

# Dare TO DREAM 2.0

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

May 23, 2019

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

URI, Kingston



## Pre-Registration Application

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**Dare to Dream (D2D)** is a learning pathway for youth with special healthcare needs and diverse learners\*, in grade 8 to age 21. It is an initiative from the Office of Special Needs in the Health Equity Institute at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). The D2D Initiative focuses on creating and providing resources and activities to assist youth in developing and leading healthy lives as they move through transitional periods.

**D2D 2.0 Goal** - RIDOH, in collaboration with State partners including the Office of Rehabilitation Services and Rhode Island Department of Education, will build on the 10-year momentum of D2D to facilitate a D2D 2.0 Youth Conference, which will provide youth with opportunities to explore individualized strengths that support social and emotional health.

### D2D 2.0 Objectives

- Focus on social and emotional health learning areas, by introducing programming that will serve as ongoing foundations of knowledge and skill building.
- Provide a conference design that includes participatory pre-work to inform event-day programming and tailor activities to individualized abilities.
- Engage 500 youth with special healthcare needs and diverse learners by providing a fun, rich learning experience and creating leadership frameworks participants can pull from before, during, and after the conference.

### D2D 2.0 Conference Activities

- Clifton Youth Strengths Explorer Assessment Tool pre-work
- Motivational speakers
- Interactive workshops to help youth explore their social and emotional health and well-being
- Team-building activities led by the University of Rhode Island (URI)'s Center for Student Leadership and Development

Youth with special healthcare needs are those who have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services beyond that required by youth generally. (Maternal & Child Health Bureau)

A diverse learner is a learner who is racially, ethnically, culturally, economically, and/or linguistically diverse and/or a learner who learns differently from the majority.

