



Department of Youth and Community Development

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MAY 2008 @DYCD

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****DYCD Calendar and Events:** 2008 SYEP applications due on May 16; OST Summer Day Camp information now available on DYCD Web site; ICC to meet May 20; DYCD to convene national panels on June 3 to inform the OST High School RFP planning process

****Spotlight News:** Commissioner Mullgrav panelist at Somos El Futuro conference in Albany; Honorary Fellowship conferred on DYCD Commissioner for her commitment to support systems for African-American and Latino males, especially in higher education enrollment; OCFS and ANYSYB look at DYCD accountability systems as NYS model; American Youth Policy Forum in Washington D.C. focuses on NYC OST initiative; DYCD commemorates Immigrant Heritage Week 2008 with event celebrating immigrant youth; Commissioner Mullgrav featured speaker at SoBRO Leadership Forum; Immigrant Family Literacy Alliance meets to support City's family literacy programming; DYCD staff meets with San Francisco counterpart; DYCD publishes 2007 Annual report

****Program Updates:** Beacon Book Club welcomes acclaimed author; Queens OST program hosts Mayor Bloomberg; Teen ACTION service learning program holds first youth forum; Fatherhood program providers meet to discuss future plans

****Funding Opportunities:** Foundation and grant sources

DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** May 16 –** Submission deadline for applications for the 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Applications are available to complete online or to download as a printable document through the DYCD Web site <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. SYEP is open to all New York City residents between the ages of 14 and 21. The program will run from July 1 to August 16. Posters have been mailed to all public high schools and secondary schools, public libraries, City Council offices, Borough President offices, Out-of-School Time and Beacon programs and facilities operated by the Administration for Children's Services, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Human Resources Administration. The Department of Education Chancellor, Joel Klein, also included SYEP information in his publication, *Principal's Weekly*. In collaboration with Emmis Communications, Public Service Announcements for SYEP will air on KISS 98.7, The New York Rock Experience 101.9, and HOT 97 in the next 3 to 5 weeks.

**** Summer 2008 –** NYC offers conveniently located Out-of-School Time (OST and Beacon) Summer Day Camps at no cost to families. For a list of programs, go to DYCD online: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

**** May 20 –** The last quarter meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Mid-Manhattan Library, 455 Fifth Avenue, 6th Floor Conference Rooms B & C, New York, NY 10016 (at the corner of 40th Street & Fifth Avenue). There will be a panel discussion on the status of General Educational Development (GED) diploma testing in New York City.

**** June 3 –** DYCD will convene two high-level panels at the Baruch College William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus, Baruch Conference Center Baruch College Conference Center Room 14-220, 55 Lexington Avenue, New York. This event, which will bring together experts from around the nation, is part of DYCD's planning process for a forthcoming concept paper and Request For Proposals (RFP) for the agency's Out-of-School Time Program for High School Youth.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Somos El Futuro Panel Addresses New York's Efforts to Combat Poverty**

On April 26, Commissioner Mullgrav participated in a panel discussion on combating poverty at the Somos El Futuro Conference in Albany. The panel, which was moderated by Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera and also included Lorraine Cortez Vasquez, NYS Secretary of State; and David Hansell, NYS Office of Temporary and

Disability Assistance. Our focus was reducing New York's high cost of living; establishing education and workforce development opportunities for a highly competitive economy; strengthening the social safety net for low-income New Yorkers; and bringing jobs into our communities. Commissioner Mullgrav focused on the CEO initiative and DYCD's emphasis on targeted funding and evaluation.

****DYCD Commissioner named Honorary Fellow**

On April 25, Commissioner Mullgrav was named an Honorary Fellow during the spring induction ceremony of the Pi Eta Kappa Honor Society and the Male Development and Empowerment Center at Medgar Evers College. Fellows are recognized for their mentorship, advocacy and investment in African American and Latino males, as well as a shared commitment to combating male under-enrollment in higher education.

****DYCD Data and Outcome Tracking Systems Potential Model for Implementation across New York State**

On April 24, Jackie Negri, Executive Director of the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB), and staff from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) met with DYCD staff to learn more about New York City's approach to data reporting and outcome tracking for youth programs. ANYSYB is hoping to use DYCD's strategy as a model for other communities across New York State.

****DYCD Commissioner Presents at American Youth Policy Forum**

On April 24, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav was featured on a panel entitled "Building Afterschool Capacity at the Local Level: Spotlight on the NYC Citywide Out-of-School Time Initiative" on Capitol Hill. The event was sponsored by the American Youth Policy Forum and the Mott Foundation. The other panelists included Elizabeth Reisner of Policy Studies Associates and Richard Berlin, Executive Director of Harlem RBI, an OST provider. In attendance were representatives from Federal departments, congressional staff, local nonprofits, foundations and research organizations.

****Immigrant Heritage Week Celebration**

On April 16, DYCD celebrated Immigrant Heritage Week 2008 by "Celebrating Immigrant Youth" at the UJA-Federation of New York. The event honored immigrant youth participants from The Door, The Legal Aid Society and The Urban Justice Center. The young people discussed their experiences as undocumented immigrants and how the programs they attended helped them achieve legal status. More than 120 representatives from community-based organizations, Community Action Boards, Neighborhood Advisory Board members and youth participants attended the event, along with Department of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Guillermo Linares.

****SoBRO Leadership Forum Features DYCD Accountability and Technical Assistance Structures**

On April 10, Commissioner Mullgrav was the featured speaker at the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation's (SoBRO) South Bronx Leadership Forum (SBLF), a monthly event where New York City leaders share their priorities and engage in a dialogue with community members. Her presentation highlighted DYCD's utilization of data to serve high-need neighborhoods, evaluation to ensure high quality programming, and capacity building to enhance the infrastructure of funded CBOs.

****Immigrant Family Literacy Alliance Focuses on Family and Community Support in NYC Schools**

On April 9, more than 70 representatives from the non-profit, government and philanthropic sectors gathered at the new headquarters of the New York Times Company for the annual membership meeting of the Immigrant Family Literacy Alliance. The Alliance was organized three years ago in collaboration with the New York Times Company Foundation and Altman Foundation to increase the capacity of the City's family literacy programs. As a result of the Alliance's efforts, more than \$1 million in private funds have been allocated to family literacy providers. This year's membership meeting focused on supporting family and community involvement in our schools, and featured noted experts Dr. Judith Epstein from Johns Hopkins University and Sharon Darling, President of the National Center for Family Literacy.

****DYCD Hosts a Meeting with San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families**

On April 7, Margaret Brodtkin, Director of San Francisco's Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, met with Bill Chong, DYCD Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services. The meeting focused on common challenges and best practices. Director Brodtkin was especially interested in DYCD's capacity building initiatives.

****The DYCD Annual Report 2007 is Now Online**

The Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) annual report highlights the agency's accomplishments for 2007. To view the publication or to download a PDF version, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** Beacon Book Club Meeting Features Author Ishmael Beah**

On May 6, 400 participants in the Beacon Book Club gathered at the NYC College of Technology to meet Ishmael Beah, acclaimed author of the bestselling memoir, *A Long Way Gone*. The Club was launched by DYCD in February 2008 to promote youth literacy within the City's 80 Beacons, which are school-based community centers serving children, youth, and adults. The Beacon Book Club features group reading discussions, an essay contest, and free books for all participants. Mr. Beah discussed his work with the young people, answered their questions and signed books, which were provided to every participant free of charge. For more information on the Beacon Book Club, go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/beacon_program.shtml .

**** Mayor Bloomberg Visits OST Program During School Spring Vacation Break**

On April 23, Mayor Bloomberg visited the Out-of-School Time (OST) elementary program at PS 36 in Saint Albans, Queens. Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott (an alumnus of PS 36), Council Member Leroy Comrie and Assembly Member Barbara Clarke were present. The OST program, operated by the ChaRosa Foundation, administers afterschool services for more than 200 children, between the ages of 5 and 12. Participants receive homework assistance, academic enrichment and tutoring that complements school day learning and enhances academic skills. The program also offers interactive and project-based science, geography and cooking activities as well as cultural and recreational activities. Mayor Bloomberg's visit highlighted the fact that OST programs operate during school vacations in order to meet the needs of working parents.

**** Teen ACTION Program Holds First Forum Highlighting Service Learning Projects**

On April 22, Teen ACTION, a CEO initiative focused on service learning, held a youth forum at Hostos Community College. Service Learning programs provide youth in grades 6-12 with an opportunity to engage in structured learning and service projects. The Youth Forum showcased Teen ACTION service learning projects and allowed participants to network with their peers, City officials, community advocates, and experts in the field. More than 400 youth from 43 community-based organizations participated. Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott delivered opening remarks, and representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, PlaNYC and the Department of Homeless Services participated in a panel discussion.

**** Fatherhood Initiative Providers Look Ahead**

On April 10, DYCD held the second quarterly meeting for Fatherhood Initiative providers. Participants shared program information, including effective outreach strategies, program design models, parenting curriculums, and approaches for assisting fathers with child visitation. They also discussed developing a partnership with the Office of Child Support at the Human Resources Administration, in addition to a Fatherhood Directory listing each agency and their services. The final topic was the June 14 Father's Day event to be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. DYCD anticipates that 150 non-custodial fathers and their child will attend the event, which will feature museum tours, sketching and an outdoor picnic.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

Dr. Seuss Enterprises and **Ashoka's Youth Venture**, in partnership with **Earth Island Institute**, have announced the *Lorax Challenge*, an opportunity for people between the ages of 12 and 20 across the United States to turn their ideas for helping to save the planet into reality. The challenge invites teams of young people to create action plans for their earth-saving ideas. To be considered for the Lorax grant, a venture team must be youth-created, -led, and -managed; be community-benefiting; be structured as a lasting organization (meaning not just a one-time event, but rather an ongoing entity such as a new school club, a business, or a new community organization); involve a strong team (meaning at least two people) with clear, attainable goals and budget and the commitment to lead their venture; and have at least one "Ally" -- a supportive adult who guides and encourages the team. Selected teams will receive funding of up to \$1,000 each to turn their ideas into a reality. In addition, five grand-prize winners will receive a free trip to the University of Florida for a weekend of activities, learning, and fun. (Please note that only high school students are eligible for the Grand Prize.) The deadline for submissions is May 31. Visit the Youth Venture Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://genv.net>

Mattel and the **Mattel Children's Foundation** have announced they will continue the *Mattel Domestic Grantmaking Program*, which provides funding for organizations benefiting children in the United States. Mattel's funding priorities include: programs that directly and effectively impact children with demonstrated needs (physical, financial, emotional, and health-related); preferences to programs with demonstrated results; and organizations that use creative and innovative methods to address a locally defined need directly impacting children. Preference will be given to organizations or programs that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities: Learning -- Increasing access to education for under-served children and, in particular, innovative strategies to promote and address literacy; Health -- Supporting the health and well-being of children, with particular emphasis on promoting healthy, active lifestyles; and Girl Empowerment --Promoting self-esteem in young girls, up to age 12. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity organizations (or have a fiscal sponsor with tax-exempt status) and must directly serve children in communities within the U.S. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each for one fiscal year. Funds may be applied to programs or general operating costs. The application deadline is July 15. Visit the Mattel Web site for complete program guidelines, online eligibility quiz, and grant application: <http://www.mattel.com> .

Sponsored by **VSA Arts** with support from **Volkswagen of America, Inc.**, the *Green Light Awards* program is open to young artists between the ages of 16 and 25 living in the United States who have a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. A disability is defined as an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. The program invites entries of both representational and abstract work. Artwork may illustrate actual aspects of what signals the artist's creative motivations such as the physical world or personal discoveries. Abstract work that relates to feelings or emotions is also encouraged. Work might also reflect the artist's experience of living with a disability and its role in shaping or transforming their work. Art must be an original work that has been completed in the last three years. Eligible media include paintings and drawings (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, or charcoal), fine art prints (lithographs, etching, intaglio, or woodcuts), photography, computer-generated prints, and two-dimensional mixed media. This year the program also welcomes entries of sculpture and time-based media (video, film, etc.). The program will award one Grand Prize of \$20,000, one First Award of \$10,000, one Second Award of \$6,000, and twelve Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each. The submission deadline is July 11. Visit the VSA arts Web site for complete program information: <http://vsarts.org/> .

The **U.S. National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** is seeking applicants for its *Learning in the Arts Projects for Children and Youth*. They are offering funding to public and private nonprofits for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Funded projects apply national or state arts education standards. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. The grant application deadline is June 9. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html>.

The **CVS Caremark Charitable Trust** focuses primarily on supporting charitable organizations that are making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities. Resources are also allocated to help support organizations focused on providing healthcare to the uninsured. The CVS Caremark Charitable Trust funds the following:

- 1) Programs that serve children with disabilities under the age of 21 that address the following: accessibility to physical activity; early intervention; and health and rehabilitative services. The trust defines disabilities as impairments that limit one or more routine activities of daily living.
- 2) Healthcare organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of health and well-being of uninsured seniors, adults, youth, and children that address the following: pre-natal care; screening and preventative programs; better healthcare outcomes; and general health programs. Applications for 2008 will be accepted May 1 to June 15, 2008. All applications must be submitted online. Visit the CVS Web site for complete program guidelines and the online application form. http://www.cvs.com/corplnfo/community/charitable_mission.html

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** is dedicated to helping young Americans (newborn to early 20s) with disabilities maximize their potential and full participation in society. The foundation supports organizations and projects within its mission that address important needs, have broad scope and impact, and demonstrate potential for replication at other sites. A major program emphasis is inclusion: enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. Funding is available for both project costs and operating support, and is open to both disability-specific organizations and those that serve the general population. While requests from all parts of the United States will be considered, priority will be given to communities where Mitsubishi Electric US companies are located. Preference is given to organizations and projects that reflect collaboration among groups. Preference is also given to organizations and projects that actively involve people with disabilities in program planning and implementation.

Grants are made only to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status. The foundation accepts and reviews concept papers throughout the year; however, concept papers should be submitted by June 1 to be considered for funding in the following year. If the concept paper is approved, the organization will be invited to submit a full proposal. The deadline for submission of Concept Papers is June 1. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://meaf.org/>.

As part of *AT&T Aspire*, the company's recently announced \$100 million initiative to address high school success and college and workforce readiness, the **AT&T Foundation** is accepting applications for a \$12 million special grants program to help moderately at-risk students in the United States complete high school successfully. The high school success program offers two types of grants: 1) Project support for existing high school retention programs with a successful track record of achieving effective results. The support may be used to continue programs in their current form, expand them to serve additional students, or add a component to strengthen the program. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each per year for up to four years (2008 to 2011) are available under this category of support. 2) Planning/capacity-building support for efforts that need additional planning time and resources. Applicants for these grants must demonstrate that they will be able to identify the administrative, financial, and programmatic support needed to commence program implementation during the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000 each for one year are available under this category of support. Eligible applicant organizations include school districts and school district foundations with 501(c)(3) public charity status; charter school foundations and private school foundations with 501(c)(3) status; 501(c)(3) public charities that work on-site with public and private education institutions; and 501(c)(3) public charities that work with public and private education institutions on a project basis. Priority will be given to programs that begin serving students who are either in ninth grade or are making the transition from eighth to ninth grade. Funding will also be considered for programs that begin serving students in tenth grade; no funding will be provided to programs that begin serving students after tenth grade. The application deadline is May 19. Visit the AT&T Web site for complete grant program guidelines as well as information on the other components of the Aspire initiative. <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=11546>.

The **History Channel** is offering a grant that is intended to inspire youth to become the preservationists of tomorrow. Museums, historic sites, libraries and archives are all encouraged to participate in this grant program. All eligible organizations are expected to partner with local elementary, middle or high schools as well as other local youth organizations which provide educational programming. These partnerships are expected to undertake community preservation projects that will engage students in learning about documenting and preserving the history of their local communities. Any organization that received a *Save Our History* grant within the last three years is not eligible to apply. Not-for-profit organization such as a museum, historical society, preservation organization, historic site, library, archive or other history organizations are eligible. Local governments, government agencies and departments relating to local history are also eligible. Individual grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded. The application deadline is June 6. Contact the History Channel through their Web site: <http://www.history.com> or e-mail saveourhistory@rockpa.org.

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

The **Bank of America Charitable Foundation *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*** is designed to recognize, nurture, and reward community organizations, local heroes, and student leaders who are helping their neighborhoods achieve excellence.

Neighborhood Builders: Provides \$200,000 in core operating support and leadership training over two years to two nonprofit organizations working in each identified community to promote vibrant neighborhoods. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in an applicable Bank of America community that is eligible for a grant under the Bank of America Charitable Foundation's guidelines can apply. The program seeks organizations whose focus closely reflects local neighborhood priorities such as health and human services, education, community development, or arts and culture. Applicants should demonstrate how they have impacted their community and how grant funding and leadership development opportunities will help their organization further its work in the community.

Local Heroes: Recognizes and honors five heroes per year in each of the selected communities whose achievements and leadership on local issues contribute significantly to neighborhood vitality. Successful nominations will demonstrate how a nominee has made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large; inspired others to community service; or been a catalyst for new visions, understanding, and change in a community. Recipients will each be able to direct a \$5,000 award to an eligible nonprofit of their

choice. Self-nominations are accepted. The nomination deadline is June 27. To learn more about the initiative, eligible communities, and identified community priorities, or to apply online, please visit the Bank of America Foundation Web site: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation> .

The *Garden Crusader Awards* were created by **Gardener's Supply** to honor individuals who are improving the world through gardening. Garden Crusaders are men and women who are planting trees and flowers, growing food, creating new green spaces, and teaching their friends and neighbors about the rewards of gardening. The awards honor individuals in the United States who are improving their communities through gardening. Nominations of organizations will not be accepted. However, many organizations apply and choose one person to represent the group, with the entire group sharing the prize. There is no age requirement. Nominees may be volunteers or may be paid for their garden work. Self-nominations are accepted. Award categories for 2008 are Education; Feeding the Hungry; Urban Renewal; and Restoration. There are five winners for each category: first, second, third, plus two honorable mentions and one grand-prize winner, for a total of twenty-one winners over-all. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in cash and a \$2,500 gift certificate from Gardener's Supply. First-place winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate each; second- place winners a \$750 gift certificate; third-place winners a \$500 gift certificate; and honorable mentions a \$200 gift certificate. All prizes will be awarded to the winner's organization in his/her name. The nomination deadline is June 15. Visit the program's Web site for complete guidelines and nomination forms: <http://www.gardeners.com/> .

The *Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards* program, a partnership of **World Hunger Year** and the **Harry Chapin Foundation**, distributes cash grants to outstanding grassroots organizations in the United States that have moved beyond charity to creating change in their communities. Organizations selected as Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Award winners are judged for their innovative and creative approaches to fighting domestic hunger and poverty by empowering people and building self-reliance. Applicants must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The total budget for the program cannot exceed \$500,000. Applicant organizations' programs must go beyond emergency food, shelter, and other types of assistance to address the root causes of poverty. The program will not consider applications from organizations providing only emergency services. Grant amounts will range up to a maximum of \$7,000 each. The deadline for applications is June 16. WHY will include program applicants in a database that allows information sharing among community-based organizations, the media, funders, and government agencies. See the WHY Web site for complete program information and application instructions: <http://www.worldhungeryear.org/> .

The *Avon Hello Tomorrow Fund* is an initiative of **Avon Products, Inc.** that is designed to empower women and improve society by providing individuals with cash awards that will enable them to pursue a project to better the lives of women (of all ages) in the United States. Initially launched in March 2007 as a one-year initiative in celebration of International Women's Day, the Hello Tomorrow Fund has been extended for a second year. The fund will continue to award \$5,000 each week, through April 2009. Winners are deserving individuals who have submitted a compelling application to launch or expand a program or project to empower women in their communities and beyond. The award is for an individual, not an organization or company. Women and men are eligible to win as long as the program or project benefits women of all ages in the U.S. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a legal permanent resident of the U.S. or a U.S. citizen to apply. Application submission and selection of winners is organized in a quarterly cycle. Upcoming deadlines are June 2, 2008; September 1, 2008; and December 1, 2008. One winner will be publicly announced every Tuesday through the Hello Tomorrow Web site. See the program's Web site for complete program and application information, profiles of the winners, and links to resources and organizations relevant to women's issues. <http://www.avoncompany.com/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2008 – The **Foundation Center** has scheduled the following free training opportunities during May 2008:

Grantseeking Basics: May 8, 16 and 28

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources can help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

How to Approach a Foundation: May 8

Attendees will learn how to initiate contact with potential funders; plan calls and meetings; and build partnerships with donors. This class is intended for fundraisers with some experience, though not necessarily with foundations.

Proposal Writing Basics: May 15

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their non-profit organizations.

Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online: May 8, 14 and 28

This session provides a hands-on introduction to the Center's comprehensive Web subscription database.

Classes are held at The Foundation Center, New York Library, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor in New York City. Space is limited and you can register on-line at <http://www.fdncenter.org>, in person, or by calling (212) 620-4230. You may also visit the Web site for information on other training opportunities available through the Center.

May 2008 – The **Community Word Project** will be presenting an *Arts-in-Education Information Panel* from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Scholastic Building, 557 Broadway (between Prince and Spring Streets), 2nd Floor Education Resource Center (ERC). Panel discussion made up of representatives from: Community-Word Project, New York Foundation for the Arts, Studio in a School, Teachers & Writers Collaborative, Wingspan Arts, Working Playground, and Young Audiences NY. For more information or to register for the event, please e-mail Keith Kaminski, Program Coordinator at kkaminski@communitywordproject.org or call (212) 962 3820 ext. #2.

May 16 – The **Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** will be holding a training for Site Directors, Multi-Site Directors, Executive Level Staff with budgeting responsibilities. *Managing Finances and Multiple Funding Streams*, will be held at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230, New York, NY, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. In this workshop, participants will learn strategies for managing multiple contracts and gain an increased knowledge of policies and procedures related to controls for handling multiple funding streams. Additionally, participants will explore how these decisions affect the day to day operations of a program or program site. This training is free and open to all. **SACC Regulations:** (5) Business record maintenance and management. Links to **NYSAN QSA Elements:** (2) Administration/Organization. Coffee and juice provided. Participants are welcome to bring breakfast with them. Participants will receive certificates upon completion of the session. The training code is: ASC-FM2. For additional information, or to register, go to: <http://www.pasetter.com/interactive/trainingform.html> .

May 19 – **ACT for Youth Center of Excellence** will sponsor a conference, *Can You Hear Me Now? The Challenge of Youth-Adult Connection*, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany New York. This conference is for both adults and youth. For more information and registration, visit the ACT for Youth conference page: <http://www.actforyouth.net/?conference2008> .

May 28 – A conference for New York City's top high school student leaders, *Express Yourself: Diverse Teens Taking Charge*, sponsored by **YouthBridge-NY** will be held from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm at the McGraw Hill Companies, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 2nd Floor. It will feature a special track for youth educators. Register before April 25 at <http://www.youthbridgeny.org/summit2008>, or call 212-983-4800x126.

May 28 – The **Center for Immigrant Health** will be presenting a *Conference on Access to Cancer Care and Services for Immigrants with Breast Cancer*. It will be held in the Faculty Dining Room at the NYU Medical Center, 530 First Avenue), from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Topics will include: Legal Issues, Emergency Medicaid, and Immigrant Housing Support. Please RSVP to Vidya.Putcha@med.nyu.edu .

June 6 - The **Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)** will host a forum, *New Directions for Disconnected Youth* – a joint event to convene members of FPWA's Youth Services Network and Workforce Development & Child Welfare Task Forces to highlight the importance of holistic and comprehensive programming for young people. It will take place from 9:00 am to 12 noon at Baruch College. For additional information, visit: <http://www.fpwa.org> .

June 14 – The **Latino Coalition for Early Care and Education** will be coordinating, *A Latino/English Language Learner Forum on Early Care and Education*. The Coalition is an advocacy group committed to increasing the availability and quality of culturally and linguistically appropriate child care and early education for all Latino children and all English Language learners at both the City and State level. For more information, contact The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc. 212-206-1090 or Kreyes@chcfinc.org .

June 24 – The **Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Domestic Violence Policy and Planning Office** and the **Office of Clinical Policy** will be holding a seminar from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at 66 John Street, Room A, New York, New York 10038. They will be welcoming David J. Matthews, PsyD, LICSW for a special presentation on *Restorative Parenting: Working with Abusive Partners in the Aftermath of Violence in the Home*. Mr. Mathews is

Director of Therapy at the Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) in Minneapolis, Minnesota and internationally-recognized as a leader in the field of domestic violence, batterer education and parenting for families impacted by domestic violence. This training is designed to increase knowledge and strategies for working with resistant clients. This training has limited seats available. Please sign up by faxing Ms. Jaqueline Pizarro at 212 341 0733 or emailing her at Jaqueline.Pizarro@dfa.state.ny.us with the names of the representatives from your unit or organization that plan to attend.

June 28 – The 12th Annual Safe Night (*Stop the Violence – Save Our Children*) will be held at St. Mary's Park and Recreation Center, 450 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, New York 10455 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Enjoy music, free giveaways, face painting, health information and more. For more information, contact Krystal Serrano 646-670-8848, Evelyn Munoz 917-662-6301, or Blanca Cuzco-Moran 917-656-3316, or email info@unitedcaribbeancongress.org.

July 14 to 18 – The Hereford International Youth Conference will be held in the United Kingdom. It is an event which will focus on international issues specifically including climate change, world poverty, and the major concern of how young people can play a part on tackling these important topics. In addition, the broader goals would include: creating an international network of youth groups; providing the opportunity for participants to develop an understanding of different national cultures; exploring the place of young people within society; and creating a positive change in the image of young people in the eyes of older citizens and the media. For additional information, contact James Langford, james.langford4@btinternet.com.

October 15 - The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is pleased to announce that *Disabilities Mentoring Day (DMD)* will occur this year on October 15 and MOPD has begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees. DMD is a wonderful city wide opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring and exploration of future workforce opportunities. For more information, go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about_dmd.shtml. If you have any questions, you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor at DYCD @ nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov.

RESOURCES

The Mayor's Flood Mitigation Taskforce has announced the publication of the *Ready New York Flooding* brochure to provide residents with important information on flood prevention, protection, and recovery as a result of intense storms. Also included is information regarding flood insurance and additional resources. The guide will be available in English, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Yiddish. To obtain additional information about emergencies in New York City, call 311 (TTY: 212-504-4115) or visit: <http://www.NYC.gov/readyny>.

ACCESS NYC is proud to announce the expansion of 311 to include Health and Human Services information and referrals. They are also announcing a program to *GIVE AWAY* over 500 ACCESS NYC terminals to qualified 501c3 organizations. The awarded terminals will be dedicated computer stations (computer and printer) for clients to screen themselves for benefits using the ACCESS NYC website (www.nyc.gov/accessnyc). Awards will be made on a first-come-first-serve basis to all qualified 501c3 organizations. All applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2008. To request application instructions, please send an email request to accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov.

The **Center for After-School Excellence** offers one-year professional certificate programs, at little or no cost. These programs will help you advance your knowledge of youth work while you get on track for better pay, leadership positions and advanced degrees. Apply now for fall 2008 undergraduate and graduate certificate programs at: Hostos Community College (Bronx), Kingsborough Community College (Brooklyn), Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn), York College (Queens) and Hunter College (Manhattan). For additional information about program requirements and an application, visit: <http://www.afterschoolexcellence.org/section/opportunities/certificate>.

The **Bronx Health Link**, a non-profit educational clearinghouse, announces that it is now offering a free workshop on Home Safety for parents of children 5 years and under, as well as for care providers, available to any community-based organization in the Bronx. The workshop, which lasts one hour, covers such topics as electrical wiring, lead paint, fire hazards, carbon monoxide, and toxic chemicals. The workshop is offered in English or

Spanish, and informational brochures and incentives that consumers can use at home to safeguard their children are provided. They are offering the workshop to groups of 8 or more, which can include consumers and/or care providers. In addition, workshops are offered on: Asthma, Lead Poisoning, SIDS Risk Reduction, Diabetes, Breast Health, Domestic Violence, and Immunizations. If your agency would like to schedule this workshop, please contact the Bronx Health Link at 718-590-2648 or lsolis@bronxhealthlink.org.

A new report, *Engaging Youth... On Their Turf: Creative Approaches to Connecting Youth through Community* focuses on the importance of involving at-risk youth in positive activities in order to combat teen pregnancy, substance abuse, dropping out and gang participation. The writers highlight six examples of programs that engage youth through parental involvement, athletics, service-learning, art, mentoring and youth empowerment. The publication also includes guidelines to help practitioners develop their own programs. To obtain a copy of the publication call (202) 547-8814, or to download the pdf file, visit: http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B_PR&SEC={2AE1D600-4FC6-4B4D-8822-F1D5F072ED7B}&DE={A376E296-EF63-46BA-AD21-5344B3C5F79A}.

Leadership development and succession planning are hot topics in the nonprofit sector these days as organizations are challenged to attract and retain young executives. A new publication from the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, *Building leadership Organizations: Succession Planning for Nonprofits*, is part of the Casey Foundation's series on executive transitions, presents emergency succession planning tools, guidance for executive directors on how and when to depart an organization, and suggestions for board members on how to be proactive in assuring that an organization is sustainable over time. To access the pdf file, go to: <http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/Building%20Leaderful%20Organizations.pdf>

Google is offering a suite of free Internet applications to non-profits. For information, go to: <http://members.jointogether.org/ct/y1XSzSF1wEdS/E-mail>. Programs, mapping software, blogs, Internet traffic analysis programs, and free search engine advertising are among the tools being offered to nonprofits by Google.

Kiplinger unveiled an educational video on paying for college and how to borrow wisely. The 24 minute video entitled "Borrow Smart," is easy-to-understand and informative which first offers tips on savings, keeping costs low, and accessing scholarships and grants. The video is also a highlight of the "Paying for College" section of the Kiplinger Web site: <http://www.kiplinger.com/money/payingforcollege/>. It is accompanied by a downloadable guide, including discussion questions for parents and students to use as they talk about how to pay for college. To view the "Borrow Smart" video, visit: http://www.salliemae.com/before_college/before_college.htm?dtd_cell=Kiplinger.

America's Promise Alliance released a report entitled, *Cities in Crisis: A Special Analytic Report on High School Graduation* which found that only about half of all students served by the main school systems in the nation's 50 largest cities graduate from high school. America's Promise also announced the launch of a national campaign to reduce rates and better prepare youth for college, work, and life. As part of its Dropout Prevention Campaign, the D.C. -based alliance will host summits in every state over the next two years that bring together mayors, governors, business owners, child advocates, school administrators, students, and parents to develop workable solutions and action plans for improving graduation rates and workforce readiness. To view the report, visit: http://www.americaspromise.org/uploadedFiles/AmericasPromiseAlliance/Dropout_Crisis/SWANSONCitiesInCrisis040108.pdf. To obtain additional information on the summits, visit: <http://www.americaspromise.org/APA.aspx>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Open Society Institute** has announced a new fellowship program to enable outstanding individuals from around the world to pursue projects that will inspire meaningful debate and shape public policy. The Open Society Fellowship is designed to enable innovative professionals -- including journalists, activists, academics, and practitioners -- to work on projects focused on four themes: National Security and the Open Society; Citizenship, Membership, and Marginalization; Strategies and Tools for Advocacy and Citizen Engagement; and Understanding Authoritarianism. OSI will also support a limited number of fellows whose projects are germane to its mission but fall outside the four focus categories. In particular, OSI welcomes applicants working in areas of emerging interest to OSI, especially global warming and post-conflict environments. Fellows' projects may include books, articles, documentary films, online media, and efforts to seed new campaigns and organizations. OSI seeks fellows who will engage with its staff and inform its thinking. The Open Society Fellowship will award a total of \$2 million in 2008. OSI will provide fellows with competitive stipends and communications assistance, and

will integrate them into its net-works of partners and grantees. Most fellowships will be awarded for one year. The deadline is rolling. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For complete program information, visit the OSI Web site: <http://www.soros.org/> .

The **National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)** annually presents awards to recognize exemplary leadership and best practices of state and regional arts organizations. Entries are invited for the following awards: *National Accessibility Leadership Award*: The **National Endowment for the Arts** and **NASAA** co-sponsor this award to recognize exceptional and effective initiatives or programs that make the arts accessible and inclusive to individuals with disabilities and/or older adults. The \$30,000 award is jointly supported through this partnership and will be administered as a matching one-year grant from the NEA. The grant must be used to advance the recipient's accessibility work for older adults and/or people with disabilities. All state arts agencies and regional arts organizations are eligible. Nominations may be made by any SAA or RAO staff or council member, or individuals/ organizations that work on accessibility issues in partnership with an SAA or RAO. The deadline for submissions is June 30.

Distinguished Public Service Award: This award honors an individual whose outstanding service, creative thinking, and leadership significantly impacts public support for the arts in his/her state or region. All current or past SAA or RAO chairs or council members are eligible. Nominations may be made by any NASAA member SAA staff, or council member, or any RAO staff or council member. The deadline for submissions is June 30.

Gary Young Award: This award recognizes an individual who makes an extraordinary contribution to public support for the arts in his/her state or region. The ideal candidate will exhibit exemplary leadership, innovative thinking, and dedication to diverse artistic expression. All current or past SAA or RAO executive directors are eligible. Nominations may be made by any SAA staff or council member, or any RAO staff or council member. The deadline for submissions is June 30. Visit the NASAA Web site for complete program information: <http://nasaa-arts.org/>

The **Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program of the Aspen Institute** in Washington, D.C., offer the *William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship* three times annually. The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with NSPP. Through this fellowship, NSPP seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, volunteerism, and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for this experience. The ideal candidate for this fellowship is a highly motivated continuing graduate or undergraduate student from an under-represented community. She or he should have an excellent academic record and also have the following: outstanding research skills; demonstrated interest or experience in the nonprofit sector; excellent writing and communication skills; demonstrated financial need; and American citizenship. The student must be able to intern for ten to fifteen weeks at the Washington, D.C., office of the Aspen Institute. It is generally expected that the fall and spring internships will be part-time (ten to twenty hours a week) and summer internships will be full-time. All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student. A fellowship grant of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 will be awarded, depending on the recipient's educational level, financial need, and time commitment. The application deadline is July 15. (for the fall 2008 Program). See the Aspen Institute Web site for complete program information and application procedures. <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/nspp> .

L'Oreal Paris has announced that it will continue to recognize and support women who actively serve others in their communities with its third annual *Women of Worth* grassroots awards program. The initiative honors and awards women from across the United States for their inspiring volunteer work and community enrichment initiatives. This year, ten Women of Worth honorees will each receive \$5,000 for their nonprofit causes and a \$5,000 donation will be made on their behalf benefiting ovarian cancer research and awareness initiatives, the philanthropy of record for L'Oreal Paris. In addition, one National Honoree will be chosen via a public vote this fall on the Women of Worth Web site and will receive a \$25,000 donation to her nonprofit organization. To date, the L'Oreal Paris Women of Worth initiative has recognized twenty women nationwide for their outstanding commitment to their causes -- ranging from improving literacy, to protecting the environment, to raising awareness of female health issues. To be eligible, a nominee must be a woman 18 years of age or older; have a record of exemplary service within her community and the community at large; be able to demonstrate the impact of her work within her community; be aspirational and inspirational to others; demonstrate commitment to her cause; exemplify leadership; and be non-compensated. The deadline for nominations is June 16. Visit the Women of Worth Web site for complete program information and to submit a nomination: <http://www.lorealparis.com/> .