



- **DYCD Calendar and Events:** OST Youth Programs at NYC Park's RFP proposals are due April 8; SYEP worksite applications are due April 30
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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- **April 8 Proposal Deadline –** Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs for Youth at the Department of Parks RFP. DYCD is seeking qualified not-for-profit organizations to operate three OST Parks programs in Brooklyn and Queens. The OST Parks programs will target elementary and middle school youth, ages 6 through 12, in schools and communities surrounding the specified program sites. The primary purpose of the OST Parks program is to help participants develop skills needed for academic success. The new one-year contracts will begin on September 1, 2010.
- **April 30 SYEP Worksite Application Deadline –** On March 1, DYCD released the SYEP worksite application. Companies and organizations interested in hosting SYEP participants at no cost to them, can apply to be a worksite online at <http://www.nyc.gov/dydc>.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****NYC Workforce Investment Board Elects New Chair**

On March 10, the NYC Workforce Investment Board (WIB) held its quarterly meeting at The Levin Institute. Kathy Kearns was elected WIB Chair replacing Stuart Saft, who will retain the title of Chair Emeritus. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg recognized Mr. Saft's 10 years of service to the WIB, congratulated Ms. Kearns on her election as Chair, and shared his thoughts on the importance of small business and workforce development. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav gave a presentation on the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), with a special focus on the potential impact of proposed State budget cuts. Veronica White, Executive Director of the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO), provided an overview of how they help low-income workers move out of poverty.

****DYCD Hosts International Guests**

On March 24, representatives from Dublin's philanthropic, youth services and municipal sectors visited DYCD to learn more about our Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative. After an hour-long conversation about funding, contract structure and anticipated outcomes, the group visited an OST program on the Lower East Side. Dublin, which is

seeking to more systematically coordinate afterschool, education and youth services, received funding from Atlantic Philanthropies to explore different models.

On March 29, DYCD staff met with Johan Pehrson, a member of the Swedish Parliament. Mr. Pehrson was visiting New York to meet with law enforcement officials, human service agencies and community-based organizations and learn more about their efforts to combat organized youth crimes and prevent youth criminal activities. DYCD's presentation focused on our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), Out-of-School Youth (OSY) program, Beacon Community Centers, Cornerstone Initiative, and Teen ACTION program.

****Community Board Service Program Rankings**

The City's community boards ranked Youth Development Services provided by DYCD as their second highest priority, behind Services for the Elderly provided by the Department for the Aging. The community boards ranked 90 programs within 24 City agencies according to their impact on the community. Forty-six of the 59 community boards participated in the service rankings.

****NYC Workforce Investment Board Literacy/Workforce Development Conference**

On March 26, Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Lynn participated in a Literacy/Workforce Development conference sponsored by the NYC Workforce Investment Board and the Literacy Assistance Center. The audience largely consisted of literacy and workforce development providers, and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn gave opening remarks. Deputy Commissioner Lynn spoke on a panel that included Commissioner Bruce Herman of the NYS Department of Labor Deputy; Bob Purga of the NYS Education Department; Deputy Commissioner Angie Kamath of the NYC Department of Small Business Services; and Anthony Tassi of the Mayor's Office of Adult Education. The discussion focused on aligning two components of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA): Title I, which funds workforce development; and Title II, which funds literacy services. Congress's anticipated reauthorization of WIA provides an opportunity to improve the continuum of services for low-skilled youth and adults.

****Presentation to NYC Department of Education Parent Coordinators**

On April 1, DYCD staff presented at a professional development session for Department of Education (DOE) Parent Coordinators. The session, hosted by DOE's Office for Family Engagement and Advocacy, informed Coordinators of the various opportunities and resources available to New York City youth and their families. DYCD staff provided an overview of the agency and our portfolio, with a focus on youth workforce development and afterschool initiatives.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****ICC Launches Youth Violence Prevention Work Group**

On March 18, the Youth Violence Prevention Work Group of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) met at City Hall for its inaugural meeting. The Group was formed in response to a challenge Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg issued during his State of the City address. The City was charged to focus on making a stronger and more coordinated effort to improve the lives of Black and Hispanic youth, who suffer disproportionately from poverty, unemployment, crime, and high dropout rates. In support of this, the ICC Work Group comprised of representatives from City agencies and experts in the field of youth violence, will analyze the causes, scope and consequences of youth violence, focusing on existing resources and program models within New York City. The Work Group is lead by Fatima Ashraf, Senior Policy Advisor to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education & Community Development; Norbert Davidson, Program Coordinator of the Gang Prevention Unit of the Department of Education; Wanda Ascherl, Beacon Director at DYCD; and Wilson Cano, Cornerstone Deputy Director at DYCD.

**** Youth Board Out-of-School Time Sustainability Committee Meets for First Time**

On March 19, the NYC Youth Board's Out-of-School Time (OST) Sustainability Committee held its inaugural meeting. The mission of the Committee is to educate the public on the importance of OST services to young people, working families and the long-term success of the City. The Committee's origins stem from a recommendation made in the 2007 "The City of New York Out-of-School Time Initiative Business Plan", which was funded by The Wallace Foundation. The meeting focused on defining the short and long-term goals of OST programming. Specifically, members discussed strategies for promoting public awareness of OST, connecting with private partners and diversifying funding. Dara Rose, Senior Program Officer of The Wallace Foundation provided an overview of OST work being done by other cities.

****Out-of-School Time Spring Reading initiative**

On March 29, in conjunction with the start of the DOE spring recess, Out-of-School Time (OST) programs highlighted the fact that they operate from 8:00 am– 6:00 pm during the school holidays by kicking off a reading initiative. The initiative connects OST high school students with elementary school children for a read-aloud project that promotes leadership among the older students and literacy among the younger students. DYCD staff trained the high school readers, who are working at six different schools.

****Joint Youth Services Planning Committee**

On March 18, DYCD hosted a meeting of the Joint Youth Services Planning Committee (JPC). DYCD provided the JPC members with an overview of the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Members expressed their concern about the closure of 33 Out-of-School Programs and the impact of the Governor's proposed elimination of State funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The JPC called on its members to encourage additional funding to support SYEP. Father Richard Gorman, Chair of Bronx Community Board 12, drafted and circulated a resolution that highlighted the benefits of SYEP and asked the State Legislature to restore funding.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The *Apps for Healthy Kids competition* is a part of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation. Apps for Healthy Kids challenges software developers, game designers, students, and other innovators to develop fun and engaging software tools and games that drive children, especially "tweens" (ages 9-12) – directly or through their parents – to eat better and be more physically active. The deadline to enter is June 30. Awards range up to \$10,000. For more information, go to: <http://www.appsforhealthykids.com/>.

The **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** is accepting applications for its *Back to School Grant program*. The program is designed to provide funding to school libraries or media centers working to implement new or expand existing literacy programs, looking to purchase new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and/or looking to purchase materials or software for literacy programs. Eligible applicants must be a K-12 public, private, or charter school; provide direct service within Dollar General's 35-state market area; and must be located within twenty miles of a Dollar General store. Grant awardees will receive \$5,000 maximum. The application deadline is May 21. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.dgliteracy.com/grant-program/back-to-school-grants.aspx>.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announces funds to support excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The grant submission deadline is August 12. Awards range from \$5,000-\$150,000. A match is required. For additional information, go to: grants@arts.gov, or go to: <http://www.nea.gov/Grants/apply/Artsed.html>.

The **ING Run for Something Better program**, in partnership with the **National Association for Sport and Physical Education**, seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The School Awards program will provide a minimum of fifty grants of \$2,000 each to U.S. public schools that desire to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. Awards are available to programs that target grades four through eight in public elementary or middle schools. Schools must design a before, during, and/or afterschool program that will be offered (to the best of the school's ability) to all students in eligible grades. The program must not be exclusive to participants of one gender and must have a commitment of at least twenty-five students in order to be eligible for funding. The application deadline is April 15. Program guidelines and application instructions are available at the Run For Something Better Web site: http://www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved.

Through its *2010 Store Grant program*, **Target** will provide direct support to K-12 schools and other non-profit organizations that foster a love of reading and provide art experiences. In the Early Childhood Reading category, Target will fund programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library story-times and family

reading nights. In the Art and Culture in Schools category, Target will fund in-school arts programs that enhance student's classroom curriculum by bringing arts and cultural experiences such as in-school performances, artist-in-residency programs, and workshops to schools. (Note: As of 2010, the Target Store Grant Program no longer offers family-violence prevention grants.) To be eligible, an applicant organization must be federally tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a school, a library, or a public agency. Grants in the amount of \$2,000 each will be made for programs taking place between September 1, 2010, and August 1, 2011. Grant applications are due April 30. Visit the company's Web site for complete program guidelines and application instructions: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767> .

The **HIV Young Leaders Fund** seeks grant proposals from organizations in all countries working to address the needs of young people most affected by HIV in their communities, including young people living with HIV. Young leaders and youth networks drive the funding priorities and governance of the HIV Young Leaders Fund. Only youth-led organizations or youth-led projects are eligible for funding. Youth-led is defined as the project or organization leader being 30 years of age or younger. Key activities supported by the fund include local, national, regional, or international HIV advocacy; local peer-based HIV services; and community mobilization. Applying organizations and projects must serve young people most at risk for HIV in their community and/or young people living with HIV. Groups can apply for funding even if they are not registered organizations in their home countries, but will need to identify a fiscal sponsor if selected. There are two application tracts — one for core funding (grants of up to \$30,000) and one for project funding (grants of up to \$20,000). Applications are due May 1. Grant application materials are available in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish at the Tides Foundation Web site: http://www.gih.org/calendar_url2665/calendar_url_show.htm?doc_id=1184696 .

The **Edward and Sally Van Lier Fund of the New York Community Trust** seeks to support the development of talented young, culturally diverse, and disadvantaged artists from New York City. Grants are made to non-profit arts organizations and training programs to provide education, training, or other support for eligible young artists in all arts disciplines. Support is available for programs at the pre- and post-college level, and separate Requests for Proposals are issued yearly for each level of development. Pre-college grants will be made to an extremely limited number of organizations to provide fellowships to talented young people for training and related costs for up to three years. The purpose of the grants will be to achieve a significant career development milestone, such as acceptance into a conservatory, a professional company, or another advanced training program. Grants will range up to a maximum of \$60,000 for each organization, depending upon the number and size of fellowships covered, and must serve the same students throughout the term of the grant. The fund will contribute up to \$7,000 a year to an individual fellowship. Post-college grants will provide assistance to arts organizations in all disciplines to help individual artists at the post-college level make the transition from formal training to professional careers. Grants of one to two years will be awarded to a small number of arts organizations to sponsor two or more artist fellowships. The purpose of the fellowships is to enable young artists to achieve a significant professional credit that can lead to future career opportunities. Grants will range up to a maximum of \$60,000 for each organization, depending upon the number and size of fellowships covered. The fund will contribute up to \$10,000 a year to an individual fellowship. The application deadline is April 30. Grants will only be made to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations in New York City. Visit the NYCT Web site for the complete RFPs: <http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/EdwardSallyVanLierFund/tabid/411/Default.aspx> .

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

The **American Medical Association Foundation's Fund for Better Health** is offering \$5,000 seed grants for grassroots, public health projects that target healthy lifestyles. Over the years the fund has awarded over 200 grants totaling nearly \$300,000 to projects in substance abuse and smoking prevention among other health issues. A maximum of \$5,000 per recipient will be awarded to a program. Organizations eligible to apply are those having annual operating budgets of \$1 million or less, new organizations founded within the past five years and established organizations starting a new service or expanding a current service to an underserved population. Typically, the number of grants awarded within a cycle does not exceed 20. The deadline is rolling; the Foundation will begin accepting applications in April for this year's round of funding. For additional information on this grant, go to: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/fund-better-health/fund-better-health.shtml> .

The **Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation)** announced its *Non-profit Capacity Building Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)* this week -- a new program designed to increase the capacity of small nonprofits to expand their impact in communities facing resource hardships to develop and implement performance management systems. The Corporation's Non-profit Capacity Building Program, authorized under the

Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, will provide \$1 million to a small number of intermediary grantees to provide small nonprofits with organizational development assistance to establish procedures for measuring progress and improving performance towards intended outcomes leading to community impact. The letter of Intent to Apply for the NOFA is due on April 27, and the deadline for applications is May 18 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Certification of matching funds to determine eligibility is due at the time of application. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of September 2010. [Click here](#) to read the entire NOFA.

The **Laura Jane Musser Fund** is accepting applications for its *Intercultural Harmony grant*. Projects for this grant must focus on promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between groups and citizens of different cultural backgrounds. Non-profit organizations are eligible for awards. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010. Contact the Laura Jane Musser Fund for more information: Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko, The Laura Jane Musser Fund, 318 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, MN 55419, 612-825-2024, ljmusserfund@earthlink.net, www.musserfund.org.

Based in New York City, **EmcArts** is a non-profit provider of innovation services to the arts and cultural sector. In 2010, EmcArts will continue its Innovation Lab for the Performing Arts with support from the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**. Applications are now being accepted for round four of the program, to take place from June 2010 to May 2011. Up to four organizations will be chosen to participate in round four. (Rounds five and six will be announced with respective RFPs later in 2010.) The Innovation Lab is a 12-month immersion program that helps performing arts organizations incubate and test innovative strategies to address major challenges. The lab helps teams from eligible organizations design and prototype new ideas and launch real-life projects. The program features an extended framework of individual coaching and group facilitation, guided by field research and led by EmcArts' expert facilitators. The program provides arts organizations the time and space they need away from their regular workplaces to plan, engage, participate, and learn how to innovate effectively. Participating organizations also receive risk capital to underwrite experimentation. Eligible organizations are professionally managed producing, presenting (including arts presenter and college-based presenters), and service organizations in theater, dance, and jazz based in the United States. The application deadline is May 19. Visit the EmcArts Web site for further information and the round four RFP: <http://www.emcart.org/index.cfm?returnid=17415&newsid=1184&pagepath=News&id=17425>.

United Methodist Women announces funds for projects and programs addressing the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse and relationship abuse. Nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for an award. Awards range up to \$4,000. The deadline is July 1. For additional information, go to: Marva Usher-Kerr at (212) 870-3638 or musherke@gbgm-umc.org; or go to: <http://hbs.gbgm-umc.org/umw/money/grants/abrighterfuture/>.

The Aetna Foundation announces funds to improve the quality and delivery of health services to everyone, and to drive toward improved health status for the American public. Grants focus on obesity, racial and ethnic and integrated health care. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The deadline to apply is May 15. For more information, go to: aetnafoundation@aetna.com; or go to: <http://www.aetna.com/about-aetna-insurance/aetna-foundation/aetna-grants/grants-for-2010-and-beyond.html>.

Walmart Corporate announces funds to support education, job skills training, health, and sustainability programs. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The deadline to apply is August 20. Awards start at \$25,000. For more information, go to: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx>.

U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention is offering *Second Chance grants* of as much as \$625,000 to provide employment assistance and other services to adult and juvenile ex-offenders. The application deadline is April 27. To learn more, go to <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants>.

The **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation** is accepting applications for the second round of its *Jazz.NEXT* grant program. Developed in partnership with the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**, *Jazz.NEXT* is designed to test substantive and innovative projects that utilize technology to improve communications with existing audiences and engage new constituents, distribute the work of jazz artists to a broader public, and connect the disparate members of the jazz field into a more cohesive and effective community better equipped to face current and future challenges. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000 will be awarded on a non-matching basis. To be eligible, the applicant must be a jazz artist who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or a no-profit 501(c)(3) organization (or an

organization with an eligible fiscal sponsor) with a history of programming jazz or providing services to jazz artists or jazz organizations. Applicants must have demonstrated some prior experience working with technology applications in addressing audience development, communications, creation and presentation, marketing and promotion, networking, or other capacity-building endeavors. Applicants may partner, but only one artist or organization can act as the applicant. Visit the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Web site for complete program information: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/knowledge_building/JazzNext/guidelines.html .

Green Mountain Coffee and Ashoka's Changemakers have launched *Revelation to Action: Your Place. Your Idea. Your Change*, a new competition designed to identify and help fund innovative ideas that strengthen and improve communities in the Northeast (including New York.) The competition will consider all entries that reflect the theme of the competition, that demonstrate groundbreaking solutions that inspire others to help make their community a better place to live, and that indicate growth beyond the stage of idea, concept, or research. At a minimum, entries should be at the demonstration stage and indicate success. Entries must be submitted in English. The three Changemakers competition winners — the finalist individuals or organizations that receive the most votes during the public voting phase — will each receive a cash prize of \$5,000. The seven state winners — the best entry from each of the eligible states — will also receive cash prizes of \$5,000. Nominators are also eligible for prizes. Innovative solutions for motivating local citizens to build a better community may be submitted or nominated until April 21, 2010. Visit the Changemakers Web site for complete program guidelines: <http://www.changemakers.com/revelation> .

The **NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service Capstone Program** is a resource for nonprofits, government agencies, health institutions, urban planning firms, international NGOs, and private organizations with a public service component. Capstone brings together teams of NYU Wagner graduate students with client organizations over an academic year. Project teams research important issues, address complex challenges, and identify opportunities key to organizational growth. Project proposals are due May 28. To view the application and guidelines, go to: <http://wagner.nyu.edu/capstone/files/Proposal%20Guidelines%202010-2011.pdf> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****April 14 –** Come to *Queens Teen Day. It's Your Life! Take Control. Have a Say.* Get prepared. Learn about education opportunities (college and GED), employment and job training opportunities, support, life skills, housing and how to obtain identification (driver's license and non-drivers ID). Come see what Teen Day can do for you. Come to Queens Family Court (151-20 Jamaica Avenue, 4th floor, Jamaica, New York) at 3:00 pm. You will get a chance to meet with people from many organizations and start planning your future. Food will be served and free informational bags will be provided.

****April 15 –** Join the **Bronx River Art Center** for an informational session about tuition free summer programs at Cooper Union. The location is 1087 E. Tremont Avenue, 4th floor at 4:00 pm. It's a great opportunity for high school students who are building their portfolio for college applications. Please RSVP to aschuster@bronxriverart.org .

****April 23 –** The **Bronx Forum** (A partnership of the **Bronx Borough President's Office, Hostos Community College, Jewish Community Relations Council of NY** in conjunction with the **Office of the State Controller**) invites professionals and community leaders to: *Financial Education for Non-Profit Organizations*. It will be held at Hostos Community College – Savoy Building, Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor, 120 East 149th Street (by Walton Avenue), Bronx from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. It will be hosted by Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller. RSVP at <http://www.communityuplink.net/bronxforum0423.html> .

****April 23-25 –** *Youth Service America Global Youth Service Day.* To obtain additional information, contact: (202) 296-2992, via e-mail: GYSD@ysa.org, visit: <http://gysd.org/>.

****April 24 –** Visit the **9th Grade College and Career Resource Fair** at the Minisink Beacon, 215 West 114th Street, NY, NY from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. It will feature summer job applications, information on high school graduation requirements, financial aid and more.

****May 15 –**The **Schomburg Center's 9th Annual Youth Summit** will be held at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Langston Hughes Auditorium at 10:00 am. The Youth Summit is a multi-media event featuring youth presentations of original works of theater, dance, spoken word, video, visual arts, and research. The Youth Summit embodies a full spectrum of ideas, emotions, and critique born from both historical and contemporary

analyses of issues facing young Americans of African descent. Admission is free. There is priority seating for youth; there is partial accessibility for wheelchairs. To register, or to get more information, contact schomburged@nypl.org

****May 20** – Hosted by **Credit Suisse**, you are invited to attend *Venture Forward with Youth I.N.C.*, the first annual conference for leaders of New York City's most promising youth-serving non-profits. It will provide the access, knowledge and power to build upon your success through guidance from experts in the field, collaborations within the sector, and links to the corporate community. It will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Credit Suisse, 11 Madison Avenue. Register early: www.youthinc-usa.org/2010conference.php . There is a \$50 registration fee through May 5, \$65 registration fee after May 5. Cost includes breakfast, lunch and conference materials. There will be a Keynote Address and Networking Lunch with Daniel L. Doctoroff, President of Bloomberg. For additional information or questions regarding the conference, contact Steviann Martines at smartines@youthinc-usa.org or 212-520-8297.

****June 4** – *Power Up with Science After School* is a free workshop for after-school supervisors, program directors and site coordinators, teachers, school leaders and professional development specialists. **The After-School Corporation (TASC)** invites you to join them at the New York Hall of Science to sample science curriculum developed for after-school settings. Hear how to use every-day staff, materials and facilities to help kids leap into the future. The event begins at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The event is free but registration is required [here](#). For more information contact Sunset Harris at (646) 943-8771 or sharris@tascorp.org.

****June 12** – The Free **Brooklyn Children's Sports and Fitness Expo** will be held from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY. There will be sports clinics, health screenings, nutrition and weight counseling, gift bags for children (while supplies last), games and prizes, exhibitor booths and live entertainment. It will be fun for the entire family. To learn more, visit: <http://www.bodysculpt.org> or call: 718-346-5852.

****October 2010** – The First **USA Science & Engineering Festival** Planned for D.C.'s National Mall. Imagine chatting with Albert Einstein, building an underwater robot, lunching with a Nobel Laureate, or managing cargo in the space shuttle within a virtual reality environment. These are just a few of the many activities planned for the first USA Science & Engineering Festival. Organizers hope to have a million people join in across the nation, and the best part--IT'S ALL FREE. To view the news release, visit: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/first-usa-science--engineering-festival-planned-for-dcs-national-mall-october-of-2010-84598027.html>.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

The **U.S. Department of Labor** announced the release of a new report on the Summer Jobs Initiative entitled, *Reinvesting in America's Youth: Lessons from the 2009 Recovery Act Summer Youth Employment Initiative*.

DOL's Employment and Training Administration contracted with Mathematica Policy Research to conduct an implementation evaluation of the summer youth employment activities funded by the Recovery Act. As part of the evaluation, Mathematica analyzed (1) monthly performance data submitted to ETA by the states, and (2) qualitative data collected through in-depth site visits to 20 local areas. This report describes the national context for implementation, provides an in-depth description of the experience of selected local areas, and presents lessons on implementation practices that may inform future summer youth employment efforts. To view the report, visit: http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/keyword.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_resultdetails&pub_id=2436&mp=y .

As of February 22, 2010, the following changes to **New York State Licensing Laws** will affect young drivers: reduce from two to one the number of non-family passengers under age 21 riding in a motor vehicle operated by a junior license holder when not accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian; elimination of the limited use junior license and require that a junior permit be held for at least 6 months before a junior or senior license may be issued; increase the number of supervised driving hours before scheduling a road test from 20 to 50 hours, that includes 15 hours of driving after sunset. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.nysdmv.com/youngerdriver> .

A *Human Trafficking Services Resource Directory* has been created by the **NYC Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator**. To access the publication, go to:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/misc/downloads/2009_human_trafficking_resource_directory_8_10_09.pdf

The **U.S. Department of Labor** launched an online suite of resources for grant applicants. Created by the department's **Employment and Training Administration**, the new site introduces potential grantees – in particular, smaller entities such as community-based and faith-based groups, as well as organizations that have not previously applied for Federal funding – understand the process for applying for ETA competitive grants and develop high-quality grant applications. There are examples to guide applicants through the process of applying. Included on the site are an Annotated Sample Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA); an interactive, self-paced tutorial on the ETA grant-making process; and a compilation of resources to help prospective applicants develop competitive grant applications. To view the tool, visit: http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit.

You may now apply online for street fairs, block parties and festivals. Applicants can submit online applications at <https://nyceventpermits.nyc.gov> or <http://www.nyc.gov/sapo>. All applicants should be aware that the deadlines for applications submission remain unchanged as do the rules and regulations governing the **Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)** permitting process. For more information, call 2127887567 or visit http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/html/street_permitting/permit_and_events.shtml.

The Fire Department of New York City offers free bystander CPR training to all New York City residents. The program takes less than an hour and each participant is given a free CPR training kit to bring home to friends and family. For more information, Youth call (718) 9992413 or email Michael Eichler at eichlem@fdny.nyc.gov.

Tax season is here... and the **Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Financial Empowerment** wants you to know about a new, free way to file your taxes! If you earn less than \$58,000 (per tax return) and have an e-mail address, you can prepare and electronically file your own tax return using a free online program. At select [free tax sites](#) a certified tax specialist will help you prepare and electronically file your return for free. The program and Internet access are free. Assistance is free. For more information, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/taxassistance.shtml>.

Notify NYC is the City of New York's official source for information about emergency events and important City services. What you need to know, when you need to know it. Registration is free and simple. Go to: <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/NotifyNYC/Enrollment/Default.aspx> to enroll. Or, if you are already enrolled, you can log in to customize your account. On January 1, 2010, Notify NYC will provide expanded information on school delays, closings, and early dismissals! To receive school notifications and alerts, register for Notify NYC or modify your existing account to add the address of your child's school to your areas of interest. (You can find the address of each school by going to the Department of Education website at schools.nyc.gov.)

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation has begun to recruit lifeguard candidates for the 2010 summer season. The qualifying test for entry into the program is currently being offered at locations in all five boroughs. The lists of testing sites are available at www.nyc.gov/parks. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ripotola, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner at (212) 360-1332 or via email Elizabeth.ripotola@parks.nyc.gov.

311 recently expanded its on-line presence. **311 On-Line** not only gives you information on a wide range of City services and regulations, from alternate-side parking to licensing to bulk item disposal, but you can also make a complaint on anything from heat to housing and even those annoying yellow curbs that don't mean anything! Just visit nyc.gov and click on the 311 icon on the right side of the screen. The 311 homepage lists general categories to browse to help you find what you're looking for. Or you can type a keyword (like "noise complaints"!) into the search bar on the top. In addition, 311 made friends with the **iPhone**! An app is now available for your iPhone that allows you to report certain troublesome conditions or problems, and even upload photos and video to make it clear exactly what you're talking about. You can obtain the app by searching "NYC 311" in the App Store on your iPhone. Functionality on non-iPhones is in the offing.

We Are New York is a Web site for non-English speakers: <http://www.nyc.gov/LearnEnglish>. You can now find: 1.the full-length video of each episode; 2. a 36-page study guide for each episode to download and use to practice reading and writing English and 3.the script for each episode to download and use to practice speaking English. All of these materials can be found by visiting <http://www.nyc.gov/LearnEnglish> and clicking on "Episodes".

ACCESS NYC is reminding New Yorkers that *It's Tax Time! Go Get Your Refund!* Many New Yorkers are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Information about the EITC and the NYC Child Care Tax Credit is available on ACCESS NYC. Go to: www.nyc.gov/accessnyc to find out whether you are eligible.

The **U.S. Census Bureau** will be hiring for both field and office positions spring of 2010. Pay ranges from \$14.75 to \$20 per hour depending on the position. The jobs offer both full time/part time and flexible hours are available. All jobs are temporary. Receive paid training, reimbursement for authorized mileage and other work-related expenses and help your community have a successful 2010 census. To apply, schedule a 30 minute multiple choice test at 347-967-4020 Monday to Saturday 9am to 7pm. Visit <http://www.2010censusjobs.gov> for a sample test and more information about available positions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Children have been undercounted in every census since the first one in 1790. Local communities rely on census information in planning for schools, child care, health, and other critical services. The **Annie E. Casey Foundation** is supporting the Census Bureau's efforts to ensure that parents and child care providers count their babies and young children on their 2010 Census forms so all children can benefit tomorrow from community services. Download the [toolkit](#) featuring Dora the Explorer, the popular children's cartoon character, to help spread the word among colleagues, members, and friends. Read the Casey report, [Why Are Young Children Missed So Often in the Census?](#) Visit the [KIDS COUNT data center](#) to see how children are faring in your state or community.

A report from **Harvard Family Research Project (HFRP)**, *Partnerships for Learning: Promising Practices in Integrating School and Out-of-School Time Program Supports* is aimed to help Out-of-School Time (OST) program leaders, decision-makers, and funders to understand and implement effective OST-school partnerships for learning. To view the report, go to: www.americaspromise.org/News-and-Events/News-and-Features/APB-2010/Vol-12/Partnerships-for-Learning.aspx.

The **Urban Institute** offers *2009 nonprofit tax forms (990) online* – free for most nonprofit organizations. The “990 Online” features include: Preparing your 990, 990-EZ and 8868 online; e-Filing your return online OR printing & mailing it to the IRS; comprehensive error checking; tips & instructions embedded within forms; dedicated support staff; and converting returns into pdf files for easy printing & sharing. For more information and to complete your 990 online – go to: <http://efile.form990.org/default.asp>.

The **Scandinavian Stories Summer Program** is now open for enrollment. This one-week afternoon summer program is open to 12-15 year olds with Scandinavian backgrounds or any other connection to Scandinavia, living in New York City. In five creative workshop classes, the participants will get to explore their cultural identities and learn how to effectively communicate a message by writing and producing their own short film, a (Scandinavian) story. The workshops will be led by an experienced youth media teacher and two qualified assistants. The program can only accept 10 participants so enroll now to be sure you get a spot! The program provides one in-class computer per student, as well as audio equipment, a scanner, and some digital cameras. The program will be held at University Settlement Houston Street Center, NYC on June 28 - July 2, from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$200 (sliding scale fee as needed). Films created will be shown after the program to friends and family. The films will then serve as documents of what Scandinavian cultural identity can look like in a globalized world, as well as present an updated image of today's diverse Scandinavia. Contact Martina Högberg (Martina@scandinavianstories.org) or Melinda Martino (Melinda@scandinavianstories.org / +1 917340 9330). For more information, and to sign up, go to: <http://www.scandinavianstories.org>.

Follow the Money: A Tool for Mapping Funds for Out-of-School Time Initiatives, developed by **The Finance Project**, provides a step-by-step approach for statewide afterschool networks and others to track out-of-school time investments in their states. Specific state examples and customizable worksheets are also included to assist users with data collection and analysis. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.financeproject.org/publications/FollowTheMoney.pdf>.

Cutting Cost, Keeping Quality: Financing Strategies for Youth-Serving Organizations in a Difficult Economy, developed by Eric Keller of **The Finance Project**, highlights three effective financing strategies that successful youth-serving organizations are using to maintain quality services despite difficult economic times. The brief also provides examples of how organizations have implemented these strategies and offers tips to help leaders consider how best to adapt these strategies to their unique context. To view the brief, visit: <http://www.financeproject.org/publications/CuttingCostKeepingQuality.pdf>.

CLASP is offering two new reports: *Building A Comprehensive Youth Employment Delivery System: Examples*

of *Effective Practice and Follow the Money: Funding and Legislative Opportunities on the Horizon to Serve Disconnected Youth*. To access them, go to: <http://www.clasp.org> .

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Do Something has teamed up with **Six Flags Friends** to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community (local and/or globally) a better place. Scholarships will be awarded based on past, current, and planned action in the community as well as the applicant's passion, commitment, and proven leadership skills. The applicant must be 25 years of age or younger, and a U.S. or Canadian citizen. A recommendation from a non-family member is required for application. Six scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded. Visit the Do Something Web site for complete program guidelines: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships> .

The **Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology** has announced that scholarship applications are being accepted for the *2010 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference*. This year's conference, September 28 - October 2, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia, will feature keynote speakers, plenary sessions, over a hundred panels, a poster session, and workshops led by successful researchers and professionals in the computer science industry. With support from the **National Science Foundation** and other funders, full scholarships cover conference registration, lodging for four nights, and travel expense reimbursement. (Partial scholarships are also available.) While the largest portion of scholarships are awarded to undergraduate and graduate students, junior faculty and members of nongovernmental organizations and nonprofits are also eligible to apply. International students and women from smaller schools, diverse backgrounds, and education are encouraged to apply. Scholarship criteria include academic achievement, potential in the field, and need. The application is due May 14. For additional information about the conference and scholarships, visit the GHC Web site: <http://gracehopper.org/2010/> .

An initiative of the **William T. Grant Foundation**, the *William T. Grant Scholars Program* is accepting applications from promising early-career researchers who want to tackle questions important to theory and either policy or practice for improving youth settings. The program is designed to support promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise. The foundation is interested in applicants trained across a range of social, behavioral, and health sciences. Applicants must submit a project that is consistent with the foundation's current research interests: addressing issues that have compelling relevance for theory and policies or practices affecting the settings of youth between the ages of 8 and 25 in the United States or a vulnerable sub-population of those youth. Four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected annually and each receives \$350,000 distributed over a five-year period. Candidates are nominated by their supporting institution and must submit five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to continued professional development. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be employed at a non-profit institution, either in the United States or abroad, and have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. The award may not be used as a postdoctoral fellowship. The application deadline is July 7. Visit the Grant Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars .

Pearson and the National Middle School Association sponsor an awards program that identifies people who work to improve the education and well-being of young adolescents. The award recognizes teams of any kind ... teachers, administrators, parents, community members, or any combination of these individuals. Awards range up to \$5,000. The deadline to apply is April 30. For more information, go to: <http://www.nmsa.org/AboutNMSA/Awards/TeamsthatMakeaDifference/tabid/407/Default.aspx?PageContentID=82>

The **U.S. Department of State's Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Program Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs** is accepting applications for its *Youth Ambassadors Program* with North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select youth and adult participants, to provide them with three-week exchanges focused on civic education, community service, and leadership, and to support follow-on projects in their home communities. The application deadline is April 22. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-3894.pdf>.

The **World of Children** announced three awards that were created to recognize and elevate those selfless individuals who make a difference in the lives of children here in the USA and across the globe, regardless of political, religious or geographical boundaries. A description of each of the awards is provided below:

2010 Humanitarian Award, which includes a grant of up to \$50,000, recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the areas of social services, education, or humanitarian services. Nominees must have created, managed, or otherwise supported a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to children's opportunities to be safe, to learn, and to grow.

2010 Health Award, which includes a grant of up to \$50,000, recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. Nominees must have created, managed, or otherwise supported a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to the improved health of children. Nominees for this and the 2010 Humanitarian Award must have done this work in addition to their normal employment, for little or no pay, for a minimum of ten years.

2010 Founder's Youth Award, which includes a grant of up to \$25,000, recognizes youth who are making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. Nominees must be under the age of 21. Nominees may be individuals or groups of individuals but not organizations. Self-nominations are accepted. The deadline for nominations is May 1. To obtain additional information and an application for the noted awards, visit: <http://www.worldofchildren.org/index.php/awards>.

The **Suder Foundation** seeks to dramatically improve the graduation rate of first-generation college students by providing financial, academic, emotional and social assistance at U.S. public universities. The foundation will award planning grants of up to \$60,000 each toward a planning coordinator, the planning process, and one visit to each of the two existing program sites. Funding for the first year of scholarships and program support will be disbursed in the spring of 2011. The application deadline is April 15. For additional information, go to: <http://suderfoundation.org/>

Applications for the *Fellowship at National Industries for the Blind* are now being accepted. *The Fellowship for Leadership Development*, sponsored by **National Industries for the Blind (NIB)**, is a salaried, two-year program that combines business-focused, on-the-job experience with formal management training. Legally blind individuals who have an undergraduate degree, work experience and passion for business are invited to apply. Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for more information. Application deadline is April 15, 2010. This information has recently been updated, and can be read by visiting this link: http://www.disability.gov/employment/news_%26_events.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office announces the 2010 Summer Internship Program. Students must reside in Manhattan. Qualified students should send a resume and an essay explaining their interest in law to: Community Affairs Unit, NYC District Attorney's Office, Attention: Ms. Carol Ragsdale, One Hogan Place, Rm. 824, New York, NY 10013. All resumes must be submitted by **Friday, April 16, 2010**. For more information, please call (212) 335-9082.

The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** seeks nominations for its 2010 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people between the ages of 8 and 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nominations are due by April 30, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://www.barronprize.org/>.