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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** February 19** – The next Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) meeting will be held in the DYCD second floor auditorium at 9:00 am. To RSVP, or for additional information, please contact Andrew Miller at (212) 442-6010 or amiller@dycd.nyc.gov.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**** Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg Launches YAIP**

On December 27, Mayor Bloomberg announced the launch of DYCD's Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP), and recognized the one-year anniversary of the Center for Economic Opportunity at a press conference at City Hall. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav joined Mayor Bloomberg on the podium. Sister Paulette LoMonaco, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Services, one of 15 YAIP-funded CBOs, also attended. YAIP is a CEO initiative that provides the most job-ready disconnected youth with short-term paid internships, and is followed by jobs or educational and training placements and support services.

**** Commissioner Mullgrav Panelist at Workforce Policy 2008 Forum**

On December 3, Commissioner Mullgrav served on a panel at the Workforce Policy Forum 2008, which was organized by the New York City Employment and Training Coalition (NYCETC). Joined by fellow panelists Human Rights Administration Commissioner Doar, Small Business Services Commissioner Walsh and Anthony Tassi from the Mayor's Office of Adult Education, the Commissioner established priorities for DYCD workforce development policy and programs in 2008 and outlined goals for our Center for Economic Opportunity initiatives. The audience included approximately 150 senior staff from community colleges, community-based organizations, and New York City and State government. Commissioner Mullgrav also highlighted how the NYCETC provider community (Community-Based Organizations, community colleges, union-affiliated programs and others) can help implement these priorities.

**** Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Lynn Serves on Disconnected Youth Panel**

On December 6, Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Lynn participated in a panel discussion at a conference sponsored by the National League of Cities and the American Youth Policy Forum. The topic was "Re-engaging Disconnected Youth: Cross System Collaboration". Deputy Commissioner Lynn was joined by co-panelists Kristin Morse of the Center for Economic Opportunity and Peter Kleinbard of the Youth Development Institute. Government representatives from seven cities (Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Orlando,

Roanoke, Newark, and Hartford), as well as congressional and federal agency staff, attended the Forum. The event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square.

**** DYCD Hosts International Visitors**

On December 6 and 7, DYCD hosted representatives from Barnardo, a leading children's charity located in Northern Ireland, UK. The organization focuses on poverty, abuse and discrimination towards children and young adults; the visitors were interested in learning about DYCD's services for vulnerable, runaway and homeless youth.

On December 10, DYCD hosted a foreign delegation from the Government Youth Commission of the Republic of Korea. The visitors were interested in learning about strategies to alleviate child prostitution.

On December 11, Commissioner Mullgrav and Senior DYCD Staff attended a working dinner hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Youth and Families of the Netherlands. The Minister for Youth and Families is preparing a policy paper on families in the Netherlands and wanted to learn more about the issues families face in New York City.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** DYCD Skate Day Provides Winter Break Fun**

On December 28, DYCD hosted its third annual Skate Day at The Pond at Bryant Park. Hundreds of OST, Beacon Community Center and Teen ACTION program participants took to the ice as part of this free event. DYCD programs operate exciting recreational, academic and cultural activities after school, throughout the summer, and during school holidays providing benefits to working parents. Rink time, skate rentals and refreshments were provided by The Pond.

**** OST Programs Attend United Nations Tribute**

On December 13, ten OST middle and high-school programs were invited to attend a celebration for the 18th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The event raised awareness of the attendees and their parents regarding children's rights.

**** DYCD Supports Service Provider Staff Professional Development**

DYCD recently hosted a series of workshops designed to strengthen funded service providers. Included were sessions on "Understanding the Lives of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth" and "Using Memories and Art as a Way to Encourage language Fluency, Literacy and Writing". DYCD also convened a FY 2008 Professional Development Institute program, in conjunction with the New York State Afterschool Network, to provide intensive training on program quality assessment and program improvement strategies for Non-Profits.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The *Coming Up Taller Awards* annually recognize and reward excellence in afterschool and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth in the United States. The awards support afterschool and out-of-school programs that are tangible examples of the power of the arts and the humanities to encourage young people's creativity and to provide them with learning opportunities, chances to contribute to their community, and ways to take responsibility for their own futures. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities are encouraged to consider participating. All programs must be nominated, although self-nominations are accepted.

Programs must have been operational since January 2004 for a minimum of five years, including 2008. Organizations must be nonprofit and tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a unit of state or local government, or a federally recognized tribal community. Fifteen award recipients will receive \$10,000 each, an individualized plaque, and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference. The nomination deadline is January 31, 2008. Visit the Coming Up Taller Web site for complete program guidelines, eligibility restrictions, and application procedures:

<http://www.cominguptaller.org/> .

The **Hitachi Foundation** presents the *Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community* each year to ten high school seniors from around the U.S. on the basis of their community service activities. Activities must foster longer-term community change and be focused in socially and/or economically isolated communities. The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$5,000 dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the award at their discretion. The award is not a scholarship. High school seniors from the U.S. and U.S. territories are eligible to be nominated for the award. Award selection is based on a number of factors, including a student's commitment to and impact in a given community; leadership; and potential for longer-term sustainable community change. Selection is not based on grade-point averages, SAT scores, or school club memberships. Students must be nominated by someone else for the award. The foundation accepts nominations annually from people directly familiar with the nominee's social contribution such as community leaders, service providers, teachers, school principals, or members of the clergy. Self-nominations and nominations from family members are automatically disqualified. The submission deadline is April 1, 2008. Complete nomination information is available at the Hitachi Foundation Web site: <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/> .

Sponsored by the **American Association of School Librarians**, a division of the American Library Association, with support from a group of publishing companies, the *Innovative Reading Grant* is designed to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially among struggling readers. To be eligible, the reading program must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in a school-library setting and encourage innovative ways to involve children in reading. In addition, applicants must be a member of AASL. Selection criteria include the potential to measure and evaluate a literacy project that promotes the importance of reading and facilitates the learners' literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. The program will provide one award of \$2,500. The grant submission deadline is February 1, 2008. Visit the AASL Web site for complete program guidelines as well as information on other awards and grants offered by AASL: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/> .

Under the **Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families**, the **Family and Youth Services Bureau** (FYSB) is accepting applications for the *Basic Center Program* (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Act to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide runaway and homeless youth with a safe and appropriate shelter, individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate, and aftercare. The proposal deadline for submissions is February 19. The award ceiling is \$200,000; 91 grants are expected to be awarded. For program guidelines and additional proposal information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html> .

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

The **Multi-Arts (MAP) Production Fund**, a program of **Creative Capital**, supported by the **Rockefeller Foundation**, seeks to assist artists who "are exploring the dynamics of live-performance within our changing society, thus reflecting our culture's innovation and growing diversity." MAP guidelines place a special emphasis on innovation, cross-cultural collaboration, and art that springs from cultural critique. Both the organization and the artists involved in a project must have a two-year history of professional activity. The fund supports only artistic projects that contain or will contain a live-performance component. Support may be applied to any phase of a project, up to and including its premiere run. The touring of completed projects is not eligible for MAP funding. MAP is especially interested in providing support for work early in its development. Up to forty awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$45,000 each will be made. The average award amount is \$22,000. Deadline: February 1, 2008. Completed applications may be sent electronically between January 1 and February 1, 2008. Visit the MAP Web site for complete program information and application procedures. <http://www.mapfund.org/>

The **United States Conference of Mayors**, in cooperation with the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, **National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention**, has issued a Request for Proposals for the *HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants Program* to strengthen local capacities to carry out effective

HIV/AIDS prevention activities. Proposals will be accepted for the following funding priority: Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services Targeting Women of Color at High Risk of HIV Infection. USCM plans to award grants totaling approximately \$420,000 to local health departments, nonprofit community-based 501(c)(3) organizations, and Native American tribes for the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention projects targeting high-risk women of color. Applicants must propose to conduct an individual- or community-level intervention that has been or can be shown to increase the adoption of safer behaviors and/or reduce the risk of HIV transmission. Grants are restricted to projects whose intent is to provide direct prevention services to the target community; research projects will not be funded. Funding will be divided into six grants of approximately \$70,000 each. See the USCM Web site to download the complete Request for Proposals: <http://usmayors.org/>.

J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism invites U.S. nonprofit groups and education organizations to apply for funding to launch community news ventures in 2008 and to share best practices and lessons learned from their efforts. *New Voices* is funded by the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation** and administered by J-Lab, a center of the University of Maryland's Merrill College of Journalism. Eligible to receive funding are 501(c)(3) organizations and education institutions, including civic groups, community organizations, public and community broadcasters, schools, colleges and universities, and individuals working under the sponsorship of a nonprofit fiscal agent. The *New Voices* project will help fund the start-up of ten innovative local news initiatives next year. Each project may receive as much as \$17,000 in grants over two years. Of the ten projects to be funded in 2008, at least three will target former Knight newspaper communities. The grant deadline is February 20, 2008. Grant guidelines and an online application can be found at the program's Web site: <http://www.j-lab.org/>.

F.E.G.S. announces the availability of the *New Start Fund* which provides grants for women who are small business owners or scholarships for women for non-degreed career training leading to a job. The *New Start Fund* is available to women 25 years of age or older who reside in the New York metropolitan area. Priority will be given to women who are unemployed, underemployed, or are changing careers. Women seeking a business grant must provide a viable business plan to support their request. For more information and an application, go to the Web site: <http://www.newstartfund.org/>.

The **Partnerships for Parks' Capacity Fund** provides grants to groups working in parks across the five boroughs of New York City. The Capacity Fund supports projects that help build a community group's capacity to care for their local park. Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000. Strong applications will improve a group's ability to care for their park, put on programs and events, or expand collaborations with other neighborhood groups. They fund new groups seeking funds for startup costs (setting up a mailbox or voicemail, paying postage for a mailing, etc.), as well as established organizations taking on new projects (bulletin boards, outreach events or activities, fundraisers, mailings, or brochures). Examples of potential projects include, but are not limited to: 1) Website, newsletter, letterhead, or other outreach efforts; 2) Special events or plantings, if the group can show how this support would be a sustainable investment in its stewardship efforts; or 3) An outreach publication produced by Partnerships for Parks. Applications for Partnerships for Parks' Capacity Fund grant program are due on February 1, 2008. Please visit <http://www.partnershipsforparks.org> to find an application form and guidelines. For more information, call Kate Louis at (212) 227-3626 or email kate.louis@parks.nyc.gov.

The **Capezio Ballet Makers Dance Foundation** offers grants to support not-for profit, tax-exempt, national, regional, state, and local dance service and other organizations (e.g., festivals, councils, alliances, associations, guilds, art centers) whose programs and activities have a broad and significant impact on the field; unusual and imaginative efforts that clearly demonstrate and promote the value of the art form in all of its manifestations (e.g., ballet, modern, avant-garde, ethnic, show-dance, jazz, tap); programs or projects that bring together different interest groups to share information, strengthen management practices, solve common problems, and improve communications; and special pilot projects that meet clearly identified and unmet needs, and that have the potential to provide a model for the field. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000 and the foundation will consider requests for program, project, and general operating support only. The grant deadline is April 1, annually. Visit the Capezio Ballet Makers Web site for complete grant guidelines: <http://www.capeziodance.net/about/foundation/index.html>.

Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**, supports research on environmental and policy strategies to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among low-income and racial/ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. Round 3 funding focuses on policy and environmental studies in four areas: 1) food pricing and economic approaches; 2) food and beverage marketing and promotion; 3) interventions and policies to increase access to affordable healthy foods in low-income communities; and 4) evaluations of other promising food-related policy and environmental strategies. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Approximately \$3.5 million will be awarded for two types of research grants focused in the four areas listed above. The small- and large-scale studies category will provide 12- to 18-month awards of up to \$150,000 each, and 18- to 36-month awards of up to \$400,000 each. The macro-level analyses category will provide 12- to 18-month awards of up to \$100,000 each. The application deadline is February 6, 2008 (brief proposals). Visit the RWJF Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://www.rwjf.org/> .

****MINI-GRANTS****

The **Walt Disney Company** and **Youth Service America** will award grants of up to \$500 each to support youth-led service projects through the Disney Minnie Grant program. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (ages 15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply if they engage younger youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing the project. A significant part of the service must take place on Global Youth Service Day 2008, April 25-27. The program encourages youth to address important issues such as climate change, malaria or other infectious diseases, human rights, literacy, and others. Applications are welcome from all countries. Applicants from China, India, and Russia are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline: January 21, 2008. Past Disney Minnie Grantees are also eligible to apply. Go to: <http://www.disney.com/> for additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18 - Domestic Violence Policy and Planning and the Office of Clinical Policy invite you to join Michele Archer, Director of Safe Horizon's Anti-Stalking Program for a presentation on **Stalking**. The event will be held at 66 John Street, Room A, Manhattan, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Special attention will be focused on working with youth and on worker safety. Learn about help that is available within your community. Safe Horizon is the nation's leading nonprofit victim assistance, advocacy, and violence prevention organization. See www.safehorizon.org for more information on stalking and how to respond to it. Please RSVP to Jaqueline.Pizarro@dfa.state.ny.us or call 212 341 0408 to reserve your attendance.

January 26 - The **23rd annual free Special Camp Fair** for parents and caregivers of children and teens with disabilities can plan ahead for summer with the wealth of information offered from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, (Entrance to Fair on Columbus Ave. near W. 60th St.) NYC. The Fair is presented by Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. Representatives from 70 New York City day camps and sleep away camps in the northeast will be on hand to help parents and professionals plan productive summer experiences for children with disabilities. The Fair will also feature information on travel programs, remedial education programs, volunteer and job opportunities, and early childhood programs. Spanish and sign language interpreters will be available. Visitors to the Fair will receive a free copy of the Camps 2008 Guide. For additional information, Resources for Children with Special Needs can be reached by calling (212) 677-4650 or you may visit their Web site <http://www.resourcesnyc.org> .

January 28 - On January 28th, 2008, the Department of Homeless Services will conduct the sixth annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE 2008). Teams of volunteers will canvass streets, parks, and subways to count the number of people living unsheltered in NYC. This important information will be used to help homeless people leave the streets for a better life. For additional information, or to volunteers, go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/about/hope_content.shtml .

January 29 – The **New York City Employment and Training Coalition** presents *New York City Jobs Outlook and Trends Forum* to be held from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Con Edison Headquarters, 4 Irving

Place, 19th Floor, Union Square. NYCETC invites training providers, government officials, Foundations, local development corporations and others to participate and get the latest jobs information from labor market experts, industry representatives, and business and economic development leaders. Sign up before January 18 to receive a discount. Early registration rates: members - \$50, Non-members - \$60, Government officials and staff - \$50. For questions regarding registration, please contact Lisa Moore at (212) 253-6811.

February 28 – Building Capacity for Maximum Impact – Charity Effectiveness Symposium II, sponsored by the **Better Business Bureau Foundation, New York Community Trust, United Way**, and the **Center for Non-Profit Strategy and Management at Baruch College** will be held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue at 24th Street, 14th floor. The Keynote Speaker will be Gara LaMarche, President and CEO of The Atlantic Philanthropies. For event details, contact Melissa Popper, Director-NYPAS, BBB Foundation at mpopper@newyork.bbb.org or 212-358-2873.

RESOURCES

The *Project ALERT* drug prevention program provides educators with online training, fourteen lesson plans, eight interactive student videos in DVD or VHS formats, twelve posters, toll-free phone support and technical assistance, unlimited online access to resources and refresher training, and an "e-code" for free online sharing with colleagues. The training is overseen by the **BEST Foundation**, a nonprofit that provides schools and their community partners with the information, materials, and guidance they need to implement the project effectively. Both the project and the BEST Foundation are supported by grants from the **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**. **Project Alert is fee-based; however, its Web site features many free, useful resources.** <http://www.projectalert.com/Default.asp?bhcp=1>

LawHelp.org/NY, the award-winning and principal Web site for low-income New Yorkers seeking legal advice and referrals, is launching a new section devoted to combating Internet crime and providing victim resources. The *Internet Fraud: Crimes & Prevention* section is funded by a Consumer Cyber-Awareness Grant from the New York State Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission. The statewide public education campaign includes free, in-person and online training for human service providers, not-for-profits, government agencies, legislative staff, and community organizations, on how to effectively navigate the Web site to assist their clients and constituents. Go to: <http://www.lawhelp.org/ny> for additional information.

This month **ACCESS NYC** is excited to announce the addition of the New York City Child Care Tax Credit to ACCESS NYC. This new tax credit is designed to assist families with low incomes or who are underemployed with the cost of child care for children under the age of 4, and it's estimated that up to 49,000 New York City families will qualify for this benefit. In addition to the New York City Child Care Tax Credit, we have also expanded the information available on ACCESS NYC for several other tax credits, and we added an optional 5-question survey for users to complete when they exit ACCESS NYC. Go to https://a858-ihss.nyc.gov/ihss1/en_US/IHSS_languageSelectionPage.do for more information.

Network for Good announces a free resource center designed to be "A Fundraising Guide for the Overwhelmed, Overworked Nonprofit". Some of the topics include articles such as: 8 Things Your Home Page Must Have; the Five Minute Guide to Social Networking; and the New Home of Nonprofit 911. For further information, go to: <http://www.fundraising123.org>.

The **National School Boards Association** has released a new publication, *Living with HIV/AIDS: Students Tell their Stories of Stigma, Courage and Resilience*. To access the pdf document, go to: <http://www.nsba.org/site/docs/39500/39444.pdf>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The *John W. Gardner Leadership Award* was established to honor outstanding Americans who exemplify the leadership and the ideals of John W. Gardner (1912-2002), American statesman and founding chair of **Independent Sector**. Independent Sector presents the award each year to an individual whose leadership in or with the nonprofit community has been transformative and who has mobilized and unified people,

institutions, or causes that improve people's lives. Anyone may nominate an individual for the award. Nominations should be made without the candidate's knowledge. The nomination deadline is January 31, 2008. Visit the Independent Sector Web site for complete award information and nomination procedures. <http://www.independentsector.org/> .

Independent Sector is also accepting nominations for the 2008 **American Express Building Leadership Award**, which will recognize an outstanding organization for its leadership in investing in the people of the nonprofit community. The annual award was created to honor an organization whose programs and policies develop future leaders, both within the organization and among the people it serves. Criteria for the award include implementation of innovative strategies for developing leaders at all levels; promotion of an inclusive and diverse workforce; and measurement of the organization's impact on its community. The recipient will be presented with the award at the 2008 Independent Sector Annual Conference, November 9-11, 2008, in Philadelphia. Anyone can nominate an organization by filling out a nomination form. The nomination deadline is February 18, 2008. See the Independent Sector Web site for further information and the nomination form: <http://www.independentsector.org/> .

The *Samuel Huntington Public Service Award* provides a \$10,000 stipend for a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for a year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. The award was created in honor of the late president and chief executive officer of the former New England Electric System, now **National Grid**. Applicants should develop a proposal for public service in the United States or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service organizations. All graduating students from accredited colleges in the United States are invited to apply. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply but must be graduating from a U.S. college or university. The application deadline is February 15, 2008. For further information and an application form, visit the National Grid Web site: <http://www.nationalgridus.com/> .

The *Amgen Scholars Program*, a partnership of the **Amgen Foundation**, the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, and universities around the United States, is now accepting applications for the summer of 2008. The annual program provides undergraduates the opportunity for hands-on research at a leading university to explore an area of research under a faculty mentor beyond what they may be able to do as part of their regular undergraduate education. Each of the program's ten participating host universities will elect approximately twenty-five participants from both their own student body as well as from other accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories. While each host university has its own application, all require an official transcript with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above, a letter of recommendation, and a personal statement or essay. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents. Students can apply to as many host universities as they wish. The ten host universities for the Amgen Scholars program are the California Institute of Technology; Columbia University/Barnard College; Howard University; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; the University of California, Berkeley; the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of California, San Diego; the University of California, San Francisco; and the University of Washington. Financial support for students is a critical component of the program, which aims to ensure that eligible students, regardless of their financial status, are able to participate. Please note that details vary by host university. The application deadline is February 1, 2008. For more information and/or an application form, visit the program's Web site: <http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/overview.html> .

The **Tom Joyner Foundation** supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the United States. The Foundation has created the first *Tom Joyner Full Ride Scholarship*. It will be given to a high school senior planning to enroll in a HBCU in the fall of 2008. The scholarship will recognize academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities. The recipient will receive full tuition waivers and stipends to cover room and board and books for up to ten semesters. Information for the application must be completed and postmarked no later than January 18. For an application, go to: <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/foundation/fullride> .