



YouthVoice 2018

Ninth Annual NCACC Youth Summit

Aug. 24-25, 2018, Catawba County

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 24

All sessions held in Hickory Metro Convention Center

4 – 4:30 p.m.

YouthVoice Orientation

What is YouthVoice, and why are you here? The orientation provides information about the NCACC and its involvement in youth leadership development; an address from NCACC leadership, including President Brenda Howerton of Durham County; a look at each of the partner organizations; and an overview of YouthVoice events.

4:30 p.m.

See the World Through ‘Real Colors’

At one time or another, everyone reaches a point where they wonder, “Why do people do the things they do?” The answer may surprise you! Everyone has a distinct temperament spectrum comprised of four colors: Blue, Gold, Orange and Green. In this “Real Colors” session, you will learn how to quickly identify your own “color” and personal strengths, as well as that of others. Using this powerful knowledge, you can develop more effective communication skills and build better relationships by recognizing and appreciating the strengths and viewpoints of others.

County commissioners are invited to participate in the “Real Colors” training and Friday evening dinner with Youth Delegates.

The session is being facilitated by Dan Clark, Director of Montana State University’s Local Government Center. An avid hiker, cross-country skier, rock and ice climber, and mountaineer, Dan is a Montana State Extension faculty member and former Mayor of the City of Choteau, Montana.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Resume ‘Real Colors’

9:30 – 10 p.m.

Youth Delegate ice cream social, adjourn to own rooms



Saturday, Aug. 25

- 7 – 7:30 a.m. **Check out of rooms – put luggage in vehicles**
- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Conference-Wide Youth Involvement Breakfast**
- County officials and Youth Delegates begin the day together with breakfast. A brief presentation will highlight K-64, a Catawba County initiative designed to engage more students and employers in local educational programs that help shape future careers and meet workforce demands.
- Banquet tables will include county nameplates to try to help county officials locate their Youth Delegates.
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. **NCACC General Session with county officials**
- Sam Quinones is a journalist, storyteller, former LA Times reporter, and author of three acclaimed books of narrative nonfiction, including *Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic*. The book weaves together tales that reveal how unfettered prescriptions of pain medications during the 1990s collided with an influx of black tar heroin, which when combined with a brilliant marketing and distribution system resulted in today’s public opiate crisis.
- Quinones will share this story and discuss his insights into how counties have been at the forefront of a long process of rebuilding communities that have been destroyed by societal forces.
- 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Find Your County’s ‘Bottom Line!’**
- Designed as a classic board game, “Bottom Line!” is an engaging learning tool that simulates the county budgeting process. Attendees will work together in small groups – acting as boards of county commissioners – to first decide what values are most important to their counties. The simulation then challenges groups to remember those values during scenarios that force them to choose between cutting programs/services or increasing taxes/fees in order to balance an annual budget.
- Noon – 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:30 – 3 p.m. **Evaluation**
- 3 – 3:30 p.m. **NCACC Annual Business Session**
- A small number of Youth Delegates will be given the opportunity to address the NCACC membership about lessons learned during YouthVoice 2018.
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn and travel home**