

EMPIRE STATE COALITION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
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is pleased to announce **THE SPRING SERIES** of the

## 2008 NEW YORK STATE TRAINING INSTITUTE

for agencies providing services to runaway/homeless youth and their families

*Presents*

# Harm Reduction with Homeless Youth: Philosophies and Strategies

By Jim "Bo" Bolas

The purpose of this training is to address the philosophical model of Harm Reduction to staff in order to develop strategies that effectively address the needs of the disenfranchised and homeless youth we work with; whether you work in outreach, drop in, shelter transitional or prevention. It is understood that many disenfranchised youth will shut down, resist or reject when they are inappropriately challenged. Harm Reduction philosophy accounts for the reality of risk in their lives, acknowledges it and presents a philosophy for letting the young person identify their direction with the least amount of risk for personal harm. Whether it's drugs, sex, dating, abuse, trauma or interpersonal relationships. We will cover the benefits of a youth worker adopting a Harm Reduction attitude and the perceived drawbacks. This training will raise and discuss people's own issues around behavior modification. This training will address the benefit of letting the young person direct their lives. Staff should be prepared to have their values challenged.

**TIME: 10:00am - 3:30pm (registration from 9:30a -10:00a)**

(Lunch is on your own) **Please fill out and return the enclosed registration form and assessment**

### TRAINING SITES & DATES

**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - NYC**

Empire State Coalition  
121 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl. Conf Rm  
New York, New York 10013

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - SYRACUSE**

Salvation Army - Syracuse  
677 S. Salina Street  
Syracuse, New York 13202

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - ALBANY**

Equinox,  
95 Central Avenue,  
Albany, New York

**APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> - LONG ISLAND**

Pride for Youth L.I. Crisis Center  
2050 Bellmore Ave.  
Bellmore, NY 11710

**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> - BUFFALO**

Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and  
Erie County - 2697 Main Street (@  
Amherst St.) Buffalo, NY 14215

PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX OR MAIL REGISTRATION FORM.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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**Harm Reduction with Homeless Youth:  
Philosophies and Strategies**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**(All information is REQUIRED for REGISTRATION)**

**(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)**

I (we) will attend the training in (check appropriate box):

NYC 4/29  Long Island 4/30  Albany 5/1  Syracuse 3/12  Buffalo 5/8

**(All information required – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!!)**

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(please make this a number you can be reached at on the morning of the training)

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Participant(s) Name(s): **(If you don't hear from us, consider yourself registered! We do not contact everyone to confirm their attendance.)**

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Return to: Empire State Coalition  
121 Avenue of the Americas, Room 507  
New York, NY 10013

Or Fax: (212) 226-6817 (please copy this page onto white paper before faxing)

For information call: (212) 966-6477

**REQUIRED APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

What specific skills or information do you hope to get out of this training? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Directions to Training Sites:

#### New York City:

##### **Empire State Coalition – 121 Avenue of the Americas, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl. Conf Rm. NY, NY**

Take the C' or 'E' to Spring St. and walk opposite traffic two blocks to Broome St. or Take the '1' or '2' to Canal Street and walk up Varick, opposite traffic to Watts Street, turn right to Avenue of the Americas and ½ block to left.

#### Long Island:

##### **Pride for Youth - Long Island Crisis Center -2050 Bellmore Ave. Bellmore, NY 11710**

Southern State Parkway to exit 25 South; go to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Bellmore Avenue); make Left onto Bellmore Avenue; Pride for Youth is ½ mile down the road on the Right hand side. Parking is on the street or in the Gold's Gym parking lot

#### Albany:

##### **Equinox - 95 Central Avenue, Albany, New York**

From the NYS Thruway, take Exit 23 (Albany). Go straight from the tollbooths onto Route 787 North. Travel downhill one mile on Route 787, then take the exit ramp to Empire State Plaza. Go under the Legislative Office Buildings to the South Swan Street exit and make a right onto Swan Street. Continue to Washington Street and make a left onto Washington. Stay to the right, you will come to a fork in the road which becomes Central Avenue. Continue to 95 Central Avenue. (Short-term meter parking in front; non-meter parking in walking distance.)

#### Syracuse:

##### **Salvation Army - Syracuse, 677 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York**

From the NYS Thruway take Exit 36 (Syracuse Rt. 81) Take 81 South to Exit 19 (Salina Street). Proceed south on Salina Street through the downtown area. Just past the intersection of Adams and Salina Street, there will be a small park on your left. Just past the park is the first of three Salvation Army buildings. *Please park on the streets -- no parking in the parking lots.*

#### Buffalo:

##### **Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County - 2697 Main Street (@ Amherst St.) Buffalo, NY 14215**

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