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The **Youth Worker Leadership Conference (YWLC)** is an interactive and exciting event for high school students working with youth of all abilities. Typically, we bring together approximately 250 high school-aged youth in the greater New York City area. YWLC includes dynamic speakers, hands-on activities, and workshops.

Due to concerns around the coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be canceling the 13th annual Youth Worker Leadership conference. The health and safety of our staff and participants is extremely important to us and we have no plans to reschedule at this time.

All CLASSP students will receive information from their instructors shortly with directions pertaining to an additional assignment they can complete allowing them to still receive course credit in lieu of their attendance at the conference.

We genuinely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For additional information and guidance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please see the tips below from the World Health Organization or visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov).

- **Wash your hands frequently.** Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- **Practice respiratory hygiene.** Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- **If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.** Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.
- **Stay informed and follow the advice given by your healthcare provider.** Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

*Ramapo for Children and J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation*