

2016 Alternative Break Citizenship schools (ABCs) | June 5 - 10, 2016  
*Sexual Violence Prevention and Response*  
Staff Track | June 8 – 10

The Staff Track portion of the ABCs includes:

- *Six workshops* facilitated by Break Away staff and outside experts
- Opportunity for *engagement in strategic planning*, as we look forward to the 2016 alternative break season
- *Networking and coalition building* with other alternative break professionals
- Space to *share best practices* among campus programs represented
- Participation in ABCs evening activities (Wednesday and Thursday) and opportunities to *engage with student leaders*
  - Includes: Diversity and Social Justice workshop; Community Reception; Speaker Panel on the topic of Sexual Violence Prevention and Response
- Two nights of housing; seven meals; on-site transportation (as needed); conference materials



## Meeting Student Needs

- On short-term trips laden with opportunities for personal development - as well as the possibilities of potential triggers - strong programs benefit from having training and procedures in place for addressing and responding to issues related to sexual assault, mental health, and other lived experiences that influence students' experiences on alternative breaks.

## What We've Learned About Teams (From Running a Small Non-Profit)

- Doing a lot with a little demands focus on how people work together. In both leaders and participants, we strive to systematically recruit, develop, and retain individuals who are capable of contributing to organizational needs and strengths, and are primed to benefit from our investment in them. We'll consider tools and best practices that increase productivity and individual job satisfaction.

## Building Justice-Based Programs

- Mindful to ensure alternative break programs aren't inadvertently recreating the very systems of exclusion and oppression we're trying to address, we'll look at participant selection, leadership recruitment, branding and advertising, budgets and trip costs, and other means of full accessibility.

## Expanding High Impact Partnerships

- We'll explore the ways in which institutional support and program efficacy can be expanded through coalition building with community-based groups, academic departments on-campus, and local service and advocacy organizations through financial investment, programmatic collaboration, and other avenues for mutual support.

## Sustainable Funding and Financial Management

- Diversifying revenue streams, adopting methods of fundraising that work, establishing ways of keeping costs low, and finding flexibility in your budget - we'll share and discuss strategies for building systems, processes, and tools that will sustain your program beyond participant fees and fundraising events.

## The Power of Storytelling

- Capturing information through powerful stories can mean remarkable outcomes for your program - drawing participants and donors; enhancing reflection and reorientation; illustrating student learning outcomes; and demonstrating community impact. We'll use practices drawn from oral history collection and other models transferable to various aspects of alternative break programming.

## Options for Participation and Associated Costs

Staff participants are welcome to attend in one of three ways:

- **The full ABCs**
  - Advantage (\$560); Associate (\$630); Non-Member (\$700) (*early bird – on/before April 15*)
  - Advantage (\$620); Associate (\$697.50); Non-Member (\$775) – *after April 15*
- **The full ABCs and the Staff Track**
  - Advantage (\$560); Associate (\$630); Non-Member (\$700) (*early bird – on/before April 15*)
  - Advantage (\$620); Associate (\$697.50); Non-Member (\$775) – *after April 15*
- **The Staff Track (only)**
  - Advantage (\$228); Associate (\$256.50); Non-Member (\$285)

## Staff Track vs. Full ABCs

For new staff members who aren't familiar with alternative breaks, or are new to their position, we would suggest attending the full ABCs only. The ABCs is geared, particularly, to building and improving a strong alternative break program whereas the Staff Track was created for those interested in innovating within an already strong and sophisticated program. ***There is also the option to transition from the ABCs into the Staff Track for the final three days of the ABCs.***

## Deadline

The last day to register for the ABCs is May 13, 2016 – however, it is likely that some of the ABCs will become full prior to the last day of registration.

## Registration

Registration forms are available [here](#) and payment will be accepted by check or [online](#). Once you've completed the registration process, you'll receive a confirmation email with more detailed conference information.

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