



****DYCD Calendar and Events:** NYC Youth Board and WIB Youth Council to meet June 3

****Spotlight News:** Online application for the Youth Group Subway Transportation Program now available on the DYCD Web site; Immigrant Heritage Week celebration recognizes DYCD program participants who have overcome great obstacles; Commissioner Mullgrav shares insight on teen work experience in this difficult economy at the NYC Youth Funders forum; DYCD Commissioner co-chairs Workforce Customer Experience Group; Two DYCD staff members selected for leadership programs; Six DYCD Staff Volunteers at the City's language interpretation program, NYCertified, are recognized

****Program Updates:** SYEP news; CAB meets; DYCD holds "Take Your Children to Work Day"; NYC Commission on LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth holds final meeting; NASDAQ hosts informational breakfast for prospective Ladders for Leaders employers; DYCD Work Readiness Institute holds second session in Queens; Step It Up dance teams from DYCD-funded Beacon and Cornerstone centers compete; OST Transition to High School training held

****Funding Opportunities:** Foundation and grant opportunities

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****Government Resources:** Information from New York City, New York State and the federal government

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****Opportunities for Scholarships and Awards:** Scholarships and awards for those qualified

DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****June 3** – The next meeting of the NYC Youth Board and WIB Youth Council will take place on at the Department of Youth and Community Development, 156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**** DYCD launches an innovative online application for the Youth Group Subway Transportation Program**

The new online process is designed to:

- Reduce the time it takes to complete the application
- Eliminate the need for current program participants to resubmit proof of eligibility
- The online application replaces the paper application

The Youth Group Subway Transportation Program provides youth-serving organizations with free New York City subway passes for educational and recreational trips. DYCD administers the program in conjunction with MTA New York City Transit. Eligible organizations receive group subway passes and certificates to use during designated days and times on New York City subways. To access the application, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

****DYCD Celebrates Immigrant Heritage Week at MoCA**

On April 20, DYCD hosted its fourth annual Immigrant Heritage Week celebration at the Museum of Chinese in America. Awards were presented to ten immigrants served by DYCD-funded programs who have overcome great barriers in order to fulfill their potential. New Yorkers of Haitian descent were highlighted, and the event featured a performance by Philippe Pierre, an acclaimed Haitian pianist and songwriter, and an exhibit of work by the Haitian artist Janet Sanon.

****Commissioner Mullgrav Panelist at the New York City Youth Funders Forum**

On April 29, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav was a panelist at a forum sponsored by New York City Youth Funders and Philanthropy New York entitled "Providing Meaningful Work Experiences for Teens in Tough Times." She focused on the common elements uniting DYCD's youth workforce development initiatives, particularly the

importance of the City's Summer Youth Employment Program. She was joined on the panel by representatives from the Department of Education, the Workforce Investment Board, the Youth Development Institute, and the Workforce Education Center at LaGuardia Community College. Approximately 30 representatives of private funders attended the event.

****Workforce Customer Experience Group**

Jeanne Mullgrav, Commissioner of the Department of Youth and Community Development, and Veronica White, Executive Director of the Center for Economic Opportunity, have been appointed co-chairs of the Workforce Customer Experience Group, which is one of four workgroups that comprise the City's Workforce Development Collaboration. The purpose of the Group is to assess and make recommendations to improve the customer experience for New York City job seekers as they search for employment or training opportunities and for employers as they search for qualified job seekers to fill vacancies in their organizations.

****DYCD Staff Selected for Prestigious Leadership Programs**

Chris Caruso, DYCD's Assistant Commissioner for Out-of-School Time, was selected as one of 16 Casey Fellows by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The Children and Family Fellowship is a 20-month leadership development program for accomplished professionals designed to increase the pool of leaders with the vision and ability to frame and sustain major system reforms and community capacity-building initiatives that benefit large numbers of children and families. Jessica Vides-Hernandez, Deputy Director of Beacon Programs, has been accepted into the NYC Management Academy. The Management Academy is designed specifically for new and emerging leaders in City government. The Academy's goal is to expose participants to exceptional management practices and offer them a fuller understanding of the formal and informal processes that drive City government.

****DYCD Staff Recognized as NYCertified Volunteers**

On April 22, six DYCD staff attended the inaugural NYCertified Recognition Ceremony. They were among the first New York City employees to complete the City's volunteer language interpretation program. As NYCertified volunteers, they will assist with verbal interpretation and/or written translation of documents for DYCD customers with limited English proficiency.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Update**

DYCD released SYEP applications on April 19, with a deadline of May 21. SYEP is a seven-week program open to all New York City residents between the ages of 14-24. Participants work up to 25 hours a week and earn the minimum wage of \$7.25. The programs will run from July 6 through August 24. To apply online, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

****Community Action Board Meets**

On April 29, the Community Action Board held its final meeting before their summer break. The Board voted to authorize the Executive Committee to conduct business for the full board over the summer. DYCD staff provided programmatic and financial reports.

****Take Your Children to Work Day**

On April 22, DYCD invited employees to bring their children to work. Staff organized activities designed to highlight the connection between education and work. As it was also Earth Day, environmental conservation themes were incorporated into the activities. The day concluded with a tour of City Hall.

****NYC Commission for LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth Update**

The NYC Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Runaway and Homeless Youth met on May 4 at The Door to approve recommendations for the final Commission Report.

****Ladders for Leaders Update**

On April 9, NASDAQ hosted an employer breakfast for NYC Ladders for Leaders, the corporate internship program operated by DYCD and the NYC Commission on Women's Issues. Senior managers from local companies were invited to attend the breakfast and learn more about Ladders for Leaders and how they can support the 2010 program. The audience included representatives from CBS, American Cancer Society, City Year, Everyday

Health, Merrill Lynch, New Video, Foundation for the Advancement of Women Now, Océ Business Services, Wildlife Conservation Society and Verizon.

****DYCD Offers Work Readiness Institutes for Literacy Programs**

In order to help our providers deliver ARRA-funded services more effectively, DYCD's Literacy Programs Unit has been conducting Work Readiness Institutes focused on integrating work readiness and employment skills into ESOL and Adult Basic Education curriculums. Each Institute is comprised of four sessions that train teachers on how to create high-quality curricula. On April 8, DYCD hosted the second session of the Queens Institute at the Jacob Riis Settlement in Astoria. Participants from four CBOs attended the session.

****NIKE Step It Up Dance 2010 Competition**

On April 10, eighteen Step It Up dance teams from DYCD-funded Beacon and Cornerstone centers gathered at JHS 45 to showcase their work for the judges. In addition to staging step dance routines, every team created a community service project and a related social media campaign. Representatives from DYCD, Global Youth Leadership Institute, YouthNoise and Nike, which sponsors the project, attended the event. Vote for your favorite team: <http://www.youthnoise.com>. View a video filmed by NYC Life of last year's winning team, Fully Focused, on the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

****OST Transition to High School Training Session Held**

On April 12, more than 40 Program Directors and Counselor Advocates from the OST Transition to High School initiative gathered at DYCD for a full-day training session. Representatives from DYCD, the Partnership for After School Education (PASE) and Bank Street College facilitated sessions on program design, collaborating with our Department of Education partners, and planning for the next school year. At the end of the morning session, attendees visited three program sites in order to see first-hand how providers put their program model into action and built relationships with students and their school partners.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council** is accepting applications for *Creative Curricula*, a local arts-in-education funding program. Creative Curricula makes matching grants of up to \$5,000 each to partnerships between Manhattan schools and teaching artists or cultural organizations. Funding is provided for in-classroom projects that focus on the integrated study of arts and non-arts subjects developed by collaborating classroom teachers and teaching artists. Applications will be accepted from non-profit arts and cultural organizations or from public, private, parochial, or charter schools applying on behalf of individual teaching artists. Individual artists may apply through a school or cultural organization. Partnerships must serve students in grades pre-K through 12 in school districts in Manhattan. Activities must occur during the school day, and must take place between September 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. Creative Curricula grants are matching grants. Each spring, LMCC staff members lead information sessions in different locations in Manhattan to introduce the Creative Curricula program and provide information on application guidelines and procedures. First-time applicants are required to attend. RSVP is required. Grant proposals are due June 22. Visit the LMCC Web site for complete program guidelines and information session dates and details: <http://www.lmcc.net/>.

The **National Endowment for the Arts'** *Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth* category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. All proposed projects must provide the chance for students to experience exemplary works of art (e.g., live performances); to study works of art in order to understand their cultural and social contexts and to appreciate their technical and/or aesthetic qualities; and to create artwork. Projects must also provide for the assessment of students 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 the ages of 5 and 18 years. School-based projects are for children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12 and must be directly connected to the school curriculum and instructional program. Community-based projects are for children and youth between the ages of 5 and 18. This area supports important activities and training in the arts that occur outside of the school system. These activities may be offered by arts organizations or by other community-based non-arts organizations or agencies in partnership with artists and arts groups. The application must be submitted by June 10. See the NEA Web site for complete program information: <http://www.arts.gov/>.

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 —twens || (ages 9-12) – directly or through their parents – to eat better and be more physically active. Deadline to enter is June 30, 2010. Awards range up to \$10,000. For more information, go to: <http://www.appsforhealthykids.com/>.

The **American Legion Child Welfare Foundation** annually accepts proposals from non-profit organizations for projects that meet one of the foundation's two basic purposes — to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society. Grants are not made for any of the normal, day-to-day operating expenses of the grantee or special operating expenses connected with the grant. Grants are awarded for a period of one year. All grants must be completed between the period of January 1 and December 31 of the award year. Applications are accepted from May 1 to July 15 of the current year. Visit the foundation Web site for complete program guidelines: <http://www.cwf-inc.org/> .

The **Board of Directors of the Mario Savio Memorial Lecture & Young Activist Award** invites nominations for the thirteenth annual *Young Activist Award*, which carries a cash prize of \$6,000, to be divided equally between the prize-winner and his or her organization. The winner also will attend an award ceremony in Berkeley, California (October-November; expenses paid). The Savio Young Activist Award is presented annually to a young person (or persons) between the ages of 16 and 26 who has a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. Nominees should have demonstrated leadership ability, creativity, and integrity, and be engaged in activism for social change, promoting the values of peace, human rights, economic or social justice, or freedom of expression. Preference will be given to candidates who have not yet been widely recognized and who do not have personal privilege or a strong institutional base of support. This year, preference also will be given to activism for economic justice, broadly interpreted. Nomination instructions and forms are available at the Savio Award Web site: <http://www.tidesfoundation.org/news-resources/news-room/news-and-events/article/call-for-nominations-2010-mario-savio-young-activist-award/index.html> .

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** is dedicated to helping young Americans (newborn to early 20s) with disabilities maximize their potential and participation in society. The foundation supports organizations and projects within its mission that address important needs, have broad scope and impact, and demonstrate potential for replication at other sites. The foundation's funding priority is inclusion — enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. Funding is available for both project costs and operating support, and is open to both disability-specific organizations and those that serve the general population. While requests from all parts of the United States will be considered, priority will be given to communities where Mitsubishi Electric U.S. companies are located. Preference is given to organizations and projects that reflect collaboration among groups and that actively involve people with disabilities in program planning and implementation. Grants are made only to U.S.-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. The proposal submission date is June 1. Visit the MEAF Web site for complete program guidelines: <http://www.meaf.org/> .

Allstate announces funds to help reinvent the way teens approach driving to help save young lives and instill a lifetime of safe driving attitudes and behaviors through its *Allstate Foundation Teen Safe Driving Program*. City or township governments, county governments, nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The application deadline is July 15. For more information, go to: grants@allstate.com; or go to: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx>.

The **Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation** is committed to improving communities and impacting lives through unique philanthropic programs that help children and families, animals and the environment. The foundation will make grants to qualified organizations that support children's health and wellness, animals, the environment, and literacy and education. Non-profit organizations are eligible for funds. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact: Matt Oldani, 1954 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114, 314-423-8000 x 5366 or MattO@buildabear.com. View the Web site: <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/BabwFoundation.aspx> .

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British Telecommunications and **One Economy Corporation** have partnered to create a cross-generational, digital inclusion program aimed at equipping youth from low-income neighborhoods to support older adult family and community members on using information communications technology effectively. The goal of the digital literacy program is to help both low-income youth and older adults develop skills that will improve their lives and help them enter the economic mainstream. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: [http://www.one-economy.com/sites/all/files/One%20Economy-BT%20press%20release-%20FINAL\[1\].pdf](http://www.one-economy.com/sites/all/files/One%20Economy-BT%20press%20release-%20FINAL[1].pdf)

The **Ford Motor Company Fund** and the **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)** are accepting applications for its *Ford Driving Dreams Through Education* program. This program is designed to help address the high school dropout rate among Latino students across the United States. Ten LULAC's will be awarded grants up to \$20,000. The application deadline is May 21. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: http://lulac.org/news/pr/Helping_Latino_Students_Stay_On_The_Road_To_Graduation/.

ClassWish is a nonprofit organization that empowers parents, teachers and after-school educators to make positive change in kids' lives by getting help to provide them with the classroom supplies they need. Parents, teachers or after-school program providers create an online wish list of classroom supplies they need to support kids' learning activities. Supporters make tax deductible contributions, and ClassWish purchases the supplies and sends them to the school. For additional information, go to: <http://www.classwish.org> .

The **National Gardening Association (NGA)** is accepting applications for its *Healthy Sprouts Awards* program to support awareness of nutrition and hunger through development of health-focused youth gardens. Winners receive certificates towards purchase of gardening materials, a free copy of NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, and a literature package from NGA. For more information, view online: <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/> .

Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company **Liberty Mutual**, is accepting applications from youth sports organizations in the United States to participate in its Responsible Sports Community Grant program. To be eligible for the program, league administrators must first register their youth sports organization at the Responsible Sports Web site. Then, coaches, parents, administrators, and youth sports supporters can participate in the Responsible Sports parenting and/or responsible coaching coursework. Participants who pass the ten-question Responsible Sport parenting quiz or responsible coaching quiz can credit the successfully passed quiz to their favorite youth sports league. Teams and organizations compete in one of three categories for a Responsible Sports grant: large division (two hundred or more players), small division (under two hundred players), and educational groups (school athletic programs). For the spring 2010 grant period, youth sports organizations will compete for one of fourteen grants of \$2,500 each, divided between the two divisions based on the size of the organization. Schools (districts, athletic departments, teams, booster clubs, etc.) will compete for one of six grants of \$5,000 each. To be eligible, organizations must be a registered non-profit youth sport organization recognized by the governing bodies of their sport(s). Organizations must serve the community at large and must be open to the general public. See the Responsible Sports Web site for complete program information: <http://www.responsiblesports.com/> .

Nike and **Ashoka's Changemakers** have announced the launch of the "Changing Lives Through Football" collaborative competition. Applicants are invited to share their solutions for using football for social change. The contest is designed to identify, inspire, and bring together the next wave of leaders who are eager to find ways that football can unleash the potential of young people, strengthen their communities, boost development, and affect change. The competition is open to all types of individuals and organizations (charitable organizations, private companies, or public entities) from all countries. The program will consider all entries that reflect the theme of the challenge — Changing Lives Through Football. To be eligible for an award, entries must indicate growth beyond the conceptual stage and have demonstrated impact and sustainability. A panel of independent judges will select between ten and 15 finalists from all of the entries submitted. From among these finalists, the Changemakers'

online community will vote for three winners. The finalist individual or organization that receives the most votes will be the Grand Prize Winner and receive \$30,000. The second place winner will receive \$20,000; and the third place winner will receive \$10,000. The application is due June 11. Visit the Changemakers Web site for complete program information: <http://www.changemakers.com/> .

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

Allstate announces funds to help survivors of domestic violence build financial independence by providing knowledge, skills and opportunities to survivors through its *Economic Empowerment for Domestic Violence Survivors (Economics Against Abuse) Program*. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The application deadline is July 15. For additional information, go to: grants@allstate.com; or go to: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/application-tips.aspx>.

The *2010 Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation* is granted to a social-sector organization that demonstrates **Peter Drucker's** definition of innovation — "change that creates a new dimension of performance." To be considered for an award, a program must have made a difference in the lives of the people it serves, exemplify innovation by demonstrating a new dimension of performance, and have specific and measurable outcomes. The first-place prize is \$100,000, the second-place award is \$7,500, and the third-place prize is \$5,000. Application deadline is July 1, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://www.druckerinstitute.com/>.

The **Arcus Foundation** seeks to advance social justice inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and race. The foundation supports organizations, programs and projects through its National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Rights; International LGBT Rights; Religion and Values; and Racial Justice, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity programs. Non-profit organizations are eligible for funds. Letters of inquiry are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact: Lucia Leandro Gimeno, The Arcus Foundation, 119 W. 24th St., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10011, 212-488-3000, lucialeandro@arcusfoundation.org, http://www.arcusfoundation.org/pages_2/home.cfm .

****MINI-GRANTS****

The Conservation Fund announces funds to support projects that involve natural, cultural, and/or socio-political historical themes through its *Kodak American Greenways Program*. City or township governments, county governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds. Awards range from \$500-\$2,500. The application deadline is June 15, 2010. For additional information, call (703) 525-6300 or kodakawards@conservationfund.org; or go to: http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards.

To honor the late preservationist and ecologist Rachel Carson, the **EPA, Generations United, and the Rachel Carson Council, Inc.**, are holding a *Sense of Wonder Contest* (photo, essay, and poetry contest) "that best expresses the Sense of Wonder that you feel for the sea, the night sky, forests, birds, wildlife, and all that is beautiful to your eyes." Maximum award: publication on the websites of EPA Aging Initiative, Generations United, and Rachel Carson Council, Inc. Eligibility: entries must be joint projects involving a person under age 18 and a person age 50 or older. The entry deadline is June 16, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.

The **Music Is Revolution Foundation** offers mini-grants up to \$500 to teachers for music education activities of all types. Only projects that clearly contain a music education focus will be considered. Applicants are encouraged to include activities that expose students to genres and styles of music not likely to be experienced as a part of their normal daily lives, and to plan the project with input from students, parents, and school administrators. Funds may be used for supplies, materials, equipment, transportation for a field trip, and/or to bring a performer or musical group to the school. Funds may not be used to pay for personnel, to replace state or local school funds, or for celebration food and drinks. Applications for mini-grants are reviewed three times each year. Deadlines are January 15, April 15 and October 15.

The *Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award* recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about our environment, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. Through winning programs, youth will learn the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and gain an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the well being of their community. To be eligible for the 2010 Healthy Sprouts Awards, your school or organization must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children

between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. Awards will be presented to 30 schools or organizations this year. Each program will receive: a \$500 gift certificate to the [Gardening with Kids](#) catalog and online store for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; NGA's [Eat a Rainbow Kit](#), chock full of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons; and a literature package from NGA. Submission process: Applications are due by October 1, 2010. Go to: <http://www.kidsgardening.org> for more information.

This summer, from July 6th to August 13th, *Represent* magazine will hold its 17th Annual Summer Workshop at the **Youth Communication** office in Manhattan. Anyone 14 to 20 years old who lives in a group home, foster home or on a campus, (or who used to be in foster care) if eligible to apply. Those selected will write articles for publication in *Represent* and will receive a \$600 stipend upon successful completion of the workshop. Applicants must answer four essay questions. Space is limited, so apply early. The application deadline is June 7. >> [See more info and the application](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****NOW** – The **Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** is working with **The New York City Department of Health and Global Strategy Group (GSG)** to invite administrators of high school after school programs and activity specialists to join a discussion group. The group will discuss the resources and information available to help New York City High School students with their health, mental health and other issues. Your responses will help the Department of Health shape a public education campaign that can help New York City teens lead happier and healthier lives. All information that you share will be kept strictly confidential. *As a thank you for participating, you'll receive \$100 cash.* GSG, a NY research firm, is holding the groups at their Manhattan offices during the month of May. If interested, e-mail your name, after school program affiliation, title and a contact number to Stephanie Estes at sestes@globalstrategygroup.com or call Stephanie or Gillian at 212-260-8813 ext 218.

****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 19** – **Community Word Project** will hold a *Teaching Artist Job Information Panel* from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at NYU's Lillian Vernon Creative Writers House, 58 West 10th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues). This event is an introductory panel discussion about opportunities for artists and teaching artists in the AIE field in NYC. The panel includes representatives from NYC arts-in-education organizations and other members of the AIE community. In order to attend, you must register. Space is limited, and no walk-ins will be permitted. For more information or to register for the event, please e-mail panevent@communitywordproject.org. When e-mailing, please be sure to send both your first and last names. You will receive a confirmation e-mail notifying you whether or not you have a slot to attend.

****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.

****May 23** – **Shred Fest**. Locations all over the city set up to shred personal documents for free, coordinated through DCA, DSNY, DPR, and Office of Criminal Justice Coordinator. Contact 311 for locations.

**** June 2 – Baruch College School of Public Affairs and the Peter F. Vallone, Sr. Lectures** invite you to a Policy Forum, *To Be or Not To Be: Public Advocate? Borough Presidents? Charter Change Brings New Rules, New Roles*. It will be held at Baruch College, Newman Conference Center, Library Building, 151 East 25th Street, 7th floor. A reception will begin at 5:30 pm; the program is 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Panelists include: Mark Green, Marty Markowitz, Kenneth Knuckles and Eric Lane. Peter F. Vallone, Sr. is the moderator.

**** 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 7 – The NY Association of Black School Educators, the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, the NYC Department of Education – Office of School Health, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and the NYC Office of Youth Development** will sponsor a conference, *Engaging New York City Youth: Connecting the Disconnected*. It will be held at 9:00 am, at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY in Founders Hall. Registration is free and there is a complimentary breakfast. The conference targets parents, parent advocates, youth, educators, social workers, mental wellness advocates and community service providers. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by May 15 to Kimberly Goulbourne, kgoulbourne@mail.nysed.gov or fax to 718-722-7884. If you have questions, please call 718-722-5973 or 722-2784.

**** 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.

**** June 18 – Finding Your AUDACIOUS Inner Leader: Health Leadership ‘Aha!’ Conference** for aspiring, new, and rising community and public health leaders. Conference: 9:30am-5:00pm; Seaside Reception: 5:00pm – 6:00pm. It will be located at Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11235. For additional information or to register, go to: http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader/2010 .

**** June 28 – 30** The Corporation for National and Community Service will hold a National Conference on Volunteering and Service in New York City. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/>.

**** October – 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>.

**** October 20 - The New York City Mayor’s Office for Person’s with Disabilities (MOPD)** is pleased to announce its participation with *National Disability Employment Awareness month* and observance of *Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)*. DMD is a wonderful opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring, internships and/or future employment opportunities. MOPD has already begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees and providing further information through their website: www.nyc.gov/mopd If you have questions you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor, Vulnerable Youth, Children and Family Initiatives at nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

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 **Office of Special Education** has issued a new policy memorandum which provides guidance to parents and school personnel regarding *Individualized Education Program (IEP) Diplomas*. Questions may be directed as indicated at the end of the memorandum.
<http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/iepdiploma.htm>

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.

The *Affordable Care Act* allows young adults to stay on their parents' health care plan until age 26. Before the President signed this landmark Act into law, many health plans and issuers could and did in fact remove young adults from their parents' policies because of their age, leaving many college graduates and others with no insurance. For a fact sheet on the program, go to: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/fsdependentcoverage.pdf>.

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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Scholarship Guide for New York City Students provides a diverse listing of scholarship opportunities available to a wide range of City students. It is supported by **New Visions for Public Education**, the **Citi Foundation** and the **NYC Department of Education**.
http://www.newvisions.org/sites/default/files/publications/scholarships0910_0.pdf

The **National Alliance on Mental Illness** has launched *StrengthofUs.org*, a new online community where young adults living with mental health concerns can provide mutual support in navigating unique challenges and opportunities during the critical transition years from ages 18 to 25. Developed by young adults, StrengthofUs.org is a user-driven social networking community where members can connect with peers; share personal stories, creativity, and helpful resources; write and respond to blog entries; engage in discussion groups; and share videos, photos, and other news. For complete information, go to: <http://www.thestrengthofus.org>.

The Kids Aren't Alright—A Labor Market Analysis of Young Workers, a briefing paper developed by Kathryn Anne Edwards Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, discusses the severity of the unemployment crisis facing young adults, its historical context, and the implications for their future wages and skills. To view the brief, visit: <http://www.epi.org/publications/entry/bp258/>.

Graduated Success: Sustainable Economic Opportunity Through One- and Two-Year Credentials, a report developed by Jennifer Wheary and Viany Orozco, provides evidence that one- and two-year credentials, particularly in specific fields, can lead to economic prosperity. This evidence underscores the importance of degree completion as much as the type of degree selected. It also emphasizes the importance of addressing barriers that impede students in completing one- and two-year credentials. To view the report, visit: http://www.demos.org/pubs/graduated_success_Final.pdf.

Success at Every Step: How 23 Programs Support Youth on the Path of College and Beyond, a publication developed by Sarah Hooker and Betsy Brand, profiles programs that have been proven to help young people complete high school and be prepared for success in postsecondary education and careers. To view the report, visit: <http://www.aypf.org/publications/SuccessAtEveryStep.pdf>.

AfterZones: Creating a Citywide System to Support and Sustain High-Quality After-School Programs, a report developed by Lauren J. Kotloff, presents an analysis of the implementation of the AfterZone initiative—a citywide system-building effort in Providence, Rhode Island, that aims to provide high-quality, accessible out-of-school-time services to middle school youth. The AfterZone model is unique in that it is built on a network of "neighborhood campuses" (each campus includes multiple sites in a geographically clustered area), providing participants with the opportunity to travel to programs located outside of the main program facility, the middle school. To view the report, visit: http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publication.asp?section_id=23&search_id=&publication_id=318.

The **Employment and Training Administration** announces the *Career One Stop Green Careers Web Portal* that connects job seekers to information on more than 200 green careers, and the skills and training needed to enter them. Users can explore green careers based on the level of education or training required, as well as locate training programs. The information found on the Green Careers portal is based on the Occupational Information Network's (O*NET) Green Economy project. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.careeronestop.org/GreenCareers/GreenCareers.aspx>.

The **Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development** Web site serves as a source of new ideas and learning, as a connection to new people and resources, and as a catalyst for positive change in the way youth development takes place. There are links to similar organizations and to listservs and discussion groups. The center also provides training and assistance to communities and organizations focused on youth development. A list of publications related to youth development is also given. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.theinnovationcenter.org/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University** is offering six scholarships of \$7,500 to \$15,000 per year for students who enroll in a full-time, two-year graduate program, which leads to a MSW degree with a Certificate in Child Welfare Practice. Child Protective Specialist and Child Welfare Specialist workers who have been working in ACS for a minimum of two years and have a permanent Civil Service title are eligible to apply. Trainees need to demonstrate a commitment to the field of child welfare, and a commitment to serving Hispanic families and communities. Bilingual Spanish/English language skills and bicultural Hispanic applicants are preferred. Students will enter Wurzweiler School of Social Work in the Plan for Employed Persons (PEP) program on a full-time basis for two years of course work and two different field placements. The application deadline is June 1. For more information and an application call the admissions office, 212-960-0800.

The **American Museum of Natural History NSF Science Research Mentoring Program** is for students interested in Biodiversity, Evolution, Conservation Biology and Anthropology. This free, two-year program is open to any New York City high school student who is in the 10th or 11th grade as of the Fall of 2010. Students receive in-depth training and support that enables them to take part in scientific research conducted at the Museum. The focus is on students from groups traditionally underrepresented in science – women, minorities, and persons with disabilities, or who have lacked opportunities to pursue their scientific interests because of limited access to mentors and facilities.

Sept 2010-May 2011: Four after-school courses (taken one at a time) to prepare students for their subsequent research assignments: Evolution, Biodiversity, Genetics and Genethics and Conservation Biology. Courses meet two afternoons per week.

July 2011: A four-week summer session combining a lab skills class with career counseling and initial laboratory placement.

2011-2012 School Year: Twice weekly lab sessions with a scientist mentor in one of the following areas: biodiversity, genetics, conservation biology or anthropology.

College Prep: Free Kaplan SAT prep courses; free college counseling through Goddard-Riverside OPTIONS program, a top-rated college preparatory program that provides one-on-one college counseling and free financial aid and other workshops.

Field Trips: Spring college trip to regional colleges; other field trips to research and industry facilities as part of career exposure.

Scholarships: SRMP graduating students will be eligible to apply for a select number of 4-year college scholarships of \$7,500 per year.

Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2010. Please contact Hilleary Osheroff, hosheroff@amnh.org or (212)769-5141 if you have questions or need assistance with the application.

Guardian Scholarships are awarded to youth who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and have been accepted to **Hunter College**, **John Jay College**, or **Kingsborough Community College**. The program includes a scholarship that can be used for academic tuition, textbooks, school supplies, and other living costs. The deadline for John Jay College and Hunter College students is June 15th and the deadline for Kingsborough Community College students is August 1st. For more information, go to:

[>><http://newyorkersforchildren.org/article/apply-to-join-the-guardian-scholars-program/>](http://newyorkersforchildren.org/article/apply-to-join-the-guardian-scholars-program/)

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/> .

The *Spirit Award* is a \$10,000.00 educational scholarship that seeks to honor a young person in foster care who is attending a two or four year college or university, has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills, and is willing to represent the opinions of youth in foster care as a representative to the Board of NYFC (the organization that funds www.youthsuccessnyc.org and many other special programs for youth in care). The deadline for the Spirit Award application is June 15th.

[>><http://newyorkersforchildren.org/article/apply-to-be-the-next-recipient-of-the-nyfc-spirit-award-scholarship/>](http://newyorkersforchildren.org/article/apply-to-be-the-next-recipient-of-the-nyfc-spirit-award-scholarship/)

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](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars) .

