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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- ** Summer 2007 –** It's your chance to be heard -- answer our surveys!! Be on the lookout this summer for your local Neighborhood Advisory Board members who will be on the street, in shopping areas, parks, community centers, in front of libraries and at other busy areas throughout the City soliciting responses on your neighborhood's service needs and priorities as they kick-off our Needs Assessment for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. \$16 million from this program supports services in almost every community in New York. This is your opportunity to help determine program priorities in Neighborhood Development Areas.
- ** June 28 –** The fourth quarterly meeting for 2007 of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) will be held at the Department of City Planning, 22 Reade Street, Spector Hall from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

- ** Commissioner Mullgrav Recipient of Met Council City Leadership Award**
On June 10, on behalf of New York City's 25 local Jewish Community Councils, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg presented the Met Council City Leadership Award to Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav at the 31st Annual Legislative Breakfast held at the Roosevelt Hotel. Other recipients of the award were NYCHA Commissioner Tino Hernandez, Department of Aging Commissioner Edwin Méndez-Santiago, Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Shaun Donovan, and NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple.
- ** Commissioner Mullgrav Encourages In-School Youth Seniors to enroll in CUNY's ASAP Program**
On May 21, Commissioner Mullgrav spoke at Hostos Community College to inform youth about the Accelerated Study in Associate Program (ASAP), a Center for Economic Opportunities (CEO) initiative sponsored by CUNY. Fifty-one graduating youth from DYCD's federally funded In-School Youth (ISY) program sites in the Bronx attended the session, hosted by Delores Fernandez, President of Hostos. The goal of the meeting was to educate high school seniors about ASAP's benefits and encourage them to begin the fall session application process for admission. ASAP offers a new approach for the educational advancement of low-income high school students and working adults; six CUNY community colleges will enroll students with the expectation that they will graduate with an Associate's Degree in three years. Each college will offer programs in block schedules to make it more convenient for students to attend their classes within a defined period of time, taking their jobs and other responsibilities into consideration.
- ** DYCD Partners with SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Healthy Lifestyle Choices Symposium**
On May 11, DYCD participated in the SUNY Downstate Medical Center's 2nd Annual "Dine and Learn Healthy Youth Symposium". The event, held in collaboration with DYCD, other city agencies, and nearly 50

other community based organizations, attracted over 500 high school students from across central Brooklyn. Located at Clara Barton High School in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the symposium's goal was to empower youth with the resources needed to make better lifestyle choices. Community groups created entertaining and informative lectures; health and wellness and information exhibitions were on display; and free health screenings were available to students. Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz presented community service awards.

Staff from DYCD Beacon programs, Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs, OST and Summer Youth Employment programs (SYEP) participated. Students were able to apply for SYEP online at the event with one of the five laptop computers. DYCD also offered funding to produce a Clara Barton Fitness Challenge documentary video. The video documented the challenges and ultimate success of three Clara Barton High School students as they embarked upon a healthy eating and physical fitness regimen in order to lose weight. Presented at the symposium, the video will be available to OST and Beacon programs as a tool for healthy lifestyle choices. The evening concluded with performances by the dance and steel pan groups of Sesame Flyers, a DYCD OST and Beacon program provider.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** Out-of-School Time Initiatives**

On May 31, local OST youth took part in a Youth Speak-Out forum in the Rockaways hosted by DYCD. Participants had the opportunity to speak to their peers and adult community members about challenging issues that they face. Some of the discussion topics were: extending operating hours at the neighborhood skate park; police check points; youth employment and entertainment opportunities; and recruiting youth for the Neighborhood Advisory Board. The forum was attended by approximately 150 youth and community residents, along with local NYPD officers, church clergy and NYCHA tenant association presidents.

On May 19, DYCD hosted an OST Spelling Bee competition in each borough for over 100 students. For the past several months, participating OST programs have been conducting practice spelling sessions with their students. Contestants received participation certificates as well as T-shirts, backpacks, calculators, and trophies. Sixty-five winners advanced to the citywide competition scheduled for Saturday, June 23 at Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY).

On May 1, DYCD hosted a job fair in partnership with City Year Inc. and Workforce1 Career Centers for 20 OST providers who were looking to fill positions at summer camps. City Year recruits 17-24 year olds from diverse backgrounds for a year of fulltime community service, leadership development and civic engagement. Workforce1 Career Centers provide jobseekers with a full array of employment services including job placement, career advisement, job search counseling, and skills training. Together, City Year and Workforce 1 recruited over 100 qualified candidates for the job fair. OST agencies were given the opportunity to meet and conduct on-the-spot interviews with each of these potential employee resources. Several agencies hired candidates during the job fair and almost all of the attendees were scheduled for follow-up interviews. Additionally, Workforce1 met with OST providers after the job fair to discuss their ongoing employment needs and ways to be of further assistance. The job fair was held at the City Year Headquarters in Manhattan and is expected to be an annual event.

**** Summer Youth Employment Program Online Application System a Success**

May 18 was the deadline to submit applications for the 2007 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). DYCD received more than 93,000 applications for the program and is expected to enroll 42,000. Over 46,000 applications (50%) were submitted through the new online application system. Lottery selections began on May 21. In 2006, DYCD received a total of 71,670 applications, 41,650 of which were enrolled into SYEP. SYEP is open to New York City residents between the ages of 14 and 21. The program runs for seven weeks from July 2 through August 18, 2007. Participants can work up to 25 hours per week, earning \$7.15 per hour.

**** Join your Local Neighborhood Advisory Board**

Become a member of your local Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB). By joining your NAB, you can participate in the community development planning process in New York City. The NAB represents

Neighborhood Development Areas (NDAs) - low income neighborhoods designated as needing community development activity. NAB members are residents of the NDA and are responsible for identifying the service needs of their local communities, a process which guides the City in its allocation of funding to support community-based human service programs in areas such as education, employment, health, housing, immigrant services, senior citizen services and youth development. To apply for membership, contact the NAB Liaison Unit at 212-442-5880. To learn more and download an application, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/cbo-nab.html>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention** *FY 07 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program* provides funding for localities to enhance coordination of local, state, and federal resources in support of community partnerships implementing two or more of the following anti-gang strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and gang enforcement. Non-profit organizations are eligible for awards; the grant ceiling is \$200,000. The date for proposal submission is June 22. Go to: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/GangPrevention.pdf> to view the full announcement.

The **Administration for Children and Families** (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) *Communities Empowering Youth* (CEY) program to build the organizational capacity of experienced organizations, their collaborating faith-based and/or community partners, and the resulting community collaborations to better meet the needs of America's disadvantaged youth. The applicant will assist its collaborating faith-based and/or community partners through training, technical assistance, and financial assistance. The applicant will provide training and technical assistance in four CEY critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, and 4) community engagement. Ultimately, CEY monies are to be used by the lead organization and its collaborating faith-based and/or community partners to increase the overall effectiveness of their community collaboration while increasing the organizational sustainability and capacity of the individual collaboration members. Capacity building activities are designed to increase the collaboration's and the individual organizations' sustainability and effectiveness and to enhance their ability to provide social services to better serve those most in need. The application deadline is July 10. For complete guidelines and more information, view online: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IC-0141.html> .

The **Department of Health and Human Services** announces funds to provide an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Projects must provide a safe and appropriate shelter for up to 18 months of services with adult supervision, life and interpersonal skill building, career counseling and job skills, counseling, and medical care as appropriate. Maternity Group Homes (MGH) provide the same services as a Transitional Living Program (TLP) in addition to providing parenting instructions and child care. Other services that are offered include, but are not limited to, transportation, family planning, abstinence education, and pregnancy prevention services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is July 30. Approximately 105 awards will be funded of up to \$200,000 each. A match is required. For further information, contact Victoria Marquez at FYSB@dixongroup.com; or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CX-0064.html> .

Verizon Wireless is seeking grant proposals for domestic violence prevention and education projects in the New York/New Jersey Metro area. Qualifying non-profit organizations are invited to apply for competitive grants totaling \$30,000, made possible through the company's HopeLine phone recycling program. HopeLine grants are being offered to enable agencies, shelters, and other domestic violence advocacy groups to introduce or expand programs, add equipment, or enhance facilities to better serve clients. Verizon Wireless will give strong preference to grant proposals that emphasize the benefits of new or expanded programs or services; include an implementation plan with a defined beginning and end; and

define measurable results. The application deadline is July 15. For additional information on this grant, go to: <http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline/>.

The **Dana Foundation** has extended its long-time interest in education to support innovative professional development programs leading to improved teaching of the performing arts in public schools. Within this broad field, the Foundation is interested primarily in training for in-school arts specialists and professional artists who teach students pre-K-12 in the public schools. The Foundation supports projects that originate in New York City, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and their surrounding areas within a fifty-mile radius. The deadline for submission of a Letter of Intent for the 2008 round of grants will be August 16, 2007. Letters of Intent received after August 16, 2007 will be considered in the 2009 cycle of grants. For additional information and grant guidelines, go to: <http://www.dana.org/grants/detail.aspx?id=58>.

The **Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.** has launched a *Community Grant Program*. Created to support frontline educators who often do not have a voice in funding decisions, the program will subsidize small, concrete projects to improve inner-city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence, or New York City. The applicant must be a "frontline educational worker" who is involved in education or a related field. The proposed recipient must be a non-profit or tax-exempt organization that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner. The proposed use of the grant must be to fund a specific, one time future education-related need or idea that promises to improve inner-city education within one year of the grant award. The foundation will generally consider grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more than \$2,000 in any one month. There is a rolling deadline. For grant applications and an explanation of the program, go to: <http://www.brownrudnick.com/>

The **United States Golf Association (USGA)** is accepting applications for the second round of the *For the Good of the Game Grants Initiative*. This initiative aims to make golf more affordable and accessible to people, specifically children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and individuals with disabilities, who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn the game. USGA considers grant requests from nonprofit organizations, government entities, and schools. Grant awards are made for instructional programs, caddie or other work-based curricula, and the construction of facilities. Applications are due July 6. Visit the Web site: <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/grants/grants.html> for additional details.

The **American Dental Association Foundation** is accepting applications for the *Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health Grants Program*. Proposals from community-based, nonprofit oral health promotion programs for up to \$5,000 in support will be considered. The Foundation will award a total of \$300,000 in 2007 for the prevention of childhood caries and oral health maintenance. Examples of eligible activities include dental health education conducted at schools, health fairs, and social agencies, or in conjunction with preventive programs; creation of oral health and nutrition materials for parents and/or dental professionals; or the production of PSAs. Applications are due July 17. Additional information is available on the Web site: <http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/>.

Bikes Belong announces funds to support their mission to put more people on bicycles more often. The Foundation's areas of focus are: encouraging ridership growth, promoting bicycling, building political support, leveraging funding, and supporting bicycle advocacy. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 27. Awards up to \$10,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=156>

The **American Academy of Dermatology** announces funds (\$8,000 each) to assist organizations that serve children and teenagers (18 years and younger) in creating permanent shade structures in locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, eating areas, and other locations. Eligible applicants include school districts, nonprofits and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 5, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.aad.org/public/News/2008+Shade+Structure+Program.htm>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

Over the past 20 years, the **Ira W. DeCamp Foundation's** grantmaking has supported a wide array of organizations within three major program areas: community-based health care, foster care and workforce

development. Grants have been concentrated in the New York metropolitan area. Organizations must be classified by the Internal Revenue Service as public charities and a 501 (c) (3). Typical grants will range from \$40,000 to \$150,000 per year. The foundation will consider multi-year requests. Grants will be reviewed in the spring and fall. Submission deadlines are March 15th and July 15th (or the next business day that falls after that date). If after reading the guidelines you find a fit with your organization, please send a cover letter and proposal with checklist items to: Ira W. DeCamp Foundation, c/o JPMorgan Private Bank, Philanthropic Services, NY1-N040, 345 Park Ave., 4th Floor, New York, New York 10154. To view guidelines, please go to: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/decamp/guide.html> .

The **Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation** is given each November to three U.S. nonprofit organizations in recognition of an innovative, existing program that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves. Peter Drucker's definition of innovation -- "change that creates a new dimension of performance" -- is key to consideration for the award. The award is accompanied by a first-place prize of \$35,000 and two runners-up prizes of \$7,500 and \$5,000. The cash prizes are unrestricted and designed to celebrate and further the work of innovative nonprofit organizations in the United States. The organization must be a non-profit entity serving a U.S. population, and the program must be fully operational at the time of application submission. The submission deadline is August 13. Complete program information and entry instructions are available at: <http://www.cgu.edu/pages/2420.asp> .

The **Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation** announces the availability of funds to assist organizations that promote the inclusion of adults (22 years and older) with disabilities in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations. The deadline for applications is September 15. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Go to: <http://www.ela.org/grants/grants.html> for further information.

Avon has created the *Hello Tomorrow Fund* to assist individuals in realizing a program, project, or idea that will empower women in one of the following areas: business development, community service, or awareness and outreach. Every week for a year, commencing April 2007, \$5,000 will be awarded to an individual to help realize a program, project or idea to empower women. Every Tuesday a winner will be publicly announced and their profiles featured on the Hello Tomorrow Web site. There is no deadline date for applications. For more information, go to: <http://shop.avon.com/HelloTomorrowFund/> .

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services**, in partnership with the **National Endowment for the Arts**, have announced the third deadline for the *Big Read program*. The purpose of the Big Read is to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each are available to encourage local communities to inspire literary reading through the program. Organizations selected to participate in the Big Read will receive a grant, financial support to attend a national orientation meeting, educational and promotional materials for broad distribution, an organizer's guide for developing and managing Big Read activities, inclusion of the organization and its activities on the Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national initiative. Approximately 120 organizations of varying sizes across the United States will be selected in this funding cycle. Funded activities should be scheduled to take place between January and June 2008. For additional information on the Big Read program, go to: <http://www.neabigread.org/> .

The **Office of Justice Community Capacity Development Office** announces that it is seeking applications for its *Weed and Seed Communities Competitive program*. The Weed and Seed strategy aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and gang activity. The initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach. Four elements make up the two-pronged Weed and Seed Strategy: Law Enforcement; Community Policing; Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment; and Neighborhood Restoration. It is designed for neighborhoods with persistent high levels of serious crime and corresponding social problems. A Weed and Seed Community (WSC) must be developed in partnership with a variety of key local organizations and the local United States Attorney's Office (USAO). WSCs must work to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents in a community primarily through the redeployment of existing public and private resources addressing both crime and social related problems that without proper intervention often lead to violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity. The

due date to submit proposals is August 30. For a complete grant description and guidelines, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13317&mode=VIEW>

The **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council** has announced that it will provide direct grants of up to \$12,000 each to support new promotional efforts by Lower Manhattan-based cultural organizations with annual budgets of \$1 million or less. Proposed promotional projects can be for specific events or for the organization itself. Particular emphasis will be put on supporting small cultural organizations working to establish a greater public profile and develop their audiences. Applicant organizations must have a primary mission to present cultural programming or to create works that are regularly presented in public venues. Applicant organizations must be located south of Canal Street or in Chinatown. Applicant organizations must have been in existence for at least three years. LMCC anticipates that eight to ten grants will be awarded. View guidelines online: <http://www.lmcc.net/grants/downtown/promotiongrant/index.html> .

****MINI-GRANTS****

The **National Gardening Association** supports school; and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the U.S. Organizations should plan to garden in 2008 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Eligible applicants include school districts, nonprofits and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is October 15. Approximately 20 awards up to \$500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

Do Something is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization is accepting applications for the following grant programs: 1. Do Something and **GameStop** are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly; 2. Do Something and **Plum TV** are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly. The deadline is rolling. Visit the Do Something Web site for complete program information and application forms: <http://www.dosomething.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****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, 1251 Prospect Place (between Schenectady and Troy), from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

****June 20** – The **National 4-H Headquarters, USDA** and the **CYFERnet** Teen Editorial Board are co-sponsoring an online training: *Every Child, Every Promise (ECEP): Turning Failure into Action*. This study by the America's Promise Alliance, takes a comprehensive look at the state of America's youth by providing benchmarks on the number of children receiving the Five Promises, highlighting gaps in the delivery of the Five Promises; giving the unique perspective of young people themselves; and demonstrating the economic benefit of investing in children's needs. This webinar will include a discussion of the findings from ECEP and a brief overview of the National Action Strategies that seek to address the deficits found in the report. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the implications of the findings and ways that communities and states can use the ECEP data and survey instruments. For more information and to register, go to: <http://cyfernet.ces.ncsu.edu/mn/training/user.php?r=43>

****June 20** – The **Foundation Center** is offering a free 60 minute course *Grantseeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts* at the following dates and times: June 20, 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.; July 11, 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.; August 1, 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.; and August 22, 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. The course will be held at the Foundation Center, New York Library, 79 Fifth Avenue, and 2nd Floor. Space is limited. Please arrive on time or your seat may be given away to others who are waiting to attend. Register online at: <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/free/gsbia.html> , in person, or by calling: (212) 620-4230.

****June 26** – Join the **Museum of Modern Art** Education Department as they host “Grandparent’s Day” at the Museum from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. for grandparents and their grandchildren. Pre-registration by June 15 is required: (212) 333-1178 or email: communityprograms@moma.org . In addition, seniors are welcome on their own or in groups from community centers.

****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 .

****July 10** – Created and administered by the **Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City's Center for Training and Professional Development**, in conjunction with **Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service**, the *Mentoring Supervisor Certificate Program* kicks off July 10. It is designed for youth practitioners and social service professionals to assist their organizations in developing, implementing, expanding, or improving a mentoring program. An intensive 4-week program takes place in the summer; classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. for four consecutive weeks. Scholarships are offered to community-based agency professionals who apply to the Mentoring Supervisor Certificate Program. While there are still fellowships available, you must act quickly! A graduation for the Fellows takes place after each semester. For questions about the Mentoring Supervisor Certificate Program please contact Julia Schwartz, Education and Legislation Manager, at 212-686-2042 x108. For more information and/or to download an application form, go to: <http://www.bigsny.org/a-center.htm#a1> .

****July 28** – **Girls for Gender Equity** will hold the 2nd Annual *NYC Gender Equality Festival* on July 28th in Von King / Tompkins Park, Brooklyn from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The festival is a city-wide, FREE public event for education, networking, resource sharing, community interaction, arts and recreation. Organizations are invited to run a workshop, set up an information table, or perform at the festival. The participation request form can be obtained at <http://www.ggenyc.org/co-events.php> . For additional information, please contact: intern@ggenyc.org.

****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

Now available exclusively online, *Resources on Afterschool* has enhanced search capabilities, features a comprehensive bibliography, is database-driven and regularly updated. This public database has been designed to support the afterschool field. It contains over 500 resources that may be used in designing, implementing, evaluating and sustaining afterschool systems. Funded by the **C.S. Mott Foundation**, this database is organized in the following categories: Research and Evaluation; Promising Practices; Professional Development; Public Awareness and Communication; Policy; and Financing. For this resource, visit: <http://www.afterschoolresources.org> .

A new report from the **Children in North America Project** argues that Canada, the United States, and Mexico have much to accomplish with respect to ensuring the health, education, and safety of children. *Growing Up in North America: Child Health and Safety in Canada, the United States, and Mexico* (64 pages, PDF) found that for all three nations rates of obesity are too high, and that unintentional injuries, many of them preventable, are the leading cause of death for children. The project is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Canadian Council on Social Development, and the Children’s Rights Network in Mexico. Go to: <http://www.aecf.org/upload/PublicationFiles/DA3622H5035.pdf> to access the information.

A new policy brief from the **National Collaboration for Youth and National Juvenile Justice Network** raises issues that can be considered when embarking on an effort to incorporate youth in juvenile justice reform efforts. It addresses the challenges involved in recruiting and retaining young people and highlights various community-based and governmental organizations that empower youth to advocate for, and provide significant input into, system reform. To view the report, go online to:

<http://www.nassembly.org/ncy/documents/YouthInvolvementBrief.pdf>

DiversityData announces the release of "*Disparities in Neighborhood Poverty of Poor Black and White Children*," the first in a series of issue briefs based on the DiversityData.org web resource. The brief shows that poor black children overwhelmingly live in higher-poverty, less advantaged neighborhoods than do poor white children and highlights those metropolitan areas with the highest and lowest neighborhood poverty rates for poor black children and the highest and lowest levels of inequality in neighborhood poverty between poor black and white children. A series of policy recommendations to improve neighborhoods of poor black children and enhance mobility of minority households is included. To access the brief in PDF format, visit: <http://diversitydata.sph.harvard.edu/brief7.pdf>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **American Management Association** and the **Leader to Leader Institute** have announced a new scholarship program for non-profit leaders to assist social sector nonprofit organizations in developing "the strong leaders today who will lead the organizations of the future." AMA has allocated funding for seventy-five scholarships to be administered by the Leader to Leader Institute. Scholarship benefits include one management education and professional development seminar offered by AMA; one year of individual member benefits, including access to members-only Web site, subscriptions to e-newsletters and journals, and discount pricing on all other AMA products and services; and a one-year membership with the Leader to Leader Institute, including subscription to Leader to Leader Journal and discounts on the institute's publications and services. To be eligible, a candidate must be an employee of a non-profit organization or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3); have a minimum of three years of work experience in the social sector; and receive nomination by the Executive Director/CEO of their sponsoring organization (if candidate is the ED/CEO, then nomination by the board). The application deadline is November 15. Visit the Leader to Leader Institute Web site for complete program information: <http://www.amanet.org/> .

The **William T. Grant Foundation** supports research to improve the lives of young people. The foundation has announced its annual competition for the William T. Grant Scholars Program, which supports promising early career researchers from various disciplines. Through this program, the foundation supports research to understand and improve the settings of youth between the ages of 8 and 25 in the United States. Important settings include schools, youth-serving organizations, neighborhoods, families, and peer groups. The foundation's interest in youth settings extends to two areas: 1) studies that strengthen the understanding of how settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and 2) studies that strengthen the understanding of how and under what conditions research is used to influence policies and practices that affect youth's settings. Every year four to six scholars are selected to receive \$350,000, distributed over five years. Awards are made to the applicant's institution, providing support of \$70,000 per year. The deadline for applications is July 11. For complete program information, eligibility restrictions, and application procedures, visit the Grant Foundation Web site: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/> .