

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Partners up with Youth for Youth Live Guam for 28th Annual Youth Conference “ROOTED: A Culture of Empowerment

HAGATNA, GU— The Prevention and Training (PEACE) Branch of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) partnered with Youth for Youth Live! Guam (YFYLG), a non-profit organization, to host the 28th Annual Youth for Youth Conference on March 16-18, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Guam Hotel. This year’s conference theme was “ROOTED: A Culture of Empowerment”.

YFYLG has been in existence for 30 years and continues to be a youth-centered, youth-driven, and youth-led community organization that addresses substance use and suicide prevention among other topics related to youth. GBHWC’s PEACE staff along with YFYLG adult advisors and over 60 middle and high school youth facilitators coordinated and planned every aspect of the conference from workshop topics to guest speakers and presenters as well as the development of original skits that focus on prevention. PEACE and YFYLG adult advisors, who are YFYLG alumni, collaborated to train and prepare the youth facilitators for the three-day event.

Over 300 middle and high school students from public and private schools throughout Guam and the CNMI gathered together to address and learn about issues that youth face today such as underage drinking, suicide, and substance use and to provide them with healthy and alternative ways to deal these issues. The youth facilitators developed and led workshops for participants which also included topics such as bullying prevention, cultural diversity, cyber safety, refusal skills, team building, and mental health awareness to name a few.

The PEACE Office would like to thank the many sponsors who helped to make this annual event possible including Hyatt Regency Guam, Bank of Guam, Community First Federal Credit Union, PhotosxJerick, Secure Safe Solutions, Duenas Camacho & Associates, Xerox, Pacific Daily News, and American Printing, as well as the numerous conference staff, volunteers, and presenters from various community organizations.



2018 Annual Youth Conference Youth Staff