The Professional Development Retreat You Need

The Social and Emotional Learning Methods Training of Facilitators (SELOF) Retreat prepares seasoned facilitators to lead the ten Social Emotional Learning Methods professional development workshops that are rooted in the SEL PQA and the Preparing Youth to Thrive guide.

Surrounded by Northern Michigan's natural splendor, you will form an intentional community with your fellow participants and the facilitators for a memorable, powerful learning experience.

Please continue reading for more information about this event, including requirements for attendance.

Cost:
$3000-$4000 per person

Cost includes:
- tuition.
- materials (set of 10 guidebooks, copy of Preparing Youth to Thrive, and a facilitator backpack with supplies for all 10 workshops).
- meals (dinner on Day 1, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Days 2–4, and breakfast and lunch on Day 5).
- accommodation at the private retreat center.

This unique experience is limited to 15–24 participants.

Registration is open until March 25, 2022, or when capacity is reached.

For more information and to register, please [click here]...
About the Retreat Space

Spider Lake Retreat Center in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan is all ours for this five day, four-night experience. The space includes: 16 double-occupancy rooms that each have a private bathroom and lake views; two additional bathrooms on each of the two floors which are accessible by stairs or elevator; barrier-free entrance and barrier-free access to a private beach; a walk-out recreation room with pool tables, foosball, air hockey, and shuffle board; laundry and fitness facilities; large dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows off a double-kitchen; large deck, private dock, and fire pits--and much more!

The retreat space is located less than ten miles from Traverse City Airport and twelve miles from downtown. Participants will enjoy meals from fabulous local restaurants that will be brought to the retreat space.
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Attendance:
Participants must be able to attend all portions of the SELTOF Retreat in its entirety in order to be eligible for trainer certification.

Previous Training Experience:
Due to the nature and rigor of the SELTOF Retreat, experience with the Youth Work Methods and/or Social and Emotional Learning Youth Work Methods as well as training experience is highly recommended.

Before the In-Person Retreat:
We kindly ask that all participants be mindful of their behavior in the seven days prior to arrival at the in-person retreat by refraining from high-risk activities such as gathering indoors without masks, eating in public spaces, attending large-capacity events such as concerts, sports games, etc.

Vaccination Requirements:
For us to create and maintain a safe and supportive environment for all participants and facilitators to learn and lead, we will require proof of an up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination status as defined by the CDC prior to arrival at the retreat. An up-to-date COVID vaccination status is described as follows:
- a two-dose series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine)
- and a booster dose, if eligible.
Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination (an image of the front and back of your card) may be submitted prior to attendance via this registration form or by email to tot@forumfyi.org (Subject line: SELTOF Proof of Vaccination).

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Testing Requirements:
All participants and facilitators are required to test within 72 hours (about three days) of the first day of the in-person retreat (i.e., test must be taken no sooner than Friday, May 20). Proof of a negative test result (i.e., a copy of the report from the testing agency) taken with the 72-hour timeframe must be provided before your arrival to the retreat space via email to tot@forumfyi.org (Subject line: SELTOF Proof of Negative COVID-19 test).

Acceptable tests for attendance are an FDA-authorized viral COVID-19 test, including a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (such as a PCR/molecular test) or an antigen test that is collected and performed in a healthcare setting or certified testing site. At-home tests may only be used if testing is assisted by a virtual monitor, such as BinaxNOW(TM) COVID-19 Ag At-home Test. Additional rapid testing may be required upon arrival at the retreat space.

Participants who have tested positive for COVID-19 within three months of the in-person retreat (between February 13, 2022, and May 13, 2022) and are fully recovered with no symptoms are exempt from this requirement but must provide valid documentation of a positive test and full recovery (e.g., a signed letter from a medical professional).

Masks:
Masks will be required upon arrival at the in-person retreat and must be worn at all times indoors when gathered as a group unless seated to eat/drink. The group, however, will have the option of choosing to remove masks while inside the meeting space based on a group vote. Participants may choose to wear masks regardless of the group decision.

Additional Precautions:
Participants must stay at the retreat space and may not make alternate lodging arrangements. This is not only to preserve the integrity of the retreat experience but also to limit exposure to people outside of the retreat space. As much as possible, meeting spaces will be set up to accommodate the following:

- 6-foot distancing amongst participants and trainers.
- Open-air ventilation.
- Periodic cleaning of high-touch surfaces – cleaning/sanitizing supplies will be provided by the Weikart Center for the duration of the retreat.
- Encouragement of frequent handwashing.

Cancellation Policy:
To receive a full refund for your registration, participants must cancel by no later than Friday, April 19, 2022. If a participant must cancel their attendance on or after April 20, 2022, a credit will be issued for the cost of the SELTOF. This credit may be used towards a future event scheduled by the Weikart Center within one calendar year of being issued. In case of needing to cancel, please email tot@forumfyi.org.