

Call for Workshop Proposals



You are invited to share your expertise at the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development 5th Annual U.P. Nonprofit Conference which will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI.

We are seeking proposals for workshops that deliver relevant and thought-provoking information and concepts to conference goers. We are looking for workshops that will help nonprofit organizations now and on the other side of the economic downturn.

Proposals that address and support issues of nonprofit sustainability and capacity building are encouraged.

To assist proposal development, we have developed the following submission guidelines.

Proposals are due by August 31, 2009.

All submissions should be directed by mail, fax or email to:

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Thank you, and good luck with your submission(s).

About Great Lakes Center for Youth Development

The mission of the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development (Center) is to serve as a catalyst for the healthy development of youth in rural communities by strengthening the nonprofit organizations that serve youth, schools, and families. Our focus on positive youth development means we serve all regional nonprofits. A strong general nonprofit community is essential in creating and maintaining healthy environments for youth. *Positive Youth Development* addresses the broader needs of youth rather than a deficit-based approach, which focuses on youth problems. The Center recognizes the key role that nonprofit organizations fill in our region - serving children and families and making our communities great places to live. The Center's mission leads us to serve as pioneers – adventurers seeking to provide the resources and knowledge we all need to best nurture our young people. We do this by providing technical assistance, training, and opportunities to convene nonprofit leaders, staff and volunteers. Our intent is to help nonprofit organizations fulfill their missions, and raise the effectiveness and efficiency of the entire youth development landscape in rural Great Lakes communities.

About the U.P. Nonprofit Conference

The U.P. Nonprofit Conference offers regional nonprofit leaders, staff, board members, and volunteers the opportunity to network, attend workshops, share ideas and fire up the passions that drive their nonprofit missions and visions. Attendees appreciate the opportunity to be able to convene and learn at a conference held in their own region. For many nonprofits, sending staff, volunteers or board members out of the area to build skills and network is not a feasible option at all. The U.P. Nonprofit Conference serves to fill that need expertly and cost efficiently.

Attendees at the conference get the opportunity to:

- Network with peers from regional nonprofits
- Attend workshops on critical and compelling nonprofit issues such as nonprofit accountability, fundraising and marketing
- Enter drawings to win fabulous prizes
- Visit exhibitors
- Take home resources, ideas, and tools that support their mission and programs

Attendee Profile

Each year between 150 – 200 people from through the U.P., in addition to visitors from lower Michigan and Wisconsin, gather for this unique opportunity to gather close to home. Attendees include nonprofit leaders, staff members, volunteers and board members.

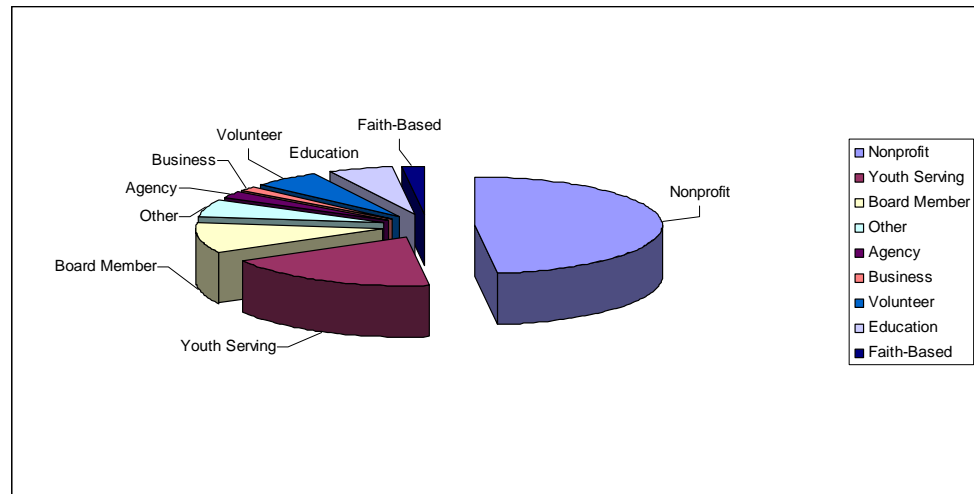
A look at the 2008 Conference Attendees

Which of the following best describes your current affiliation? (attendees chose all that applied)

Marquette Area Overview

As of the 2000 census, the city of Marquette, Michigan, population was 19,661, with the 2005 population estimate of

20,714. It is the county seat of Marquette County. Marquette is a major port on Lake Superior, primarily for shipping iron ore, and is the home of Northern Michigan University. It is the largest city on the Upper Peninsula. The city of Marquette averages about 170 inches of snow per year, making it the second snowiest city in the contiguous United States.



- Marquette was founded by Amos Harlow and his expedition leader Peter White
- Marquette has always been a shipping port for hematite ores and now enriched iron ore pellets from nearby mines and pelletizing plants
- The city includes several small islands (principally Middle Island, Gull Island, Lover's Island, Presque Isle Pt. Rocks, White Rocks, Ripley Rock, and Picnic Rocks) in Lake Superior
- The Marquette Underwater Preserve lies immediately offshore
- A regional medical center, Marquette General Hospital, serving much of the Upper Peninsula is located in the city
- Marquette Mountain, used for skiing, is located in the city
- Marquette is home to Northern Michigan University and the largest wooden dome in the world, the Superior Dome
- The film Anatomy of a Murder, dramatizing an incident that happened in the area, was partly filmed in Marquette, much of it in the county courthouse
- South of the city, K.I. Sawyer AFB, was an important Air Force installation during the Cold War, host to B-52H bombers and KC-135 tankers of the Strategic Air Command, as well as a fighter interceptor squadron. The base closed in September 1995, and is now home to the county's Sawyer International Airport
- In 2004, President George W. Bush made a campaign stop in Marquette, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to visit Michigan's Upper Peninsula since William H. Taft in 1911
- The Roman Catholic Bishop Frederic Baraga is buried at St. Peter's Cathedral
- Marquette is the sister city of Kajaani, Finland and Higashiomi, Shiga, Japan. (Formerly Yokaichi, Japan)

RFP Process and Timeline

Proposal Deadline: August 31, 2009

General Flow of Conference

Thursday, October 22, 2009: Pre-conference reception in the evening

Friday, October 23, 2009: Conference Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Primary Topics for Overall Conference Programming Include (but are not limited to):

- Sustainability
- Capacity Building
- Youth Development
- Nonprofit Management
- Nonprofit Operations
- Fundraising and Fund Development
- Youth
- Nonprofit Governance
- Nonprofit Marketing and Communications
- Board Relations and Development
- Collaboration
- Policy and Advocacy
- Evaluation
- Volunteer Recruitment, Development and Management

Selection Criteria

The selection process follows a review of every proposal submitted. We are seeking a diverse and well-balanced conference. In addition to clear objectives, topic relevance and participant involvement, proposals will also be evaluated for:

- Subject matter geared to experienced nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers
- Tools, resources and knowledge that can be quickly implemented when an attendee returns to work
- Subject matter that helps nonprofits ensure sustainability and build capacity to fulfill their missions

Instructions for Completing a Proposal

Each proposal will be reviewed carefully for:

- Relevance to the overall conference theme of collaboration
- Completeness, accuracy, and clarity of the proposal
- Well-defined, realistic learning objectives that can be met in the time allotted, which is 75 minutes
- Clear, specific, and informative content and linkage of content to learning objectives
Content that is current and practical or cutting-edge
- Presenters with expertise in topic area
- Prior speaking or presentation experience is preferred
- Proposals must include all requested information

Registration

As a nonprofit organization, the Center does not provide honoraria for workshops at the U.P. Nonprofit Conference. Presenters should cover all of their individual travel expenses. The primary presenter will be given a full complimentary registration. Registered co-presenters will be eligible for a discounted Conference registration of \$50 to cover meal costs.

The Center's Policy on Content of Workshops

GLCYD programs are noncommercial. Individuals should refrain from using brand names and endorsing specific products. Under no circumstances should a conference podium be used as a place for direct promotion of a speaker's product, service, or monetary self-interest. Presenters also must refrain from overt statements, harsh language, or pointed humor that disparages the rightful dignity and social equity of any individual or group.



Workshop Proposal Form

Deadline: August 31, 2009

All contact regarding workshops will be made only with the listed primary presenter. The primary presenter will be responsible for communicating with all co-presenters. Please include a year-round address, phone number and email address.

Primary Presenter

Full Name _____

Title _____

Affiliation _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Co-Presenters

Full Name(s), Title(s) & Affiliation(s) _____

Session Title (limit 15 words) _____

Session Description (limit 75 words) _____

Target Audience Role (check all that apply)

Nonprofit Leaders

Nonprofit Board Members

Nonprofit Staff

Nonprofit Volunteers

Target Audience Skill Level

Expertise levels of the audience will vary. Several workshops will be offered at an advanced level. In general, conference attendees will run the gamut of having years of nonprofit experience to just getting started in the nonprofit world.

Novice

Advanced

Intermediate

Three Primary Learning Objectives

After this session, participants will be able to...

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Please list any speaking or presentation engagements you've had in the past two years.

Please supply us with a reference

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Equipment Needs

All rooms will be set up with a laptop and LCD Projector and Screen. Please indicate additional A/V needs.

TV/VCR

Chart Pad/Easel

Internet Access

Other

Maximum Desired Group Size:

Less than 25 Participants

25-50 Participants

Exhibit Information

Presenters will also be given the opportunity to exhibit at the conference. If your workshop represents a business or vendor offering services or products, please provide the following additional information.

All contact regarding workshops or posters will be made only with the listed primary presenter. The primary presenter will be responsible for communicating with all co-presenters.

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Website URL _____

Products/Services Offered _____

How do these products/services support regional nonprofits? _____

Payment Information:

Waived \$120 Nonprofit Exhibitor Fee

**Includes conference registration (\$110 value).
Additional representatives must register separately at full
conference registration rate to attend conference sessions.*

Please enclose a copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) letter

Waived \$175 For-profit Exhibitor Fee

***Includes conference registration (\$110 value).
Additional representatives must register separately at full
conference registration rate to attend conference sessions*

_____ **Internet Access per line**
Additional \$20 for T-1 line

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Logistical Details

How many chairs will you need?

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Do you need the 8 ft. table?

Yes No

Do you need an electrical outlet?

Yes No

Do you need Internet access?

Yes No

Do you plan to ship items to NMU?

Yes No

Do you plan to hang a banner?

Yes No

Set – up will be October 23 from 7-8 a.m.

***Tear-down will be October 23, beginning
no earlier than 4:30 p.m.***