

# Lunch Topics

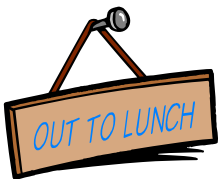
## Youth Worker Brown Bag

Lunch  
Series  
2012

The Brown Bag Lunch series provides Youth Workers from throughout Tompkins County professional development opportunities as we share relevant, timely information about current trends, research, opportunities and dilemmas among a variety of organizations.

Bring your lunch and join us the last Wednesday of each month from 12:15 to 1:15pm at the Human Services Building, Bev Livesay Conference Room, to share your experiences and learn from our colleagues.

This networking opportunity encourages participants to collaborate to support all youth in Tompkins County through the most consistent and cost effective means possible. Please join us as we work to build a healthy sustainable community of the future.



### Understanding Health Care

Understanding Health Care is a practical curriculum that builds knowledge and skills to help older teens make good choices to ensure they have access to health care as they transition into adulthood. Led by Margaret Johnson of Cornell University.

### Sexuality: Identifying the Struggles of our Youth

Identifying who we are can be a challenge at any age, and for young people faced with questions about their sexual orientation or gender identity navigating these questions can be even more complex. Join the conversation led by Planned Parenthood as we explore ways to support the development and sexual health of our youth.

### Understanding Juvenile Justice and the Changes Coming Our Way

Even with all of the wonderful resources, sometimes kids still get in trouble. Understanding how the Juvenile Justice system works and pending changes is important for the youth worker. Join Susan Cook from the County Attorney's office as we explore the world of Juvenile Justice.

### Youth on Your Board of Directors

Join two local youth experts to discuss how to involve youth on your board in a meaningful capacity for the young person and the board. Presented by Jen Handy of the Ithaca Youth Bureau and Jutta Dotterweich from Cornell.

### The State of Youth

In May of 2011 TCYS began to explore the State of Youth in Tompkins County. A year later, come learn about the strengths, needs and gaps that have been found to support our young people.

January  
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February  
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March 28

April 25

May 30

### Ithaca is Gorges! Connecting kids with the outdoors

Ithaca is Gorges... and is blessed with a lot of outdoor programming opportunities for youth program participants and staff. Come and learn what's available in Tompkins County and how to connect with some of our great outdoor programs.

### 2013 Budget - Keeping Money for kids!

How do we engage partnerships to help support young people? With 2012 coming to a close, what does 2013 hold for young people and the programming that families and youth depend on?

### Foster Care - Advocates for All

Please join us in a conversation about the Foster Care System within Tompkins County. Learn how this system works and ways in which the different agencies and homes are advocates for young people in our community.

### What's up with Teens Modifying Their Bodies?

Why does it seem like our young people are obsessed with getting tattoos, piercings and dyeing their hair odd colors? What does this tell us, how do we talk about it with teens and is it safe? Come and discuss your experiences and opinions about this new age revolution.

### End of the Year Forum— Extended Session, Lunch Provided!

We made it through 2012 and it's time to look back at what we have learned. What lessons can we take away from 2012 and what can we begin to plan for in 2013?

June 27

August  
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Sept.  
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October  
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Nov. 28  
12:15-2:00

## ***Tompkins County Youth Services Department***



It is the mission of the Tompkins County Youth Services Department (TCYSD) to invest time, resources and funding in communities to enable all youth to thrive in school, work and life.

Through the coordination of the Youth Worker Brown Bag Lunch Series TCYSD provides opportunities for collaboration and support of those who interact with young people throughout Tompkins County.



## ***Why is professional development and networking important for Youth Workers?***

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Professional development improves program quality.  
Professional development affects the survival of providers in the field.  
A comprehensive professional development agenda is vital to enhancing and sustaining a cadre of quality youth workers.  
Professional development benefits the individual.  
Professional development benefits the programs.  
Professional development benefits the field.



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