren MI

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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The Neutral Zone announces
the inaugural

Student Engagement Institute for Teachers and School Advisors



Advisory-Driving Student Voice & Engagement in Schools

June 18-19, 2013

9:30am – 4:30pm

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

Instructors



John Weiss is the Executive Director of Neutral Zone. John has served in this role for seven years and has been working 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. John 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.



Danny Brown has been Neutral Zone's Leadership Coordinator for three years. With a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan, where he spent much of his time developing his skills as dialogue facilitator. Danny runs NZ's Student Educating Each other about Diversity (S.E.E.D.) program focused on building cultural diversity. He has also helped grow the Riot Youth program where 40-60 teens weekly find a safe space for LGBTQQA youth and engage in social justice work. Danny has served as a trainer and coach to support schools and youth-serving organizations to incorporate youth-driven practice.



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 was a 2-year pilot designed to support programs that serve older youth to implement youth voice and decision making structures and strategies that have been developed and tested at the Neutral Zone.

Through YDS, one of the most important strategies disseminated 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. School Advisories is a model derived from this work which has been piloted at several Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) sites during the 2012-13 academic year. The Advisories have helped provide students authentic roles and decision making in S3 activities to create a safer and more positive school climate.



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c/o The Neutral Zone
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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

Total workshop cost: \$295

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