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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****November** – Is National Runaway Prevention Month. DYCD is pleased to premiere a new [Public Service Announcement](#), highlighting New York City's continuum of care for Runaway and Homeless Youth including Street Outreach, borough-based Drop-In Centers, Crisis Shelter and Transitional Independent Living programs.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Commissioner Mullgrav Guest Speaker at the Israeli Presidential Conference**

From October 18-26, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav visited Jerusalem, Israel to participate in the Second Annual Israeli Presidential Conference as an invited guest. At the Conference, which was entitled *Facing Tomorrow*, she discussed New York City's efforts to promote sustainable human services through community engagement and our efforts to build the capacity of the DYCD-funded organizations. She also met with the Mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, and the leaders of several government agencies and local nonprofit organizations to share our respective strategies for serving diverse populations. Her visit was hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jerusalem Intercultural Center.

****Wallace Foundation Supported "Precious" Screening Offered to Front-Line Youth Workers**

On November 12, DYCD hosted a free screening of the film "Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire" at BAM Rose Cinemas. Commissioner Mullgrav was joined at the screening by Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting (MOFTB) Commissioner Katherine Oliver; Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (MOCDV) Commissioner Yolanda B. Jimenez; and Geoffrey Fletcher, who wrote the film's screenplay. Produced by Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry, "Precious" tells the story of an overweight, illiterate, and abused teen growing up in Harlem. For many young New Yorkers, "Precious" will stir strong emotions and compel them to share their own stories of hardship with a trusted adult. DYCD partnered with Inwood House, a leading pregnant and parenting teen support agency; MOFTB and MOCDV to offer the "Precious" screening. The audience included staff members at City-funded afterschool programs, child welfare organizations serving pregnant and parenting teens, and call center representatives from 311 and DYCD Youth Connect. The screening was followed by a panel discussion featuring Linda Lausell-Bryant, Executive Director of Inwood House; Kirsten De Fur from MOCDV; Mr.

Fletcher; Dr. Derek H. Suite, a psychiatrist from Full Circle Health; and Dianne Heggie, Associate Executive Director at the Council on Family and Child Caring Agencies. The panelists provided information on how to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of young people who know Precious' story all too well. The event was made possible with support from The Wallace Foundation.

****Packard Foundation Panel Highlights Impact of Research on Afterschool Programs**

On October 30, Commissioner Mullgrav participated in a panel discussion at a conference hosted by The Packard Foundation. The conference was entitled *Preparing Youth for the 21st Century: The Pivotal Role of Afterschool in a Changing World*. The day-long event was held at The Asia Society, and attendees included afterschool and education practitioners, funders, researchers and policymakers. Her panel was entitled "Knowledge of our Value: From Research to Practice to Impact with Youth," and it was moderated by Priscilla Little from the Harvard Family Research Foundation. The panel also featured presentations by the Youth Development Institute, the National Summer Learning Institute, and the Children's Aid Society. Other presenters at the day-long conference included: The After-School Corporation, Boys Club of New York, Youth Communication, Inwood House, Harlem RBI, Citizen Schools, the National Afterschool Association, the Afterschool Alliance, The Wallace Foundation, The Pinkerton Foundation, and JP Morgan.

Her remarks focused on DYCD's data-driven approach to funding and the ways in which evaluation has informed the continuous improvement of our Out-of-School Time initiative.

****2009 Annual McKinney-Vento Conference Premieres RHY PSA Video**

On October 26, DYCD Director of Youth Initiatives, Robyn Causey, was the keynote speaker at the 2009 McKinney-Vento Conference, which was co-sponsored by New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS) and the New York State Education Department. The conference explored the educational rights of young people in transitional housing authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. More than 600 people attended the conference. Ms. Causey discussed New York City's continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth and premiered a related public service announcement created by DYCD.

****DYCD Hosts International Guests**

On October 28, DYCD staff met with a delegation from the Republic of Korea's Division of Child and Youth Protection. The visitors were interested in learning about youth protection policies in New York, youth development programs, and safeguards against inappropriate internet use by adolescents. Staff provided information on DYCD's portfolio of services, with a focus on programs for out-of-school youth and runaway and homeless youth.

On October 27, Commissioner Mullgrav met with a delegation of educators representing various educational institutions in the county of Oxfordshire and the borough of Hackney, UK. Visitors were provided with an overview of our Beacon, OST, Teen ACTION, SYEP, WIA In-School Youth, Runaway and Homeless Youth, and Neighborhood Development Area youth programs. Staff also demonstrated DYCD Online, our enrollment and attendance tracking system. In conjunction with the Department of Education, staff arranged visits to several afterschool programs throughout the City.

On October 15, 2009, DYCD staff met with a delegation of the German-American Parliamentary Group of the State Parliament (Landtag) of North Rhine-Westphalia, consisting of representatives from the State Parliament and a Minister of Home Affairs. The delegates were interested in learning about youth crime prevention in big cities.

DYCD staff shared information on our Out-of-School Time Programs, Beacon Centers, and the forthcoming Cornerstone Initiative, among other programs.

****DYCD Staff Mentors Youth During Disability Mentoring Day**

On October 21, DYCD hosted a Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) event. Organized by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) in partnership with the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPDP), DMD connects people with disabilities to their peers for a day of work shadowing and mentoring. A total of six young New Yorkers with disabilities were paired with DYCD staff members for a day of career exploration.

****Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) Annual Conference Held**

On October 5-7, DYCD staff attended the ANYSYB conference and Directors Training in Liverpool, New York. Approximately 300 people attended, including representatives from several New York City youth service providers. The conference featured remarks from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Commissioner Gladys Carrión and Andrew Moore, an expert in disconnected youth policies with the National League of Cities. Mr. Moore's presentation highlighted the Challenge for Children and Families Initiative, which calls on mayors to set at

least one bold, measurable goal for their municipality. He highlighted Commissioner Mullgrav's support for the initiative.

****Commissioner Mullgrav Accepts Alianza Dominicana Award**

On October 28, was recognized at the Alianza Dominicana Fourth Annual Gala-Kaleidoscope at Tavern on the Green. Also honored were Ed Lewis, Chairman of Latina Media Ventures LLC and Founder of Essence Communications; Benny Lorenzo, Chairman and CEO of Kaufman Bros., L.P.; Douglas Nelson, President and CEO of The Annie E. Casey Foundation; and Denise Scott, Managing Director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation, NYC. Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs and First Lady Michelle Paterson also attended the event. DYCD partners with Alianza on our Out-of-School Time initiative, Beacon Community Centers and Summer Youth Employment Program.

****City-wide Recognition for DYCD Staff**

On October 15, DYCD Information Technology Help Desk staff members Franklin Ramos and Kenny Yau were recognized at the Excellence In Technology Award Program, which was established to salute IT professionals in New York City government. Mr. Ramos and Mr. Yau were nominated to receive this award due to their commitment to outstanding technical support, quality of service, excellent response time and dependability.

On October 8, Youth Connect Resource Specialist Jermaine Williams received an Excellence in Customer Service Award from the Mayor's Office for going above and beyond the call of duty in meeting the needs of New Yorkers.

Over the past four years, Jermaine single-handedly answered and assisted more than 41,000 calls. More recently, he played a role in the launching DYCD's Facebook, MySpace and Twitter pages.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****NYS named to National Afterschool Alliance "Top Ten" states for Afterschool**

On October 15, Assistant Commissioner for Out-of-School Time (OST) Christopher Caruso attended a celebration of New York City's afterschool programs. The event, which was hosted by the National Afterschool Alliance, was held at Abundant Waters Afterschool Program at PS 51 in Manhattan. The JCPenney Afterschool Fund marked the event by releasing new data from the national *America After 3PM* study, which examines how children nationwide spend their time after school. Based on data from the study, which found comparatively strong participation in afterschool programs by New York youth, along with high satisfaction rates among their parents, New York State was named to the Afterschool Alliance's new "Top 10 States for Afterschool" list.

****New York City Commission for LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth Launched**

On October 5, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced the appointment of 25 civic leaders to the New York City Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Runaway and Homeless Youth. The Commission is charged with devising strategies to address the unique needs of LGBTQ youth before they run away, providing homeless youth with both shelter and the support they need to live independently, or helping them reunite with their families, when appropriate. The New York Women's Foundation President and CEO Ana L. Oliveira will serve as Chair, and Commissioner Mullgrav will serve as Director. Since 2007, DYCD has developed ten new residential sites in order to expand options for young people. The Commission's objective is to create a coordinated agenda for meeting the diverse needs of LGBTQ youth, who are disproportionately represented among runaway and homeless youth.

****Joint Planning Committee on Youth Holds Informational Meeting**

On October 9, DYCD hosted a meeting of the Joint Youth Services Planning Committee (JPC), an advisory body designed to serve as a forum for DYCD to discuss youth issues and programs with representatives from the Community Boards and Borough Presidents' offices. DYCD staff provided an overview of our American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects, with a special focus on the successes of the Summer Youth Employment Program. We also provided JPC members with an update on pending contract solicitations, including the Cornerstone Initiative Request for Proposals and the Out-of-School Youth and Adolescent Literacy Concept Papers. Finally, staff demonstrated the new DYCD Myspace, Facebook and Twitter pages.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR YOUTH

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** works to help young people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities to lead full and productive lives. The *MEAF Inclusion Champion Award* recognizes individuals who have made significant efforts to promote the full inclusion of youth with disabilities in society. The focus of the efforts may include, but is not limited to, helping to create a culture of inclusion within an organization or community or developing innovative strategies for inclusive programming in school activities, after-school programs, community service, and leadership development. The Inclusion Champion is selected each year by a panel of experts in the field, and is presented during the *Kids Included Together* annual conference. The award consists of a trophy and \$1,000 donated to the charity of the awardee's choice. Criteria for selection include evidence that the nominee's efforts have changed attitudes, increased inclusion, made a measurable impact on the lives of young people with and without disabilities, and promoted sustainability of inclusion outcomes. Visit the MEAF Web site for complete nomination materials <http://www.meaf.org/>.

Powered by Service offers funding to seed youth-led service projects. The Powered by Service, initiative is designed to mobilize over 5,000,000 youth in a global call to service. The initiative encourages young people around the world to become involved in addressing the most pressing problems facing their communities — from preventing malaria and stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS to ending gang violence and increasing access to clean water. Young people world-wide are eligible to participate. Participants will have access to online toolkits and opportunities to apply for financial resources to support their projects. The Deadline is open. To obtain additional information and an application, visit:

http://www.poweredbyservice.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=55.

New York Life Foundation seeks proposals from New York City and Westchester County Nonprofits serving children. The New York Life Foundation is accepting proposals for its 2010 Awards Program for organizations serving youth in New York City and Westchester, New York. The foundation will award six grants of \$25,000 each — one in each of New York City's five boroughs and one in Westchester County — to nonprofit organizations with an existing program that supports the foundation's educational enhancement category as part of its Nurturing the Children initiative. Organization with 501(c)3 status who have at least two full-time staff members and which are located in and serves young people in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, or Westchester County in New York are eligible to apply. The deadline for submissions is December 15. Please note corrected Web site. For additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.newyorklifefoundation.org>. Click on 2010 Awards Program.

The **Human Rights Watch International Film Festival** in partnership with **Adobe Youth Voices** seeks youth-produced film, video and animated works on human rights issues made by youth 19 years of age and under for its third annual *Youth Producing Change* program. The deadline for submissions is December 10, 2009. For more information, go to: <http://www.hrw.org/iff/>.

FOR COMMUNITIES

The Home Depot Foundation announces funds to support its **Building Healthy Communities Grant Program**. These consist of community improvement projects that include activities such as construction or refurbishment of affordable or transitional housing; building, rebuilding, painting, refurbishing, and/or improving energy efficiency and sustainability; and landscaping, planting of native trees, community facility improvements, and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Awards range up to \$2,500. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2009. For additional information, go to: team_depot@homedepot.com or: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>.

The **United Way of New York City** (UWNYC) remains committed to their goal of strengthening New York City nonprofits through board development initiatives and grant-making activity. They recognized that organizational strategies and practices, such as the range of supports that nonprofits can access and utilize to build their organizational capacity, are not as widely available or implemented as they might be. Therefore in the 2009-2010 fiscal year (ending June 30, 2010), UWNYC will provide a limited number of grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to local community-based health and human services organizations that have annual budgets under \$5 million.

These one-time grants will be made on a competitive basis. The deadline for submissions is December 11, 2009. For guidelines and additional information, go to: <http://www.unitedwaynyc.org/?id=78> .

Parks and Trails New York is launching the next round of its capacity building grants for park and trail groups in the state. The grants are designed to strengthen not-for-profit organizations working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state. Through its grant program, Parks & Trails New York intends to help not-for-profits better fulfill their missions; improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact; leverage more resources; and increase community support for and involvement in park and trail planning, development, and stewardship. The grants of up to \$3,000 can be used to assist with activities associated with organizational start-up and development, training, communications, and volunteer recruitment and management. The submission deadline is November 20, 2009. Program information and an application form can be found on the Parks & Trails New York Web site: <http://www.ptny.org/> .

A program of *Meet the Composer*, the **Cary New Music Performance Fund** is designed to support new music activity by small-budget, grassroots, and emerging organizations whose opportunities for composers are a valuable contribution to the total arts community. The program provides general operating support to music organizations that demonstrate excellence in innovative new music programming and in performance of music by living composers. To be considered for funding, an organization must have been in continuous operation for three or more years, have a minimum of three years performing or producing events in New York City featuring new music, and have had an annual budget of \$600,000 or less, on average, over the last three years. Awards will range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 each. The funds can be used for any purpose that supports the mission of the organization and promotes new music and composers. Complete program information is available at the Meet The Composer Web site: <http://www.meetthecomposer.org/> .

The Aetna Foundation announces funds to support its *Healthy Community Outreach Program*. It encourages grassroots efforts that increase awareness of critical health initiatives through health walks, health fairs and health education outreach. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for an award. Awards range up to \$25,000. The deadline is open. For more information, call the Community Grants Program at (860) 273-6747, email to AetnaFoundation@aetna.com; or go online to: http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/overview.html.

The Aetna Foundation announces funds to support its *Regional Community Grants*. The focus is on obesity prevention and health literacy. Specifically, support will be given to community-based health education, prevention and early detection efforts aimed at fighting obesity and to organizations that help consumers better understand their health care benefit options and the connection between health care and financial well-being. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for an award. Awards range from \$25,000-\$50,000. The deadline is open. For more information, call Community Grants Program at (860) 273-6747 or email AetnaFoundation@aetna.com; or go online to: http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/overview.html.

****MINI-GRANTS****

Fight Teen Dating Abuse! **Do Something**. Is dating abuse acceptable among your friends? We didn't think so! Help combat dating abuse by taking a stand at your school. Run a Pep Rally, hold an awareness day or learn how to text for good. The deadline to apply is November 15. Post your project now and tell us what you're doing or apply for a \$250 grant to help you get started. To learn more, go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/dating-abuse/grants> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Protect Yourself During the Upcoming Flu Season. New Yorkers are encouraged to protect themselves and their loved ones by getting flu shots or flu mist for H1N1 and seasonal flu. To learn more, visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/flu> .

This is a call for Not-for-profit community groups interested in project assistance in 2009/2010. Each year a group of students from **Hunter College's Graduate Program in Urban Planning** teams with a not-for-profit community group on the development of a community-based project. A group of approximately ten students and two faculty supervisors works closely with the non-profit organization in the creation of the project. Generally, these projects are small-scale renovations and/or new construction with budgets of less than ten million dollars. The students provide assistance with everything from site selection to community outreach. The work on the project would begin in November of this year and conclude in May 2010. E-mail a description of the proposed project to: plellis@hunter.cuny.edu .

The Crime Victims Treatment Center at **St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital** is always recruiting crisis counseling volunteers. The Center has been training volunteers from the West Side community since 1977. They look for dedicated, caring men and women to provide Emergency Room advocacy and emotional support to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. All prospective volunteers must be: 18 years of age or older; willing to be on-call twice a month; able to reach both St. Luke's (114th St + Amsterdam) and Roosevelt (59th St + 10th Avenue) Hospitals within 20 minutes of receiving a call and able to attend all training dates. Contact: www.cvtc-slr.org; 212-523-4494; mwhite@cvtc-slr.org .

November 10 – Last day to nominate staff members for the 12th Annual PASEsetter Award for Outstanding Afterschool Educators. PASEsetters are afterschool educators whose commitment, energy and creativity have had an indelible impact on the children and youth of New York City. Award recipients will receive a crystal award and a \$5,000 Cash Award to their agency, as well as a feature article and photograph in the PASE newsletter and on the PASE website. To nominate a PASEsetter, you must be a PASE member. Any afterschool program, however, may become a PASE member simply by signing up on their website at www.pasesetter.org. If you work at an afterschool program where you think you have a PASEsetter, please email mmax@pasesetter.org for guidelines and a nomination form.

November 17 – *safetyNETworking* is a free event sponsored by the **Region II Interagency Federal Partners Council** to be held from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, 6th Floor Conference Room. It will inform New York City-based healthcare, social service, community and faith-based organizations of the large array of Federal resources available to their clients. Meet representatives from Federal programs and expand your knowledge about important benefit information. Please register in advance to facilitate your entry into 26 Federal Plaza. Once you register, you will be sent instructions on how to enter the building. Go to: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm> to register. Click on the workshop date (November 17) to register.

November 17 - NYFC Wrap to Rap; From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden, 32nd St. & 8th Ave, Manhattan, NY Teens are invited to wrap gifts for younger youth in foster care, while listening to hip hop and holiday classics by DJ D-Nice. Participants will receive a pizza dinner, tasty treats and a holiday t-shirt. For more information and to register, go to: http://www.youthsuccessnyc.org/PDF/NYFC-Wrap_to_Rap.pdf .

November 17 - LGBTQ Youth are invited to attend Circle Of Youth (COY), a support group for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 15 to 21. The group provides a comfortable environment in which foster, adoptive and kinship young adults/adolescents can come together to learn their rights, express their feelings, set a positive example and help each other achieve their goals. The next meetings take place on November 17 and December 15 (and every 3rd Tuesday of each month until June) at the LGBTQ Community Center, 208 West 13th St., Manhattan. For more info contact Jarel Melendez at 212-966-6420 ext 642 or jmelendez@lawyersforchildren.org

November 17 - The Foundation Center invites nonprofit organizations to its annual Open House for a full day of classes, guest presentations, and networking opportunities (from 9:30 am-4:30 pm). In the afternoon, Council Member Gail Brewer will discuss how to access local government funding, the New York City budget for 2009-2010, and how it will impact nonprofits. To learn more and register, visit http://foundationcenter.org/newyork/training/ny_openhouse09a.html or http://foundationcenter.org/newyork/training/openhouse_nyc-council.html

November 20 – The **Queens Forum** is sponsoring a community dialogue dedicated to all those hurt by hate: *Creating an Inclusive Society: Revisiting the American Dream*. It will be held at the LaGuardia Community College Little Theatre, 31-10 Thompson Avenue, Long Island City, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Featured Keynote Speakers will be Dennis M. Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development and Patricia Gatling, Commissioner of the NYC Commission on Human Rights. A light breakfast will be served. There is no fee and seating is limited. RSVP is required by November 10. Phone: 212-983-4800 x 120, e-mail: QueensForum@gmail.com, register online: www.CommunityUplink.net/AmericanDream.htm .

November 20 – The **Workforce Professionals Training Institute** is offering a one-day program, *The Art of Assessment: Tools to Evaluate Skills and Abilities* on Nov. 20 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To learn more go to <http://www.workforceprofessionals.org> .

November 30 – Free GED Program in Harlem -The ITET: *Independence Through Education and Training* program aims to help young adults, ages 18-24, understand the importance of education as a pre-requisite for a meaningful career and a productive life. The heart of the program is a structured course of study that will operate four days a week from 9:00am to 4:00pm. It will run from December 2009 to August 2010, recruitment will begin in November 2009. The mornings will be devoted to academic instruction. Afternoons will focus on career exploration, work readiness training, skills training, financial literacy and academic support. Participant will receive a small stipend based on attendance and participation. For more information, please contact Tara Canty at 212-749-0900 extension 123.

December 21 - Lauren Flanigan and Stars from the **Metropolitan and New York City Opera** and special guests will perform at the 15th annual *Comfort Ye... Concert to Benefit the Homeless* at 6:00 PM at Symphony Space, Peter J. Sharp Theatre - Broadway at 95th Street, NY NY. Great opera and great music for a great cause. Bring cans of food to donate as your admission.

RESOURCES

The **Urban Institute** has issued a new report about the evaluation experiences of several youth-serving nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., area. Funded by the World Bank's Community Outreach Program, the report, *Evaluation Matters: Lessons from Youth-Serving Organizations* (66 pages, PDF), offers observation, commentary, and case studies of four D.C. nonprofits that participated in the program's East of the River Initiative — an effort to help nonprofits better identify, measure, and communicate their community impact. The report concludes that nonprofits should integrate evaluation efforts with their program operations, enlist staff support at every level of the organization, and be careful not to underestimate the level of effort required to make measurable progress. Go to: <http://www.urban.org/> to download the file.

The **NYC Independent Budget Office** has issued its latest edition of *Understanding New York City's Budget: A Guide*. To access it, go to: <http://www.ibo.nyc.ny.us> .

ACCESS NYC is reminding families with children that the application for free or reduced price School Meals can be submitted online at www.nyc.gov/accessnyc. Families should note that approved applications on file from the previous school year are valid only until October 21, 2009; a new application for this school year needs to be submitted. For questions about the application process, or the status of an application already submitted, call the Office of School Food Help Desk at (718) 707-4400 or send an email to: OSFCompliance@schools.nyc.gov.

In 2008, the **Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance** launched a campaign to double the cultural engagement in the region by 2020. According to *Research Into Action: Pathways to New Opportunities* (39 pages, PDF), a new report from the alliance, while attendance rates at cultural events in the greater Philadelphia region were above national averages in most disciplines, the majority of attendees considered the performances to be a "special occasion" event. The report was funded by the **Wallace** and **Philadelphia** foundations. It includes five case studies that examine how patrons in the region get involved with cultural events and offers recommendations designed to boost engagement, break down barriers to access, and enhance groups' marketing efforts. To access the report, go to: <http://www.philaculture.org/> .

The **Annie E. Casey Foundation** and **America's Promise Alliance** developed a *Parent Engagement Toolkit* to encourage parent participation in dropout prevention and development strategies to ensure the success of all children. The toolkit is a resource for Dropout Summit conveners and community leaders bringing the parent voice into the planning process and the development of local and state action plans addressing the dropout crisis. To access the toolkit go to <http://www.americaspromise.org/Resources/ParentEngagement.aspx>.

The **Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center** has been updated with new data from the U.S. Census Bureau, including indicators of child well-being from the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey. Topics include children under five in poverty and children in single-parent families. See Data Across States for the latest information: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Default.aspx> .

Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey was developed by the Department of Justice's **Office of Justice Programs**, measures the past-year and life-time exposure to violence for children age 17 and younger. The major categories covered in the survey are: conventional crime, child maltreatment, victimization by peers and siblings, sexual victimization, witnessing and indirect victimization, school violence and threats, and

Internet victimization. The research reported in this bulletin suggests further avenues of study into the long-term effects of violence on youth and ways to improve policies to meet the needs of youthful victims of violence. To obtain a copy of the bulletin, visit: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/227744.pdf>.

The **Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)** and the **Urban Institute** recently completed a study entitled "*Vulnerable Youth and the Transition to Adulthood*." This study examines the role of different aspects of youth vulnerability and risk-taking behaviors on several outcomes for young adults. The data comes from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 cohort (NLSY97). The NLSY97, funded by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, follows a sample of adolescents in 1997 into young adulthood with annual interviews that capture their education, employment, family formation, and other behaviors. The analyses in this series use the subset of youth born in 1980-81, who were 15-17 years old when first interviewed in 1997. Outcomes are obtained by using the annual data through 2005 when these young adults were 23-25 years old. To obtain a copy of the study, visit: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/09/VulnerableYouth/#Background>.

Evaluating Mentoring Programs, a methodological brief developed by **Jean Baldwin Grossman** and **Public/Private Ventures** is designed to provide both program operators and researchers with practical advice about how to assess a program's implementation and impact. Adapted from an article that first appeared in *The Handbook of Youth Mentoring* (DuBois and Karcher, ed. 2005), the brief focuses on the evaluation of mentoring programs, but the lessons and insights provided are broadly applicable to various kinds of social programs. To obtain a copy of this brief, visit: http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/303_publication.pdf.

Investments in Building Citywide Out-of-School-Time Systems: A Six-City Study is a report developed by Cheryl Hayes, Christianne Lind, Jean Baldwin Grossman, Nichole Stewart, Sharon Deich, Andrew Gersick, Jennifer McMaken and Margo Campbell, is the last in a series funded by **The Wallace Foundation** and developed by **Public/Private Ventures** and **The Finance Project** to document the costs of out-of-school-time (OST) programs and the city-level systems that support them. The report examines the development of OST systems in six cities across the country and summarizes the strategies and activities commonly pursued, their associated investments and options for financing such system-building efforts. These findings can provide OST stakeholders with critical information to help guide their investments in system planning, start-up and ongoing operations. To obtain a copy of the report, visit: http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publication.asp?section_id=23&search_id=0&publication_id=300.

Employers, Low-Income Young Adults and Postsecondary Credentials: A Typology for Business, Education and Community Leaders, was developed by Maureen R. Bozell and Melissa Goldberg of the **Workforce Strategy Center**. This report highlights programs in 14 communities that are successfully addressing the challenge of providing disadvantaged young adults with the technical and postsecondary education that may qualify them for skilled positions. To obtain a copy of the full report, visit: http://www.workforcestrategy.org/publications/WSC_employer_involvement_2009.10.20.pdf.

MFY Legal Services offers free *Employment Law Clinics* for low-wage and immigrant workers on Fridays from 10:00AM to 3:00PM, September to December 2009 at Manhattan Borough President's Northern Manhattan Office, 163 West 125th Street, 5th Floor. Services are available in English, Spanish and French. To Schedule an appointment, please call (212) 531-1609.

The New York City Department for the Aging sponsors the *Title V-Senior Community Employment Program*. This program serves the Adult-Senior population interested in full or part-time employment. Trainees enrolled in the program receive a wage/ stipend of \$7.25 an hour for 20 hours per week. To participate in the program applicants must be 55 years of age or older, unemployed, a resident of New York City and have a low income.

The **U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)** released a new Bulletin, *Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey*, which summarizes the findings of the pioneering National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence study. To view the bulletin, visit: http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojdp/news_at_glance/228325/topstory.html.

Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has launched a "*Shades of Green*" Web site for the YouthBuild community. The available on-line offerings on this website should have value to grantees and organizations engaged in construction- and energy-related projects. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.ybshadesofgreen.org/>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **New York Times Company Community Affairs Department**, the **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York** and **Philanthropy New York** are delighted to announce the fourth annual *Nonprofit Excellence Awards*. The Awards recognize the enormously important roles played by thousands of New York's nonprofit organizations in improving our lives and communities. These Awards help nonprofit leaders improve the management of their organizations and inform all New Yorkers about management excellence in nonprofit organizations. Winning organizations will be recognized for excellent achievement in management at a special Awards Presentation in Summer, 2010, at The New York Times. Winners will receive cash awards, special mention in The New York Times and a scholarship towards tuition at Social Enterprise Programs in Executive Education at Columbia Business School.

All 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the New York City area are invited to apply. This is your opportunity to tell all New Yorkers - and the world - what your organization accomplishes and how you manage to make it possible. What makes your organization unique? How do you embody the best of nonprofit management practice? There will be three Application Clinics to review the program's purpose and application process, and to answer applicants' questions. Please register in advance for your preferred clinic. The application deadline for the 2010 Awards is November 20, 2009. Applications and guidelines for the 2010 Awards are now available online: <http://nytawards.fcny.org> .

Do Something Award Winners represent the pivotal "do-ers" in their field, cause, or issue and are rewarded with a huge project grant, participation in a special award ceremony, media coverage, and continued support from Do Something. There will be five winners; four winners will receive \$10,000 and one Grand Prize winner will receive \$100,000 towards their organization or cause. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2009. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants> .

The **Nathan J. Stark Internship for Nonprofit Development** will provide two students with the opportunity to learn about non-profit organizations, how they work, how they raise funds, and how they make a difference. Interns will be based at the National Academy of Social Insurance or another non-profit organization, the National Health Policy Forum. Each summer, two students interested in a career in the non-profit sector will be awarded an internship. The interns come to Washington, D.C., for twelve weeks during the summer semester. The internship includes a \$3,000 honorarium and the opportunity to participate in a series of seminars and programs. International students with valid student visas can be placed with these nongovernmental organizations, if placement projects match their skills and interests. The submission deadline is March 1, 2010. Complete program information is available at the National Academy of Social Insurance Web site: http://www.nasi.org/info-url_nocat3815/info-url_nocat.htm .

Each year, **Echoing Green** awards twelve to fifteen two-year fellowships to social entrepreneurs. Fellows receive seed funding and technical support to turn their innovative ideas into sustainable social change organizations. Echoing Green seeks individuals or partnerships (organizations led by two people) with innovative solutions to significant social problems; strategies to create high-impact, sustainable change in people's lives; and the ability to grow and lead a new organization. The application process is open to citizens of all nationalities working in any country. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and must have sufficient English fluency to participate in interviews and Echoing Green events. Organizations must be the original idea of the applicant, and must be independent and autonomous. (Organizations cannot be considered independent or autonomous if they are started under the direction of an existing organization.) Organizations must be in a start-up phase. To be considered a start-up, the applicant may have been running the organization full-time for approximately two years, and Echoing Green's financial support should qualify it as a major/primary early funder. Applicants who have only worked on their organization on a part-time basis or have yet to start an organization are generally considered eligible. Applicants must make a full-time commitment to the organization's development. Fellows receive up to \$90,000 (\$60,000 for individuals and \$90,000 for partnerships of two people) in seed funding over two years. The submissions deadline is December 2, 2009. Visit the Echoing Green Web site for complete eligibility information, application materials, and profiles of fellows and their projects: <http://www.echoinggreen.org/> .

Win financial and consulting awards by entering the *Social Impact Business Plan Competition*. The competition identifies social sector scaling initiatives with demonstrated impact and readiness to grow – and supports them with up to \$100,000 of financial and consulting awards. U.S.-based nonprofit organizations with a focus in education, youth development, health, poverty alleviation or community economic development are eligible to enter. There are

two tracks: **Early-Stage Growth** - organizations that have a strategy for scaling their social impact but are in the early stage of growth and **Mezzanine-Stage Growth** – organizations that have (a) a significant level of successful product/service adoption and demand from the target population, (b) demonstrated positive outcomes, and (c) defined strategies for scaling their social impact. Competition entrants have access to a website of resources, take part in group training and one-on-one consulting, and receive customized written feedback on their plans. Judging is conducted by qualified volunteers from multiple sectors. The Business Plan Competition takes place from October 2009 through June 2010, and includes three rounds of evaluation. There is no fee to enter. The deadline for entry is December 18, 2009. To learn more about the entry process, go to http://www.socialimpactexchange.org/bpc_entryprocess.cfm.

The **Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation** sponsors scholarly research on problems of violence, aggression, and dominance. The foundation provides both research grants to established scholars and dissertation fellowships to graduate students during the dissertation-writing year. The research grants program welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. HFG awards research grants to individuals for individual projects and does not award grants to institutions for institutional programs. HFG ordinarily makes awards in the range of \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year each for periods of one or two years. The annual deadline for research grant applications is August 1. Ten or more dissertation fellowships are awarded each year to individuals who will complete the writing of the dissertation within the award year. These fellowships of \$15,000 each are designed to contribute to the support of the doctoral candidate to enable him or her to complete the thesis in a timely manner. It is only appropriate to apply for support for the final year of Ph.D. work. Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at colleges or universities in any country. The annual deadline for dissertation-writing applications is February 1, for support to begin September 1 of that calendar year. Visit the foundation's Web site for program details and application guidelines. <http://www.hfg.org/index.html> .