



## NOVEMBER @DYCD

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### DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

The local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) continues to hold a series of Town Hall meetings. These forums signal a new approach for involving the local NABs in advising DYCD in the allocation of CSBG funding. The 43 local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) help DYCD stay informed about community needs and service gaps, and help determine which programs will be funded. For more information, please contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or visit us online at: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

**November 14** NAB Brooklyn 3, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn

**November 15** NAB Brooklyn 12, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. YM-YWCA, 49-10 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn

**November 16** NAB Bronx 12, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. JHS 113, Richard R. Green, 3710 Barnes Avenue, Bronx

**November 16** NAB Brooklyn 11, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Holy Family Home, 1740 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

**December 6** NAB Queens 12, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. I.S. 72, 133-25 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Queens

**December 6** NAB Bronx 9, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. I.S. 131, Albert Einstein School, 885 Bolton Avenue, Bronx

**December 7** NAB Bronx 2, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. I.S. 216, Rafael Hernandez Academies, Bronx

**December 9** NAB Brooklyn 5, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Thomas Jefferson H.S., 400 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn

**\*\*November 17** - The Department of Youth and Community Development and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, in recognition of Runaway Prevention Month, will co-sponsor a one-day, free conference for adolescent service providers, "Beyond the Beds: Building a Network of Quality Services for Vulnerable Youth." It will be held at the Harlem PAL, 441 Manhattan Avenue, from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Contact Felicia Branch: 212.676.8259 for additional information.

### SPOTLIGHT NEWS

#### **\*\*CAPITAL Celebrates the Graduating Class of 2006**

On November 6, DYCD and the NYC Youth Board and Youth Council recognized the first graduating class of the CAPITAL initiative (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership) at Bloomberg LP. CAPITAL links exceptional SYEP participants with the corporate sector. Corporate partners for 2006 included: the American Association of Advertising Agencies, Berkeley College, Bloomberg LP, Brooklyn College, Earl Graves, Ltd./*Black Enterprise* magazine, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Grey Advertising, JWT, Major League Soccer, Mediacom, Mediaedge:CIA, Mindshare, Modell's Sporting Goods, Ogilvy & Mather, Queens Library, USA LLC, and Young & Rubicam Brands. CAPITAL youth participants are outfitted by Dress for Success and Career Gear, courtesy of Bloomberg LP.

Erana Stennett, of Bloomberg LP, and Reg Foster, chair of the Youth Council, welcomed the gathering. Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott and Commissioner Mullgrav spoke as well as Akiava Longmire (a

participant in the CAPITAL program) and Stanley Grayson, former Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

### **\*\*DYCD Staff Receive Excellence in Technology Awards**

On November 2, three DYCD staff members were honored by the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT) for their work in the IT field. OST Director Darryl Rattray was acknowledged with the *Excellence in Technology Award for Demonstrated Excellence by an Agency Manager in Advancing Technology*. Rattray played a crucial role in the development of *OST Online*, a web-based enrollment and attendance tracking system that monitors more than 550 programs and allows DYCD to maintain strict accountability standards. DOITT also honored DYCD Director of Employment Technology Carolyn Sammis with an *Excellence in IT Service and Support - Manager Award* and DYCD Director of Technical Support Richard Tang with an *Excellence in IT Service and Support – Staff Award*.

### **\*\*NYC GirlsREACH Commemorates its First Graduation Class**

On November 1, DYCD and the Commission on Women's Issues (CWI) graduated the first class of NYC GirlsREACH participants in a ceremony hosted by Oxygen Media. NYC GirlsREACH is a joint initiative of DYCD and CWI to introduce high school age young people to strong female role models in the private and public sector during a six-week summer internship. After the internship, participants attended a customized SAT preparation course and will be eligible for college scholarships upon enrollment. The audience at the graduation included program participants, family members, community based organizations, corporate sponsors, and public sector leaders.

The program included a welcome by Oxygen Senior Vice President Andrea Bernstein; remarks by Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott, Commissioner Mullgrav, NYC GirlsREACH participant Barbie Rodriguez; and Anne Sutherland Fuchs, Chair of the Commission. The young women were dressed in business attire contributed by Macy's.

### **\*\*DYCD Staff Celebrates "Turning Ten"**

On October 26, 350 DYCD staff members convened for a luncheon at the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the merger between the Department of Youth Services and the Community Development Agency. At this milestone occasion, the agency also recognized staff members celebrating their 10th anniversary of City service.

Commissioner Mullgrav spoke about the rich history of the Department, the innovations achieved over the past 10 years, and how these reforms will lay the foundation for DYCD's continued success in the years ahead. Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott read a Mayoral proclamation and congratulated the staff on their accomplishments and innovations. The OST unit presented a quilt comprised of fabric contributed by all of the various units within DYCD; a DYCD talent show provided entertainment for the staff. In commemoration of the event, DYCD published a multi-national cookbook of recipes contributed by staff members, and took unit photographs.

### **\*\*Adolescent Literacy Program Launched at Scholastic Headquarters**

On October 24, DYCD celebrated the launch of the agency's new Adolescent Literacy program at Scholastic Inc. Karen Proctor, Scholastic's Vice President of Community Affairs and Government Relations, welcomed over 300 middle school students, administrators, and staff from community organizations to the event. The event featured student performances as well as remarks presented by Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, and Leon Carter, Sports Editor for the *Daily News*, who spoke about the power of literacy to transform lives.

Supported by Community Services Block Grant funding, the Adolescent Literacy program operates in 11 New York City public middle schools. Literacy-based group projects are a central component of the program, and are focused on topics ranging from technology to theater arts. The provider organizations work in concert with school principals to identify students in need of instruction and develop programs that reinforce classroom learning and engage students in a collaborative effort to develop literacy skills.

### **\*\*DYCD Staff Mentors Youth in Recognition of Disability Mentoring Day**

On October 18, DYCD staff supported the New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities' Disability Mentoring Day. DYCD staff served as mentors to eight young adults who have learning disabilities; the day's agenda included introductions, one-on-one time with their mentor learning about DYCD and completing basic office tasks, and a group lunch. In addition, they received presentations on careers in New York City government, and identifying community services through New York City Youthline.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*\* OST Assistant Commissioner selected to present at Afterschool Leadership Academy**

On October 16-18, Christopher Caruso, DYCD's Assistant Commissioner for OST programs, was one of 25 national municipal leaders selected through a competitive process to participate in the Afterschool Leadership Academy in Denver, CO. The Academy, hosted by the National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, included participants from two dozen cities and 15 states. Assistant Commissioner Caruso presented New York City's OST Initiative as a national model and was invited to speak about funding and partnership strategies.

### **\*\* OST shares its program model with UK educators**

On October 15, DYCD hosted a meeting with Global Kids and a delegation of educators from the United Kingdom to discuss after-school programs as there is new interest and funding to support after-school programs in the UK. The dialogue was focused on the OST program model, its infrastructure for program contracting, program development and implementation, as well as its support and technical assistance. Global Kids currently has 10 high school OST programs with DYCD; the organization's mission is to transform urban youth into successful students and global and community leaders by engaging them in socially dynamic, content-rich learning experiences through leadership development and academic enrichment programs.

### **\*\* OST celebrates its first anniversary with City-wide events**

On October 12, DYCD celebrated the one-year anniversary of the launch of New York City's redesigned OST initiative, which also coincided with the Afterschool Alliance's national *Lights On Afterschool!* public education campaign to increase awareness about the important role that afterschool programs play in the lives of youth. As part of this dual effort, DYCD-funded OST programs in all five boroughs hosted programs highlighting their various arts and culture activities. DYCD's showcase event was held at the Boys and Girls Harbor in East Harlem. The event featured remarks by Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott and Commissioner Mullgrav, as well as rousing musical performances by students from Boys and Girls Harbor and Barrett Foa, star of the Broadway shows "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Avenue Q".

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **\*\*FOR YOUTH\*\***

As the principal means of achieving its goal of advancing the public well-being through improved communication, the **Annenberg Foundation** encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge. The foundation's primary grant-making interests are in education (54%), arts and culture (28%), health (16%), and community and civic life (2%). It generally limits its funding to programs likely to produce change on a large scale. Over the last 15 years, the foundation has awarded some 5,200 grants totaling more than \$2.8 billion; the deadline is rolling. See the Web site for more detailed information: <http://www.annenberg.org>.

The **Louis Calder Foundation's** grant making strives to provide opportunities for children and youth to access meaningful non-school hours and summer programming. The bulk of the foundation's money is focused on education and youth development. Around \$6.3 million was given in 2004 for 120 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$900,000. Most grants are between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Take note, funding is

not national in scope, almost all grants go to nonprofits in two states: NY (88%) and CT (10%). There is a rolling deadline. For more information, go to: [admin@calderfdn.org](mailto:admin@calderfdn.org) or: <http://www.louiscalderfdn.org> .

The **Baseball Tomorrow Fund** promotes and enhances the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs are eligible. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year and selected applicants are invited to submit a full application. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis. Visit: [http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official\\_info/community/btf.jsp](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp) online.

The **Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation** provides grants to community groups and schools meeting eligibility requirements supporting the growth of youth baseball and softball, as well as promoting character growth in children. Grant award fulfillment can take 6-10 weeks. Awards vary. There are a number of different programs. *Baseball-Softball Equipment Grants* fund baseball and softball equipment to organizations and schools who serve disadvantaged children. Priority is given to community recreation programs run by local governments, existing baseball and softball leagues, Boys & Girls Clubs and public schools running out-of-school programs. *Public Youth Ball Field Renovation Matching Grants* make matching cash grants to provide field refurbishment costs. The application deadline is January 15, 2007. For a full list of grants, see the foundation Web site: <http://www.ripkenfoundation.org/programs/grants> .

The **William T. Grant Foundation** *Youth Service Improvement Grants Program* provides funding to community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area that improve the quality of services for young people ages 8-25. Programs that target children who are not enrolled in school, are involved in foster care or juvenile justice programs, and those that work with students who are two or more years above-age for their grade will be given priority. The application deadlines are November 30, 2006 and April 30, 2007. For additional information, go online to: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops813.asp> .

**Rosie's For All Kids Foundation** awards grants to nonprofit organizations providing child care, early education, and other essential programs to economically disadvantaged and at-risk children across the United States. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income, major urban areas. The primary focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction, and staff development opportunities for early education and care programs. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Web site for more information. <http://www.forallkids.org/site.php>

The **Janus Foundation** funds programs focusing on helping at-risk youth through education aiding underserved communities to reach greater levels of self-sufficiency. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Funding requests above \$10,000 may be subject to a site visit. Grants will be made to organizations and programs that are considered innovative and visionary, and that have a long lasting impact, ultimately leading their constituents to self-sufficiency. The application deadline is December 31. For more information, call (303) 333-3863 or email: [janusfoundation@janus.com](mailto:janusfoundation@janus.com)

The **Heckscher Foundation for Children** aims to "level the playing field" for needy youth in New York City by providing access to excellent education and the varied experiences that make for a richer, forward-reaching life. The foundation seeks to identify under-funded issues or projects that can provide widespread benefit, generate other engagement and funding, and then help leverage that interest to scale. The foundation also seeks to incubate ideas and initiatives that will lead to high-impact services and improved opportunities. The foundation will make several capacity-building grants of up to \$50,000 each by the end of 2006. Preference will be given to organizations that have not received previous funding from the Heckscher Foundation; those with annual budgets under \$1 million are particularly encouraged to apply. Interested organizations should submit a letter of inquiry of no more than three pages on letterhead stationery to the Heckscher Foundation by November 15, 2006. For complete guidelines and more information, go to: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/heckscher/> .

The **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation** and **Nat'l Science Foundation** sponsor a national competition for middle-school-age children that combine science and technology with community problem-solving in a real-world setting. With the help of an adult coach, student teams identify an issue and use technology to develop an innovative solution to that problem. Winners get an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's Nat'l Championship Week, plus a \$200 grant to further develop their ideas. Two gold-medal teams will split a \$20,000 U.S. Savings Bond and the foundation will provide a plaque for each team member, along with a plaque for their school. In addition, one team will receive the \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant as seed money to help bring its idea to life in the community. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from public, private or home schools or youth groups are eligible to participate. The application deadline is February 12, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com> .

#### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **U.S. Bancorp Foundation** offers cash contributions to nonprofit organizations in areas including affordable housing, economic opportunity, education, and artistic and cultural enrichment. In 2004, its charitable contributions topped \$19 million. Most grants are made in the form of program support, but some also can be used toward general operating costs and capital campaigns. Faith-based organizations can receive funding. Most grants are between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Total charitable contributions from the U.S. Bancorp Foundation topped \$19 million in 2005. For additional information, contact Teresa Bonner at 612/303-4000, or visit the Web site:

[http://www.usbank.com/cgi\\_w/cfm/about/community\\_relations/charit\\_giving.cfm](http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving.cfm) .

The **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation** is accepting applications for Artists & Communities. The program is designed to provide one- to six-month residency opportunities for professional artists to partner with non-profit organizations in projects that result in the creation of new work and involve active cultural participation by members of the host community. Non-profit organizations apply in partnership with the artist(s) they wish to host in the residency described in the application. The project must be designed collaboratively by the artist and the host organization. Artists & Communities grants usually range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each and must be matched on a 1:1 basis. Visit the MAAF Web site for complete program information, application procedures, and directories of community artists and host organizations: [http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/artists\\_programs/communities/guidelines.html](http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/artists_programs/communities/guidelines.html) .

The **J. Jill Compassion Fund** is committed to providing support to organizations that help poor and homeless women become self-sufficient. Funding preferences are to support, enhance, or expand existing programs that provide job training, education, transitional, and/or affordable housing to poor and homeless women; or that break down barriers for poor and homeless women to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. Eligible applicants include nonprofits and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is December 1. For further information, go to: <http://www.jjill.com/about/cfgrant.asp?ArealD=OL>

The **U.S. Health and Human Services Department** will distribute \$11.2 million to 76 organizations to train adult volunteers to mentor children and youth whose parents are incarcerated. The program provides support for the nearly 2 million children who have an incarcerated parent. Studies have shown children of incarcerated parents who have mentors are less likely to use drugs or alcohol and initiate violence and are more likely to perform well in school. "With these grants, we are helping train mentors and match them with children in need, because every child needs an enduring relationship with a caring adult," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt says. This is a competitive grant program providing grants up to \$5 million each. The grant recipients are required to provide services, both directly and in collaboration with other local agencies, and to strengthen and support the families of those young people. This includes connecting the children with their imprisoned parent when appropriate. For additional information, contact Secretary Leavitt: (202) 690-7850.

The **Surdna Foundation** supports entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems through five distinct grant-making programs. The *Environmental Program* works to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote equitable use of land and natural resources. The emphasis of the *Community Revitalization Program* is to enhance the quality of life in urban centers. The goal of the *Effective Citizenry Program* is to encourage young people to take action to

address meaningful problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The *Arts Program* is a national initiative focusing on arts and education. The *Nonprofit Sector Support Program* seeks to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit institutions and to promote philanthropy. Letters of inquiry are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed above for details regarding each of the Foundation's grant-making programs. [http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=355643](http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants_show.htm?doc_id=355643)

**Bank of America** is offering a range of funding opportunities for students, business and community development. The *Neighborhood Excellence* initiative consists of three distinct programs in select markets: Neighborhood Builders, Local Heroes and Student Leaders. The *Neighborhood Builders* program is designed to strengthen the capacity and infrastructure of select nonprofit groups and to promote the professional development of their leaders. In addition to \$200,000 in grant funding for operational support-\$100,000 annually over two years-each selected organization will be invited to send its senior executive and one of its emerging leaders to participate in a leadership program. The *Local Heroes* program offers rewards of \$5,000 to honor the contributions of community members and the *Student Leaders* program cultivates future neighborhood leaders. Different giving programs have different deadlines; for additional information, go to: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>

**Cingular Wireless** supports community-based programs and organizations that address educational, cultural and social issues affecting the quality of life in the communities where the company has a presence. Select national organizations also are supported. The company's areas of focus include assisting victims of domestic abuse and helping in time of disaster. Proposals should be project specific rather than request to underwrite operating, capital or endowment budgets. Special priority is given to programs which inspire creativity in youth or adults or that focus specifically on teaching/developing modes of expression. Projects that stimulate partnerships among various organizations to work cooperatively and collaboratively for lasting solutions also are foundations favorites. Applications are accepted throughout the year. View additional information online at: [http://www.cingular.com/about/community\\_involvement](http://www.cingular.com/about/community_involvement)

The **Brookdale Foundation Group** has announced the *Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Local Seed Grant Initiative for 2007*. RAPP is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting, when the biological parents are unwilling or unable to do so. The program is intended to award seed grants to local agencies, to private support groups and at least two other supportive services to relative caregivers and their families; encourage cooperation and collaboration among various service systems; ensure the development, expansion and future continuity of local services; and create replicable models of service.

Selected agencies will be required to attend the Brookdale Foundation's National Orientation and Training Conference in Denver, Colorado in June 2007 and will receive a \$10,000 grant over a two-year period (\$6,000 in the first year and \$4,000 in the second year if all grant requirements have been met) as well as training and technical assistance. Matching support in cash or in-kind will be required of all selected agencies. The deadline for applications is January 11, 2007.

Visit <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org> for RFP guidelines and application forms.

## **\*\*MINIGRANTS\*\***

The **Allstate Foundation** has partnered with the **National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund** to establish the *Education and Job Training Assistance Fund*. The fund channels small grants to survivors of domestic violence in order to achieve their educational and job-related goals. Survivors can receive up to \$1,000 for specific educational and training needs. They support career- advancement activities such as professional licenses, workforce tools, and additional job training. Specific examples include licensing fees (nursing, social work, etc); books and supplies for school; job skills training (e.g., resume building, interview preparation, clothing); tuition; requirements for jobs (e.g., uniforms, tools); registration fees; temporary child care so that the applicant can attend school, take a class, or look for employment; public transportation; and rental fees for computer time at a computer center. The deadline is open. Visit the NNEDV Fund Web site for complete program information, a list of domestic violence coalitions, and FAQs: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004926/nnedvfund>

On January 15 2007, hundreds of thousands of Americans will remember and memorialize Dr. King by participating in service projects in their communities. The **National Association of Service and Conservation Corps** (NASCC), in cooperation with the **Corporation for National and Community Service**, will offer mini-grants to support service projects carried out by NASCC members and other organizations. The application deadline is December 8. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.nascc.org/MLKServiceDay.htm>

The **Captain Planet Foundation** makes small grants for worthy hands-on environmental projects that help kids learn about the importance of the environment in their own communities and worldwide. Grants range between \$250 and \$2500. Deadline: December 31. Learn more at

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>.

**Youth Service America** is proud to offer *A Lion in the House Community Service Grants*. Complementing the highly-acclaimed film by Steven Bognar and Julia Reichert, these grants of \$300 are designed for youth (ages 12-25) and youth-serving organizations to design service projects addressing pediatric cancer. Projects should be youth-led and take place as part of National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. To learn more, download application materials at <http://www.YSA.org/awards> or email [MyLion@ysa.org](mailto:MyLion@ysa.org). The postmark deadline for application is Feb.1, 2007

Child-abuse and domestic-violence prevention nonprofits can apply for funding from **Radio Shack's StreetSenz Community Grant Program**. The program focuses on family violence/abuse and child abduction. Grants are small, in the \$500 range. The application deadline is December 15. Go to:

<http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html> .

**PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values**, the **Jewish Coalition for Service** (JCS), and **JEXNET: The Network for Experiential Jewish Education** are inviting proposals from institutions for mini-grants to support their efforts to participate in the third-annual national day of service for Jewish teens on April 22, 2007. The goal of J-Serve is to highlight the importance of service in the Jewish community and to create service projects around which Jewish communities can mobilize across denominational and organizational lines. This initiative has been structured as a day of service for Jewish teens framed in a Jewish context that coincides with Youth Service America's National & Global Youth Service Day. Grants of up to \$2,500 and \$1,800 are available to organizations that bring a minimum of 125 and 70 Jewish teens, respectively. *Please note this award is not offered by YSA, so please use the contact information given below if you have any questions about this award.* Visit: <http://www.jserve.org> to download an application. The deadline is November 28.

## RESOURCES

**HomeworkNYC.org**, is New York City's full-service homework help site. HomeworkNYC.org has been designed by New York City's three public library systems, Brooklyn Public Library, The New York Public Library and Queens Library in collaboration with New York City Department of Education. It is different from search engines or other homework help sites in that:

- It is designed to specifically meet the homework needs of New York City elementary, intermediate and high school students.
- It is a gateway to millions of articles in the databases of New York City's public libraries. This may just be the best resource on the internet. A NYC library card is required to view many of these articles. This is content written specifically for students at all grade levels and is not publicly available anywhere else on the internet.
- Students can access the NOVEL (New York Online Virtual Electronic Library) databases through this site without a library card. All they need to know is the homeworkNYC.org/NOVEL password. It is not available on the web but you can get it by contacting your local New York City public library.
- Research Guides on popular New York City homework topics lead students to both online resources and printed materials found in their local branch libraries.
- homeworkNYC.org is an advertising-free online environment, allowing students to research without distractions.

- This site encourages children to get library cards and use their local libraries and visit other local cultural institutions in New York City.
- homeworkNYC.org guides students to reliable, valid sources of information from well-respected databases and publications including World Book Encyclopedia, The New York Times, and Searchasaurus. There are resources in multiple languages including Spanish, Chinese and Russian.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.homeworkNYC.org>

The October 2006 research brief from the **Harvard Family Research Project** highlights best programs with evidence of impacting four parenting processes: family environment, parent-child relationships, parenting and family involvement in learning in the home and school. It examines a sample of family-strengthening intervention programs that provide support to parents and seek to change family behaviors and environments to encourage healthy child development. The purpose of the brief is to help educators, service providers, and local evaluators in schools, intermediary and community-based organizations, and social service agencies become more effective by highlighting the best program and evaluation practices of family-strengthening intervention programs. For a copy of the report, go online to:

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/fine/resources/research/lessons.html>

For an easy-to-read, straightforward overview of WIA access the report, *Finding Resources to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth*, by the **Finance Project**. It provides some useful ideas of sources of federal funding to look for in your community. Go online to:

[http://www.financeproject.org/publications/workforce\\_youth.pdf](http://www.financeproject.org/publications/workforce_youth.pdf).

**Nonprofit Central NY/NJ** is a new Web site where nonprofit leaders can ask a question of an experienced consultant on a topic such as grant writing, grant research, board development and much more. Volunteer opportunities and jobs online are posted free. Visit online: <http://www.npocentral.net>.

**BoardSource** is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations by strengthening their boards of directors. BoardSource offers resources to nonprofit leaders through workshops, training, and an extensive web-based database. Governance consultants are also available to work directly with nonprofit leaders to design specialized solutions to meet an organization's needs. A monthly e-newsletter provides the latest news on governance topics, new resources, and events of interest to nonprofit board members. Visit the website online at: <http://www.boardsource.org/>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

**The Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** is now accepting nominations for the *2007 PASEsetter Award for Outstanding Afterschool Educators*. Nominees may be a staff person at a youth-serving agency in New York City whose primary work (*at least 50% or their time*) is directly with young people after school, in the evenings, and/or during the summers. They must be paid staff, not volunteers, working either full or part-time, and have worked a minimum of 3 years at their current agency. No nominations will be accepted from an agency that has had a PASEsetter Award winner within the last three years. And Executive Directors are NOT eligible.

PASEsetters are afterschool educators who have made a significant impact on youth, families and communities. They've shown commitment, creativity and leadership when it comes to helping young people succeed. PASEsetters start new initiatives and see them through, while being a role model for their kids and for other afterschool educators. If you have any questions, please contact PASE by fax, attn: "Awards Nomination Selection Committee." (212) 571-2676, or call (212) 571-2664.

The **Kaiser Family Foundation** created the *Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program* to expand the pool of students of color interested in the field of health policy. The Scholars Program brings African American, Latino, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, DC, for a nine-week program, in which students gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues. Grants of \$7,000 will be awarded to each scholar for

transportation, lodging, meals and a stipend of \$1,500. Eligible applicants include U.S. citizens who will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college university in the fall of 2006. Students also must be a member of a population that is adversely affected by racial or ethnic disparities in health and have experience working in or with programs that address health disparities. The application deadline is December 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.kff.org/about/jordanscholars.cfm>

The *Casey Medals for Meritorious Journalism* are designed to recognize exemplary reporting on problems facing children and families. Judges are looking for stories that are well-crafted, illuminate complex issues and contribute to public awareness. First-place winners in 14 categories will receive awards of \$1,000 and be honored at a luncheon in Washington, DC; runners-up and honorable mentions will be recognized with certificates of merit. The awards are funded by the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**. All work must have been published or aired in the United States between January 1 and December 31, 2006. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2007. For additional information, go to: <http://www.cjc.umd.edu>

The **Telluride Association** is seeking nominations for bright, highly motivated 10th grade students to participate in the *Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) program* during the summer of 2007. It is a free, six-week seminar program for 48 exceptionally promising high school students, co-sponsored by Telluride Association, Indiana University, and the University of Michigan. At each TASS, 16 students live in a small residence hall at the host university and participate in an academic seminar led by two college teachers. They are looking for applicants from around the country interested in engaging their peers in lively, thoughtful conversation, grappling with new and challenging ideas, and forming a close-knit community with a group of like-minded students. Although the TASS seminars focus on topics in African American studies, applications from all interested high school sophomores are welcome. Telluride covers complete program costs for all participants, including tuition, books, room & board, and facilities fees. Need-based travel scholarships are available, and up to \$500 stipends are provided to students who would otherwise be unable to attend. Due date for nominations is November 27. Please note that the deadline for completed applications is January 12, 2007. Go to the Telluride Web site at: <http://www.tellurideassociation.org/tassfront.html>

The **BRICK AWARD** honors amazing change makers under the age of 25. These are people who see the need to do something, believe in their ability to get it done, and then take action. They are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but the leaders of today. CNN dubbed the BRICK Awards "the Oscars for young people in service." Application deadline for nominations is December 1. To learn more and apply, visit: <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

The **Lumina Foundation** announces funds to support programs that affect access and attainment in postsecondary education, particularly among traditionally underserved student groups. These students include 18- to 24-year-olds and adult students who face barriers to education by virtue of their income, preparation or family background. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/index.html>.

