

October 28-29, 2024

# 2024 Blueprint Conference

**Supporting Foster Youth to College and Beyond**

John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY) is soliciting workshop proposals for an upcoming in-person two-day conference for professionals who support current and former foster youth to pursue their college and career goals. This professional development opportunity is about rewriting the foster care narrative and will feature a range of workshops designed to highlight best practices relevant to campus support program staff, K-12 partners, policymakers, child welfare professionals, caregivers, community-based providers and other stakeholders who support foster youth to turn their dreams into degrees. Scholarships will be provided for 80 students with experience in foster care to attend and so JBAY is also seeking proposals for workshops targeted directly to youth.

**Proposals must be received by Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
**Proposals can be completed online [HERE](#)**

<b>Format</b>	<p>Presentations must be 75 minutes long and should include opportunities for participants to engage in activities or discussion related to the issues being presented. Including youth in your presentation is strongly encouraged. JBAY recommends reviewing the following links for ideas on how to make your workshop engaging and interactive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· <a href="#">10 Ways to Interact with Audience Members While You Present</a></li><li>· <a href="#">How to Engage an Audience in a Presentation</a></li></ul>
<b>Conference Details</b>	<p>The conference will take place on October 28-29, 2024, at the <a href="#">Westin LAX</a> in Los Angeles, CA. The Conference will begin at 10:00am on October 28 and will include two days of workshops and interactive sessions along with a networking reception.</p>
<b>Registration and Expenses</b>	<p>All presenters must register for the conference. Presenters may be entitled to a slightly discounted registration rate. Presenters who plan to attend for their single workshop only do not need to pay. If your proposal is selected, details about presenter registration rates will be sent to you. Youth who are part of your panel must also register. Efforts are currently underway to secure funding to enable some youth presenters to attend for free, however, availability will be limited.</p>
<b>Compliance with Deadlines</b>	<p>If your proposal is selected, you will be asked to comply with specific deadlines regarding submission of final PowerPoint slides for review and presenter bios. In addition, all presentation content will be reviewed, and changes may be requested to ensure that all of the information presented is congruent with the themes of the conference.</p>

## Questions

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