

# 31st Annual

## "Growing Pains 2018"

*For adults and youth*

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SAN ANTONIO



National Independent Living Conference

*August 28-31, 2018 - San Antonio, Texas*

*Exploring Best Practices and Innovations in Independent Living*

# GROWING PAINS 2018

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to the 31st Annual National Foster Care Conference hosted by the Daniel Memorial Institute in the exciting city of San Antonio. Once again, we have gathered the most knowledgeable and compelling speakers and educators from around the country to make this a premier independent living event that is not to be missed.

Over the course of the conference, you will learn valuable information that will help you improve outcomes for teens for your respective independent living programs or for your own individual organizations. With an expected attendance of over 400 like-minded professionals, the networking opportunities to learn and grow from the expertise and experiences of others in the field will be priceless! All conference workshops will address the critical issues that affect the youth that we serve as well as provide solutions to assist them in becoming resilient, independent and motivated members of their communities.

I hope you will join us in San Antonio, TX, August 28-31, for "Growing Pains 2018."

*Lesley Wells*

Lesley Wells, President/CEO  
Daniel Memorial, Inc.



## Exhibit at the Conference

**There is still time to be a part of this wonderful event.** Agencies and organizations that would like to promote products and services are encouraged to exhibit at our annual conference. Exhibits will be located in high traffic areas central to all breaks.

**Some advantages of being an Exhibitor at Daniel's conferences include:**

- ◆ Market your product or service to hundreds of Social Work Professionals
- ◆ Network with influential child welfare leaders from all over the country
- ◆ Enhance your organization's prominence in the social service arena
- ◆ Promote your organization in the on-site and online conference brochure

**Exhibit Space Fee:** \$345.00

**Take-One Free Table:** \$100.00

## Conference Hotel

Hotel charges are not included in conference registration fee.

This year's conference will be held at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter (101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, TX 78205). Located just steps away from the legendary River Walk, with its scenic cobblestone streets and world-class shopping and dining and The Alamo is within walking distance of the hotel.



Reservations can be made online or by calling the Marriott directly at 800.648.4462. Reference Daniel Memorial when making reservations in order to secure the group rate).

Discount Room Rate: \$149.00 per night (single or double) - Reservations must be made by Monday, August 6, 2018 in order to guarantee the discounted group rate. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis at the discretion of the hotel. Reservations must be secured for one night's room and tax at the time of booking with a deposit or credit card.

Parking fees:  
On-site parking - \$37 daily

## Conference Questions?

### Contact Information:

#### Daniel Memorial Institute

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**Travel Tip:**  
Please bring a lightweight jacket or sweater for your comfort. Room temperatures vary greatly.



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# SESSION LIST

Conference presenters include top leaders and experts in the field of independent living. The national youth conference is comprised of special sessions dedicated to the needs of youth who are currently in care. These include training sessions, workshops, panel discussions and leadership/team building activities. Each general session and workshop will present innovative ideas on how youth can deal with life's ever changing situations. "Growing Pains 2018" will offer numerous seminars, workshops and exhibits to assist personnel who are dedicated to helping teens become competent, responsible, independent adults.

*NOTE: The conference invitation includes workshop titles only. For full workshop descriptions and presenter information, please visit our web site ([www.danielkids.org](http://www.danielkids.org)) and follow the "Conferences" tab to open the Session Schedule.*

## **Adult workshops being offered include:**

- Brains, Behavior and Regulation: Understanding Trauma Through a New Lens
- The Role of the IL Field in the Permanency Process
- Positive Youth Development: Why it works!
- Utilizing AmeriCorps VISTAs to Improve Outcomes for Youth
- Achieving Better Outcomes in Education and Employment
- The FLITE Center - Coordinating a T.I.L. System of Care
- Understanding Common Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment: Mental Health 101
- Is IL Really Working? I sure am!
- The Liberty Model: Group Instruction Plus: A multi-faceted approach to teaching IL skills to Young Adults
- Starting Strong: Credit Building for Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care
- Successful Strategies for Understanding and Working with Adolescents
- Activating the Best in Children
- A Seat at the Table
- Housing Options for Independent/Transitional Living Programs
- From Awkward to Awesome
- Healing Power of Empathy
- Florida's Fight against Human Trafficking: Prevention, Recovery and Response
- Living in the System
- Ten Habits of Highly Successful Parents & Professionals
- The Pitfalls of the Petty Professional
- Introduction to ILS Certification
- The Eye-Opening LGBTQI Training: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, Allies (LGBTQIA) Youth
- Developing a Comprehensive Transition System of Care for Older Youth
- ACE's and Your Health
- Burnout/Renewal & What to do When Your Buttons Get Pushed



## **Adult/Youth workshops being offered include**

- Elevating Youth Advocates to Young Professionals: The Next Evolution
- Transitioning youth from surviving to thriving in adulthood
- Why Won't Anyone Listen to Me? Communication Skills For Youth When Talking to Adults
- Built to Bounce back - Teen Resilience Workshop
- Storytelling Saves Lives: Suicide-The Ripple Effect
- Youth Led Panel by Alabama Dream Council Ambassadors
- The Truth About Transitioning Out of Care: A Youth Voice Perspective
- From Noob to Pro: Navigating Social Media Successfully
- Empowered to Advocate: Using Your Voice to Drive Change
- A Collaborative Approach to Older Youth Services
- Youth Depression and Suicide-What You Need to Know
- Successful Transitions: What Youth Say They Need from Adults and Services to Become Adults
- TNOYS PEAKS Model: Experiential Youth-Adult Partnerships
- The ILP Store: Job training for youth and a lifeline for the community
- Navigating Normalcy through the Fear of Real or Perceived Threat
- ACES and Resilience: It's Not What's Wrong With You, It's What Happened to You...and What Can Happen Next"
- Authentic Relationships Matter Most: A New Model for Permanency
- Navigating the Post-Secondary Education Pathway: Tools for Sure-Footed Success
- There's no I in PYD
- Elevating Lived Expertise through Coaching
- TEAM (Teaching, Empowering, Advocating, Mentorship) Mentor Program

## **Youth\* workshops being offered include:**

- Sharing Your Personal Story to Educate, Influence, and Inform
- Creating the soundtrack of your life
- Discovering the Hero Within You - Personal Empowerment Workshop
- Escape to Independence

*\*Youth attendees are determined by the appropriate workshop topics applicable (not necessarily by age). Adult workshops are geared to professionals working with youth in independent living and foster care programs whereas the youth workshops are geared to those needing to develop the skills necessary to transition into independent living.*

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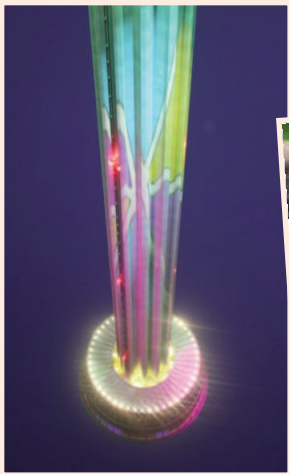
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other Independent  
Living or Foster Care  
Professionals

Please let us know if you received duplicate mailings or if any contact information needs to be corrected.



Sponsorship  
opportunities  
available!

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration/Information Booth Open
10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Pre-Conference Institutes <i>(lunch on your own)</i>
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Welcome Dessert Reception

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration/Information Booth Open Exhibitor/Resource Fair Open
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Opening General Session
10:30 am - 12:00 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Adult Workshops - Session A Youth General Session
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>(provided)</i>
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Session B Workshops
2:45 pm - 4:15 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Session C Workshops
4:30 pm - 5:30pm	Bonus Session

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration/Information Booth Open Exhibitor/Resource Fair Open
9:00 am - 10:15 am	General Session II
10:30 am - 12:00 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Session D Workshops
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch <i>(On your own)</i>
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Bonus Session <i>(Adult):</i> Lunch 'n Learn (ILS v10)
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Session E Workshops
3:15 pm - 4:30pm	Bonus Session
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Party/Dance <i>Refreshments Provided</i>

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Registration/Information Booth Open Exhibitor/Resource Fair Open
9:00 am - 10:30 am <i>(Concurrent Sessions)</i>	Session F Workshops
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	General Session III <i>Brunch Served</i>

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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

## DANIEL MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. This form must be completed in full. Duplicate copies are accepted. [Use one form for each registration.](#)

Circle One: **Adult Attendee**      **Youth Attendee\*** If youth attendee, indicate name of chaperone on "Title" line

\*Note: "Youth" attendees are determined by the appropriate workshop topics applicable (not necessarily by age). Adult workshops are geared to professionals working with youth in independent living and foster care programs whereas the youth workshops are geared to those needing to develop the skills necessary to transition into independent living.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (If youth, Chaperone Name and a cellular phone number **required**): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

A gift for our paid registrants!! T-Shirt Size: (**circle one**)    Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large    XXX-Large

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS: *Check One*

**Register on or before July 23, 2018**

#### Youth Registration Rates

- \$265.00 Conference Only (Aug 29-31)  
 \$360.00 Pre-Con and Conference (Aug 28-31)

#### Adult Registration Rates

- \$295.00 Conference Only (Aug 29-31)  
 \$390.00 Pre-Con and Conference (Aug 28-31)

*Please let us know if you have any special needs (dietary, seating, wheelchair, etc.) prior to the conference start. Special dietary meal requirements must be arranged with the conference director at least 24 hours prior to the meal function.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Register on or after July 24, 2018**

#### Youth Registration Rates

- \$305.00 Conference Only (Aug 29-31)  
 \$450.00 Pre-Con and Conference (Aug 28-31)

#### Adult Registration Rates

- \$345.00 Conference Only (Aug 29-31)  
 \$490.00 Pre-Con and Conference (Aug 28-31)

\$245.00 **Discounted Presenter Rate.**

Will you attend the pre-conference?

### WORKSHOP SELECTIONS

*Providing selections assists in room assignments only and does not guarantee seating.*

Pre-Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
Session A \_\_\_\_\_  
Session B \_\_\_\_\_  
Session C \_\_\_\_\_  
Session D \_\_\_\_\_  
Session E \_\_\_\_\_  
Session F \_\_\_\_\_

### MARKETING SURVEY

*How did you hear about the conference?*

- Brochure via mail  
 Email marketing  
 Facebook posts  
 IL State Coordinator  
 DMI Website  
 Postcard  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Is this your first time attending the GP Conference?*  Yes  No

### METHOD OF PAYMENT: *(check one)*

- Check Enclosed (Ck# \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Make check payable to Daniel Memorial, Inc. - Federal ID# 59-3067752)
- Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card (American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Discover)

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**Transfer/Cancellation policy:** Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. Please notify the Conference Coordinator of all changes. All requests for cancellation must be received in writing and postmarked by the following dates to receive a refund. A full refund (less a \$50 processing fee) is available through July 31, 2018. A 50 percent refund (less a \$50 processing fee) is available through August 14, 2018. No refunds thereafter. **Please note if you do not cancel or attend the conference you are still responsible for payment.**

### Submit forms or contact for information:

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