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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>.

May 17 - NAB Bronx 5, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M., South Bronx Job Corp., 1771 Andrew Avenue, Auditorium, Bronx

May 20 - NAB Brooklyn 11, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., Bay Street Park, Area 7, Brooklyn

May 30 - NAB Bronx 1, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M., Lincoln Medical Center, 234 East 149th Street, 1st Floor Auditorium, Bronx

**** May 15** – Fiscal Audit Services Request for Proposals due. Service Option I is for the audit of DYCD's Fiscal Agent and Service Option II addresses the independent audits of DYCD contractors. All contractors who receive \$75,000 or more in aggregate funding from DYCD, and do not use the services of the Fiscal Agent, will be audited under this service option.

**** May 21** – Proposals are due for the Beacon Community Services RFP for Brooklyn JHS 265K site only. The initial term of the contract will be for three years, from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010.

**** June 17** – A free Father's Day picnic, co-sponsored by DYCD and HRA, will be held at the auxiliary field at Keyspan Park, 1904 Surf Avenue, from Noon to 3:00 P.M. Families will enjoy this fun event - participating in food, games and activities. Watch an official practice of the Brooklyn Cyclones, and meet the players.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS**** DYCD Celebrated Immigrant History Week with Recognition Ceremony at Federal Hall**

On April 17, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, DYCD hosted an Immigrant History Week recognition ceremony, "Celebrating Immigrants – Stories of Success." The event was held at the Federal Hall National Monument to a standing room only audience. Thirty-seven immigrants were honored, each of whom had compelling personal stories about overcoming obstacles to become United States citizens. Commissioners Jeanne B. Mullgrav and Guillermo Linares presented each honoree with a certificate. Jenelle Danielle Charles, a 22-year-old immigrant from Grenada, spoke movingly about her struggles to gain legal status while living in foster homes. Both Deputy Mayor Carol Robles-Roman and Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott delivered remarks. The ceremony ended with a performance by Project Open Door, a senior citizen dance troupe from Chinatown. The event was featured on NY1.

****South Korean Officials Visit DYCD to Gain Understanding of City's Youth Initiatives**

On April 17, DYCD hosted a delegation from South Korea representing the Office of Prime Minister. They were given an overview of the agency's services and programs: our Out-of-School Time initiative, the CEO Young Adult Internship Program and Service Learning Initiative, the Workforce Investment Act programs, and services for disconnected youth. The visitors were interested in how agencies worked together to deliver services to the City's youth. DYCD staff shared information on the Interagency Coordinating Council and the Mayor's expectation that City agencies work collaboratively in order to provide high quality, efficient and innovative programs to New York City residents.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** The ICC Meeting Focused on Youth Issues Identified by the Center for Economic Opportunity**

On May 8, the third quarter meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) for Fiscal Year 2007 was held at the Administration for Children's Services (ACS). The Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) was the focus of the meeting, specifically its commitment to the City's youth population. Dennis Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development and Chair of the ICC opened the meeting along with Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Director of the ICC. John Mattingly, Commissioner of ACS welcomed participants to his agency.

Linda Gibbs, Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services presented on the CEO and discussed the overall strategies and efforts to improve the future of young people living in poverty. In addition, a panel consisting of City agency representatives spoke on specific initiatives targeting this issue. The panel included Dodd Terry, Assistant Commissioner Office of Youth Development, ACS; Debbie Mukamal, Director for Prisoner Re-entry Institute, John Jay College; Carol Kellermann, Program Director for Accelerated Study Associate Program (ASAP), CUNY; Vaughn J. Crandall, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Department of Correction and Probation; Dr. Mary Bassett, Deputy Commissioner Division Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Suzanne Lynn, Deputy Commissioner for Community Development, DYCD.

In addition, Dr. Hal Smith offered an update on his ICC After-School work group activities and also offered an update for the ICC Court Involved Youth work group. Commissioner The next ICC meeting will be held on June 28.

**** DYCD Hosts Breakfast to Secure Corporate Support for CAPITAL**

On May 2, DYCD held a breakfast at Columbia University's Low Memorial Library to raise corporate awareness of the CAPITAL internship program and to seek additional job commitments. CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership) is an innovative youth workforce initiative administered by DYCD that pairs New York City youth with corporate sector employers who provide paid summer internships. Commissioner Mullgrav presented an overview of the CAPITAL program; remarks were also given by John Hope Bryant, Founder, Chairman, CEO of Operation HOPE; Lloyd A. Williams, President of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce; and Richard F. McKeon, Senior Philanthropic Advisor at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and Youth Board Chair. Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott urged the over 50 corporate leaders in attendance to make job commitments to the program. CAPITAL 2006 alumna Akieva Longmire, a senior attending the Frederick Douglass Academy, was a featured speaker.

Fifteen of the sixteen CAPITAL 2006 corporate employers are hiring interns again this year. Deloitte and Touche, Municipal Credit Union of New York, and RCN Business Solutions are among CAPITAL's new corporate partners. The breakfast was sponsored by Columbia University, Coca-Cola, and American Legacy Magazine.

**** DYCD Hosts Staten Island Community Groups at Building Bridges Forum**

On April 25, DYCD hosted over 40 Staten Island Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to offer an overview of the agency's operations. DYCD's series of Building Bridges events informs and educates local non-profit service providers about funding within DYCD as well as other City resources that are available to them. In addition to Commissioner Mullgrav's opening remarks, DYCD staff provided details about the

agency's procurement process, discretionary awards and how to manage government funds effectively. Finally, in roundtable discussions, CBO representatives had the opportunity to meet with DYCD staff responsible for after school, youth employment, immigrant services, and other program areas.

**** NYS Department of Labor Incentive Grant Expands NYC BoysREACH program**

On April 17, DYCD received approval for a \$50,000 Incentive Grant from the New York State Department of Labor which will support an additional 15 participants in the NYC BoysREACH program, an initiative co-sponsored by DYCD and the Commission on Women's Issues. NYC GirlsREACH and NYC BoysREACH are gender-specific youth development programs that connect high school students with private and public sector mentors during a summer internship. The program is enhanced by weekly workshops, college application assistance, a college entrance exam course, and college scholarships. The Incentive Grant is in addition to the \$60,000 America's Promise Grant awarded to DYCD for BoysREACH; thereby providing resources for 31 BoysREACH slots.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **New York Opportunities Fund (NYCOF)** is a new alliance of the **Overbrook Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund,** and the **Merck Family Fund,** administered by the Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing. The NYCOF will provide small grants to community organizing groups to address typically unmet technical assistance needs and/or collaboration projects. Some of the areas of interest are: collaboration and networking between youth members; strategic reflection space for youth organizing groups, especially for collaborative campaigns; resource diversification and funding; membership building; wellness as it relates to organization sustainability; and communications strategy. If your project fits the guidelines, please contact Telesh Lopez (212) 725-3386 ext. 204 or tlopez@fcyo.oeg. If the project meets their criteria, you will be asked to write a short proposal; proposals submitted without the prior request of FCYO will not be considered. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

The **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)** announces the availability of funds for YouthBuild Grants. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. As part of their programming, YouthBuild grantees will tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families and to help youth develop the leadership, learning, and high-demand occupational skills needed to succeed in today's global economy. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is July 3. For guidelines and complete information, go online to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-7974.htm>.

The **Saucony Run For Good Foundation,** a grant program designed to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children, is now accepting applications for grants that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. Eligible applicants are programs that target kids 18 years of age or under, have 501(c)(3) status, and can demonstrate positive impact in the lives of participants through their increased participation in running. The submission deadline is October 8. Visit the program's Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures: <http://sauconyrunforgood.com/>.

Through its grant-making activities, the **Colin Higgins Foundation** supports U.S. nonprofit organizations that build the power and leadership of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered youth (aged 13 to 24). Organizations may apply for either general or project specific support. The foundation will only consider Letters of Inquiry from organizations with project budgets under \$500,000. If an organization has an overall budget over \$2 million, they are ineligible to apply regardless of the project budget size. The foundation generally awards grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each; the submission date for Letters of Inquiry is June 29. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete grant program guidelines and application procedures: <http://www.colinhiggins.org/>.

The **National Endowment for the Arts'** (NEA) *Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth* funding program is designed to advance arts education for children and youth in school or community-based settings. This category supports in-depth, curriculum-based arts education experiences that occur over an extended period. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. All projects must include the following components: 1) the opportunity for students and their teachers to experience exemplary works of art, in live form wherever possible; 2) study of the art experienced, including the acquisition of skills for practicing the art form where appropriate; 3) the performance/making of art within the discipline(s) studied; and 4) assessment of student learning according to national or state arts education standards. Learning in the Arts projects may take place in school- or community-based settings and should focus on children and youth between 5 and 18. The deadline for project submissions is June 11. Visit the NEA Web site for complete program information and application instructions: <http://www.nea.gov/> .

The **KnowledgeWorks Foundation**, in partnership with the **American Architectural Foundation**, seeks submissions for the *Richard Riley Award*. The award recognizes design and educational excellence in "schools as centers of community." The winning school will receive a \$10,000 prize. Schools that serve as centers of community provide a rich array of social, civic, recreational, and artistic opportunities to the broader community and to students, often clustering educational and municipal buildings together. These additional services and opportunities often improve student achievement and help maximize local tax dollars. All public schools, new and old, including charter schools, are eligible to submit entries for the award. Individuals are not eligible to receive the award. The deadline for submissions is July 9. For more detailed information about criteria for the award and how to enter the competition, visit the program's Web site: <http://www.kwfdn.org/> .

The **Office of School Improvement and Community Services** has announced the availability of approximately \$4.9 million for the 2007-08 school year for grants to provide services to homeless children and youth. Programs developed under this grant are intended to ensure that children who are homeless will receive equal access to educational programs. Funds may be used for educational support services, parent education, staff development and other support services to homeless children, youth and their families. Eligible entities are public school districts, charter schools and BOCES. Approximately \$4.9 million in funding is available. June 11 is the deadline for proposals. Contact Patricia McGuirk at 518-474-5283 for additional information.

Keep America Beautiful has developed a new *Graffiti Hurts* funding program to help communities kick-start or intensify their local graffiti-prevention activities. The 2007 Graffiti Hurts grant program allows communities to apply for a grant of \$2,000, offered in two categories: 1) communities with a population over 300,000; and 2) communities with populations under 300,000. Proposed projects for funding can address graffiti prevention and education, eradication, or enforcement of local anti-graffiti laws. Any of the following groups are eligible to apply for a grant: nonprofit, civic, and community organizations, including neighborhood groups; crime prevention associations, civic clubs or organizations, and other nonprofit groups; youth groups/schools, including any group of youth such as Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, Girls/Boys Clubs, YW/YMCAs, and students in a class, grade, or school club; government agencies, including police departments or other law enforcement; and city, county, state, and federal government agencies, or subdivisions within these agencies (e.g., department of public works). The deadline is June 29. Applications are available at the Keep America Beautiful Web site: <http://www.kab.org/> .

The **Hadassah Foundation** seeks proposals for gender-sensitive, social change projects that promote leadership and self-esteem among adolescent girls and young women in the United States Jewish community. The foundation will provide a small number of Planning Grants and Implementation Grants to innovative projects in one or more of the following areas: projects that encourage self-confidence, leadership skills, and healthy lifestyle choices among adolescent girls and young women in the Jewish community; and projects that provide awareness/training for influential adults (parents, teachers, staff, mentors, and volunteers) in the lives of adolescent girls and young women between the ages of 12 and 26. Applicant organizations must be tax-exempt. The submission deadline is August 1. See the Hadassah

Foundation Web site for guidelines, instructions, and required forms. Applications will be accepted online beginning May 15. Go to: <http://www.hadassah.org/>

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's** mission is helping young people with disabilities maximize their potential and full participation in society. The Foundation supports organizations and projects within its mission that address important needs, have broad scope and impact, and demonstrate the potential for replication at other sites. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is June 1. For further information, go to <http://www.meaf.org/>.

Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families has announced funding for a *Domestic Violence/Runaway & Homeless Youth Collaboration on the Prevention of Adolescent Dating Violence* program. This funding opportunity offers organizations the opportunity to design and develop collaborative services to address the intersection of services for youth by the domestic violence and runaway and homeless youth communities. The deadline for proposals is June 8. To access this Program Announcement, please go to the ACF Grant Opportunities Web page: http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/Modification_to_EV0103.html.

The **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation** announces funds to increase access to accelerated learning and enrichment programs for low to moderate income students (between the ages of 5 and 12) who have exceptional academic promise. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is June 1. Awards ranging from \$100,000 - \$600,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=9861879&redir=5.

The **ASCAP Foundation** announces funds to support American music creators and encourage their development through music education and talent development programs. The Foundation provides grants to organizations engaged in music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 1; awards ranging from \$3,000 - \$5,000 are available. For further information, contact Julie Lapore at (212) 621-6588, or go to: http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grant_app_procedure.html.

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

In keeping with the wishes of its benefactor to help poor immigrants advance within the United States and become productive citizens, the **Ray Solem Foundation** is offering one-time grants of up to \$10,000 each to nonprofit organizations that have found creative ways to help immigrants in the U.S. further their verbal English language skills. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the degree of creativity, imaginativeness, innovation, and success shown in the organization's approach to learning verbal English. Funding will be awarded to continue ongoing work performed by the recipient organization; there are no restrictions on the use of foundation grants. The deadline to submit applications is July 31. Visit the foundation's Web site for grant program guidelines and application instructions: <http://www.raysolemfund.org/>.

Home Depot announces funds to support organizations that engage volunteers to construct, refurbish, and maintain play spaces (such as playgrounds, parks and trails) through its *CommUnity Impact Grants* program. The funds may also be used to build, refurbish, or maintain affordable or transitional housing; or rebuild structures damaged in weather-related disasters. Eligible applicants include non-profits and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is June 15; awards up to \$3,000 are available. For further information, contact Home Depot at Community_Impact@homedepot.com; or go to: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>.

The **Community Resource Exchange (CRE)** in partnership with **CUNY**, is offering a new program to help non-profits raise more money. The majority of the costs of tuition and program materials will be covered by CRE—the only cost is the staff release time necessary for participation, and a \$300 fee. Selected non-profits will receive: free training for one staff member in fundraising, through three BA-level academic credit courses that will cover trends in philanthropy grantsmanship, proposal writing and reporting, government funding, special events, and individual giving; free fundraising software and training on how to use it; membership to The Foundation Center for prospect research; and up to 45 hours of high-level consulting

on your overall fundraising strategy by CRE. Eligible organizations must serve young people ages five to 24 and have at least two years of experience in delivering programs and two paid staff members, with less than one FTE dedicated to fundraising. Executive Directors, board members and volunteers are not eligible to take the courses. CRE encourages smaller organizations with annual budgets of under \$1 million to apply, and specifically invites applications from agencies serving the Bronx, Staten Island, Queens and Brooklyn. To apply, complete the application posted online by June 8th at <http://www.crenyc.org/forms/FundraisingInstituteApplication.doc> or contact Lisa Pilar Cowan at fundraisinginstitute@crenyc.org or (212) 894-3375.

The **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council** is offering grants to support collaborative marketing campaigns by cultural organizations in Lower Manhattan. Direct grants of up to \$25,000 each will be awarded to partnerships of three or more 501(c)(3) nonprofit cultural organizations to launch new marketing campaigns that will benefit from team efforts and cooperation. In addition to the three core non-profit partners, LMCC encourages partnerships with for-profit businesses such as restaurants, retail media outlets, and galleries. The lead applicant organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose primary mission is to present cultural programming, including exhibitions, performances, readings, film screenings, and other public events. At least two of the three core non-profit partner organizations, including the lead organization, must be located south of Canal Street or in Chinatown. The submission deadline is June 26. Visit the LMCC Web site for complete program information, eligibility requirements, and application procedures: <http://www.lmcc.net/>

The mission of **Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc.** is "to teach, train, and inspire." The foundation contributes funds to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant organizations must have nonprofit, tax-exempt classification, offer programs aligned with the Staples Foundation for Learning's mission, and focus on job skills and education. The requested amount of each grant can be up to \$25,000. Most grants awarded by the foundation are in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 range. The foundation reviews grant proposals on a quarterly basis. The next deadline is August 3. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program information and updates, instructions on submitting an online application, and an FAQ: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/>.

The **Taproot Foundation** engages highly skilled business professionals with the goal of delivering capacity-building services to New York City nonprofit organizations. Unlike traditional foundations that provide cash grants, Taproot makes "Service Grants" to provide nonprofits with critical marketing, technology, and human resources development services. A grant from Taproot can provide an organization with the tools and resources necessary to hit specific goals and objectives in their strategic plan, marketing/communications plan, technology plan, and/or staffing structure. The foundation will award service grants in the following areas for the June 2007 grant round: Marketing/ Fundraising - Brochure, Annual Report; Information Technology - Donor Database; and Human Resources - Performance Management Systems. The submission deadline is June 1. Visit the Taproot Foundation Web site for a complete description of each service grant, eligibility criteria, and the online application form: <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/>.

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio** is accepting grant proposals for new community-based approaches to health and healthcare problems faced by immigrants and refugees in the United States. The program seeks projects that address how communities can engage in helping immigrants and refugees maintain and improve their health, and what strategies can overcome barriers that immigrants and refugees face when trying to access health and social services. To be considered, proposals must address ways for improving the health of new residents by linking social factors to health outcomes. The foundation is interested in projects that focus on helping new populations integrate into their communities, and is especially interested in providing support to organizations outside the formal network of healthcare providers such as grassroots organizations, faith-based organizations, and advocacy organizations. Applicants may be either public entities or nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants of up to \$300,000 (maximum grant award) for up to three years will be available. The program will fund eight to ten projects for 2007. The proposal deadline is July 13. Visit the RWJF Web site for program

guidelines, application procedures, and examples of projects that have received funding in the past: <http://www.rwif.org/>.

The goal of the **Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation** is to eliminate domestic violence. As part of this effort, the foundation annually donates funds to worthwhile organizations that aid the victims of domestic violence. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded millions of dollars to women's shelters across the United States. In 2005, the foundation distributed \$20,000 grants to 150 shelters, and again in 2006 the foundation awarded \$20,000 grants, totaling \$3 million, to 150 shelters in all fifty states. The funds awarded by the foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. Shelters that receive grants may not apply the following year. The foundation wishes to aid the largest number of shelters as possible; this requires it to exclude for a period of one year the previous year's awardees. The application deadline is August 31. Visit the foundation's Web site for further information and a grant application form: <http://www.mkacf.org/> .

The **Conservation Fund** announces funds to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. Greenways are corridors of protected public and private land established along rivers, ridges, abandoned railroad corridors, utility right-of-way, canals, scenic roads, or other linear features. Funds can be used to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, and implementation costs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 1. For further information, contact The Fund at (703) 525-6300, or go to: <http://www.conservationfund.org> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****May 19 - The Arab American Association of New York (AAANY)** will hold an Arab Multicultural Show at 6:45 P.M. at Xavarian High School, 7100 Shore Road, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn featuring dance performances, music and fashion from across the Middle East. The show is organized by staff and the families served at AAANY!! Suggested donation at door is \$10. To reserve seats please call (718)745-3523 or email ArabAmericanNY@gmail.com .

****May 19 - Urban Word NYC** will present a free concert at 7:30 P.M as the culminating event for the *Word of Mouth* series at the World Financial Center's Winter Garden (200 Vesey Street) entitled, "*Not Words Alone*." It will bring together the top teen poets in New York City performing in a fully choreographed, collaborative performance with the critically acclaimed indie-rock band CocoRosie. Urban Word NYC offers a comprehensive roster of programs during the school day and after-school hours and conducts diverse programmatic offerings in the areas of creative writing, journalism, literature and hip-hop. Urban Word presents local and national youth poetry slams, festivals, reading series, open mics and more. All told, Urban Word NYC works directly with 15,000 teens per year in New York City alone, and has partner programs in 42 cities across the United States. For more information about the event, go to: <http://www.urbanwordnyc.org> .

****May 23 - Meet the Funders: Borough Arts Councils** is co-sponsored by **The Field** and **The Foundation Center**. Meet representatives from the five different borough arts councils: Bronx Council on the Arts, Brooklyn Arts Council, Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, and Queens Council on the Arts. Learn about their artist services and different grant opportunities. It will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue (between 15th & 16th Streets), 2nd Floor, Manhattan.

****May 25** –You could be a USA SAGE judge. At the end of each academic year, Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) teams participate in an interscholastic tournament to determine which teams were most effective. SAGE judges serve on a panel with other business, civic and education leaders who will evaluate the multimedia presentations made by the students. If you would be interested in serving as a judge, or want additional information, contact Dr. Curtis L. DeBerg, Professor of Business, California State University at Chico, (530) 898-4824 or go to: <http://www.csuchico.edu/sage> .

****June 7 –The Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** will present a forum, “*Youth Development and Social Work: Partners in Healing*” from 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon at New York University, the Helen & Martin Kimmel Center for University Life, 60 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012. This forum is designed to raise the awareness of the critical role youth development plays in supporting the emotional well being of youth. Through a blend of cross-sector panels and roundtables, participants will learn about new service models that address youth-specific mental health issues and bridge the gap between the current state of mental health services for and the future integration of social work practice in after-school. Breakfast will be provided. Please register online before June 1 at: <http://www.pasesetter.org/interactive/trainingform.html> .

****June 16 –** Join the **Healthy Village and Safe Streets Coalition** at their event to raise awareness about the health care crisis in Central Brooklyn, and encourage community members to advocate for increased investment in the neighborhood’s health care services. The 2007 Healthy Village and Safe Streets Festival will be held at St. John’s Recreational Park in Brooklyn, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or sponsor, contact Ajamu Brown by May 15 at (212) 244-4664x279, or abrown@nylpi.org

****June 29 –** The 2nd Annual, *Finding Your Inner Leader “Aha” Conference* will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, for aspiring and emerging public and community health leaders, their supervisors and mentors, and MPH students. The conference is in collaboration with the **Greater New York Society for Public Health Education** and the **Brooklyn Borough President’s Office**. For additional information or questions, contact Karen Goldman (718) 386-5716, or kgoldman@kbcc.cuny.edu or go to: http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader .

****October 17 –** The **Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities** has begun its efforts to recruit organizations and/or individuals who may wish to participate in Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) as a mentor. Access further information concerning this date by viewing: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/dmd.shtml> . You may also contact Nitza Monges, Special Advisor, DYCD at nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov if you have specific questions.

RESOURCES

The **New York City Employment and Training Coalition** recently released the 2007 version of its *Workforce Development Advocacy Guide*. The Guide provides an overview of local, state, and federal budget cycles, workforce development decision-makers, and strategies for advocating on behalf of your program. Hard copies of the guide can be purchased for \$10 by contacting Lisa Moore, at lmoore@nycetc.org or 212.253.6811.

Capaciteria is a Web-based collection of nearly 1,000 links to helpful online resources for nonprofits. The list of resources is broken down into ten broad categories, covering topics including fundraising, information and communications technologies, and grants management. Capaciteria also includes a peer review system, which allows users to rate and comment on listed resources. To read more, go to the Capaciteria Web site: <http://www.capaciteria.org/> .

An excellent resource for youth: chat live with a tutor for a 20 minute one-on-one session if you have a library card from the **New York Public Library**, the **Queens Library** or the **Brooklyn Library**. Tutors are available for Grades 4 to 12 and will help you with Math, Science, Social Studies and English homework as well as college prep. It is necessary to have a library card to chat with a tutor from home.

The **Ford Foundation** has published a new report featuring the highlights of the potential of community-based leadership models that emphasize participatory planning and action. *Quantum Leadership: The Power of Community in Motion* (108 pages, PDF) finds that the most successful community organizers have the ability to build strong relationships, invite participation, and inspire action in others. The report features proven strategies used by community leaders and provides a model for facilitating collective leadership for grassroots organizations tackling pressing social problems. To download the document, go to: http://www.iscvt.org/d/quantum_leadership.pdf .

Measuring Youth Program Quality: A New Report from **the Forum** examines nine program observation and quality improvement tools and explains their purpose, history, structure, methodology, and technical properties, to help you decide whether they're right for your program. To download this report, go to: http://www.forumfyi.org/Files/Measuring_Youth_Program_Quality.pdf.

Also from **the Forum** - *Building Quality Improvement Systems* looks at assessment and improvement efforts underway in three networks, and provides a preliminary framework for thinking about key questions when planning any kind of program quality improvement work. To download the report, go to: http://www.forumfyi.org/Files/Building_Quality_Improvement_Systems.pdf.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Youth Venture, the partnership with **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** and **MTV's Tr3s Voces**, challenges youth to take action by forming teams to conceptualize and implement projects aimed at encouraging Latinos to graduate from high school and prepare for college and careers. Teams of two or more youth, ages 13-20, are selected every week through June 29. Awards up to \$1,000 are available. In addition, the top five teams will receive scholarships of up to \$5,000 to be divided among the team members. For further information, view online: http://www.mtv3voces.com/dp/Youth_Venture.

VSA arts and **Volkswagen of America, Inc.** have announced a call for *Driven*, a national juried exhibition for young artists with disabilities. The competition is open to young artists between the ages of 16 and 25 living in the United States who have a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. A disability is defined as an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. The entered artwork must be an original work that has been completed in the last three years. Eligible media include paintings and drawings (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, or charcoal), fine art prints (lithographs, etching, intaglio, or woodcuts), photography, computer-generated prints, and two-dimensional mixed media. The program will present a Grand Prize of \$20,000; a First Award of \$10,000; a Second Award of \$6,000; and twelve Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each. The deadline for submissions is July 6. Visit the VSA arts Web site for complete program information and entry instructions: <http://www.vsarts.org/>.

The **Astraea Lesbian Foundation's Lesbian Writers Fund** seeks to support the work of emerging lesbian poets and fiction writers within the United States. To be eligible for an award, applicants must be a lesbian-identified writer of poetry and/or fiction who resides in the U.S. Applicants should have published at least one piece of writing (in any genre) in a newspaper, magazine, journal, anthology, or professional Web publication; and should have not published more than one book, including a chapbook, in any subject or genre with a publisher. The submission must be a poetry or fiction sample in English that includes some lesbian content (e.g., lesbian desire, identity, and/or perspective). First-place awardees and two runners-up in the poetry and fiction categories will receive cash awards (\$10,000 for the award winner and \$1,500 for runners-up). With support from Skip's Sappho Fund, at least one grant will be awarded to a lesbian writer who is based west of the Mississippi. The deadline for submissions is June 29. Visit the Foundation's Web site for complete program requirements: <http://www.astraeafoundation.org/>.

The **Pew Center on the States**, a division of the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the JEHT Foundation, have announced \$2 million in total grants available to help diagnose how well U.S. elections are run and plan pilot projects to be conducted in 2007 and 2008. The RFP is part of a larger Pew initiative called *Make Voting Work*, which is focused on improving the accuracy, convenience, efficiency, and security of U.S. elections. MVW will fund: 1) research to develop new measures diagnosing the health of the U.S. election system; and 2) planning grants to develop and evaluate pilot projects that offer solutions to election problems. The RFP targets election officials and academics studying elections issues, diverse academic disciplines (e.g., computer science, economics, engineering, human factors and design, operations and management, mathematics), private-sector companies with applicable expertise, nonprofits, and nongovernmental organizations. The deadline for proposal submissions is June 4. For more information and details on how to apply and get connected with potential partners, see the FAQ on the Pew Center on the State's Web site: <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/>.

Avon Products, Inc. has launched the *Avon Hello Tomorrow Fund*. Every week for a year, commencing April 2007, the Hello Tomorrow Fund will award \$5,000 to a U.S. individual to help realize a program,

project, or idea to empower women in one of three areas: business development, community service, or awareness and outreach. Both women and men are eligible to apply. Application submission and selection of winners will be organized in a quarterly cycle. One winner will be publicly announced every Tuesday through the *Hello Tomorrow* Web site beginning April 17, 2007, and profiles of the winners will be featured on the Web site. Applications and guidelines are available at the program's Web site:

<http://shop.avon.com/HelloTomorrowFund/> .

Administered by **World Hunger Year** and the **Harry Chapin Foundation**, the *Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards program* distributes cash grants to outstanding grassroots organizations fighting domestic hunger and poverty in the United States. The awards honor organizations that "go beyond charity to help people improve their own lives and the communities in which they live." WHY and the Harry Chapin Foundation will not consider applications from organizations providing only emergency services. Applicants must be U.S. community-based non-profits with 501(c)(3) status. The total budget for a program that receives an award cannot exceed \$500,000. In addition, the program should be replicable; go beyond emergency food, shelter, and other types of assistance; and address the root causes of poverty. The maximum award amount is \$5,000 and the deadline for submission is June 15. Visit the World Hunger Year Web site for the program application and information on previous recipients: <http://www.worldhungeryear.org/> .

Scholarships are available for several sessions of the **Basketball City 2007 Summer Camps**: June 18-22 Basketball City FUNdamentals Camp; July 9-13 Basketball City FUNdamentals Camp; July 30-Aug 2 Hugo Boss/Basketball City Camp (4 days). Boys and girls ages 7-17 are eligible to apply. The camp sessions are held Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. All camps will be held at Hunter College, 68th St. & Lexington Avenue, New York City. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.basketballcity.com>, or contact Craig Alfano at (718) 786-4242 or Craig@BasketballCity.com