

SEPTEMBER @DYCD

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DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- ** **September 15** - The Department of Youth and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities and Hire disAbility are sponsoring a conference for employers, educators and community-based organizations to share strategies for expanding services to youth with disabilities. Entitled "Building Partnerships: Helping Youth with Disabilities Reach Independence," it will also explore successful program designs and present ways to access available resources in order to expand the capacity of community-based organizations. It will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Avenue (near 34th Street). For more information, contact: Christina Vadala at CVadala@dycd.nyc.gov.
- ** **October 24 to October 27** - DYCD, in partnership with the Taconic and Long Island regions, is co-sponsoring the Association of New York State Youth Bureau's thirty-fourth Annual Conference. The event is entitled: *2004...The Future is Now! Invest in Kids Today*. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, New York. For more information, contact Carlos Cortes at (212) 676-8246 or cortes@dycd.nyc.gov.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**Commissioner Mullgrav Joins the International Youth Day Celebration at the U.N. **

In honor of International Youth Day, Commissioner Mullgrav delivered remarks at the United Nations on the topic of "Youth in an Intergenerational Society." The United Nations focus in 2004 is on the importance of intergenerational solidarity in families, communities, and nations.

SYEP Hailed as a Significant Achievement

Thirty-four thousand youth, including one thousand youth with disabilities, were introduced to the world of work through the DYCD Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP.) The improvements in this year's effort included online applications at the DYCD web site, a five-day work week, mandatory educational enhancements, and utilization of a payroll debit card system.

As a result of DYCD's introduction of private sector work opportunities into the summer program, sixty SYEP youth participated in a program sponsored by JP Morgan Chase. Of these sixty, eleven out-of-school youth took JP Morgan Chase's bank teller test. Ten passed the test and are now scheduled to be interviewed for possible employment with JP Morgan Chase.

On August 20, the SYEP debit card feature was highlighted in *Crain's New York Business Insider*. *Crain's New York Business* followed up with another SYEP story on August 30.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) Request for Proposal Released*

On August 18, DYCD released an NDA Request for Proposals in order to provide services to match the service needs and priorities of 43 low-income communities in New York City, each of which has been designated an NDA. Proposals are due no later than 3:00 P.M. on September 29, 2004. The contract award period begins July 1, 2005 and culminates on June 30, 2008. The NDA RFP may be downloaded from the DYCD website: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

****Immigrant Initiatives Providers Meet****

Representatives of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrant Services (USCIS) as well as the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs met with DYCD Immigrant Initiatives Service Providers to offer updates and new procedures at USCIS and deliver information and request cooperation regarding money-wiring company research.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****YOUTH****

WB11 Care for Kids Fund (Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation) is releasing grant opportunities for non-profits in the tri-state area serving children's needs including: AIDS support services, drop-out prevention, drug abuse prevention/treatment and child abuse prevention/ treatment. Due date for grant submission: October 1, 2004. For more detailed information: <http://wb11.trb.com/community/news/> or contact: Carlos Austin, (212) 210-2525.

The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information by qualified adults. This program is aimed at reducing risk behaviors that threaten the health and social advancement of girls in third to eighth grade. Implementation of the GoGirlGo! educational curriculum is a requirement. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded. Application deadline is November 30, 2004. For detailed information, go to: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=30> .

The American Eagle Outfitters Foundation supports teen and college student programs that foster youth civic engagement and encourage healthy youth development. Grant requires the inclusion of employee volunteers. No deadlines. Go to: <http://www.ae.com/corp/foundation.htm>

The Teammates for Kids Foundation accepts proposals for grants from nonprofit organizations that specialize in working with children. Grants from the Foundation support the on-going work of operating organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. Proposal deadline is February 1, 2005. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.teammates4kids.com/> .

The drug store chain **CVS** offers Community Grants supporting access to health services for children as well as programs that promote healthy lifestyles among kids. The grant deadline is September 30. View: http://www.cvs.com/corplnfo/community/community_grants.html .

Rosie's for All Kids Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that provide child care, education and other programs for at-risk and economically disadvantaged children in underserved communities. Letters of intent accepted on a rolling basis. View online: <http://www.forallkids.org/html/guidelines.cfm>

The U.S. Soccer Foundation's grantmaking will focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on economically disadvantaged urban areas. A Letter of Inquiry (LOI) must be submitted online by October 15. Only those applicants with programs or projects meeting the foundation's stated focus will be invited to submit an application. Full applications are due December 1. In addition to the funding offered through the 2005 grant cycle, the foundation also supports field construction under the 24/7 Fields Program. Details at:

http://ussoccerfoundation.org/mediaref/display_E_81122.html. Deadline for Letter of Inquiry is October 15. Go to: <http://ussoccerfoundation.org/GNT/APP.html>

The **National Gardening Association** provides a number of grants and awards for youth programs and schools. Hundreds of schools and community organizations with child-centered outdoor garden programs each year receive *Youth Garden Grants*. Seeds, tools, garden products, and educational resources are generously donated by companies in the lawn and garden industry. The annual application deadline: November 1. <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

Community Toolbox offers small capacity building grants in two issue areas; Children's Environmental Health and Justice and Lead Poisoning Prevention to community-based environmental health and justice groups serving children in communities at highest risk. Visit: <http://www.communitytoolbox.org/> for more information.

The **Nickelodeon Let's Just Play** campaign, which celebrates active, healthy lifestyles for kids, is announcing its first call for entries for a newly established grants program, offering a half-million dollars in awards to schools and after-school programs to provide resources to create and expand opportunities for physical play. Participation in a *Let's Just Play* program prior to October 2 is a requirement for eligibility; grant submission - Nov 1, 2004. For more information, view: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/public_ljprgrants2.jhtml .

Nonprofit and public agencies are invited to apply for Adolescent Family Life Research Grants from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** (HHS). The grants will support applied research related to adolescent sexual relations, pregnancy and parenthood, with the ultimate goal of reducing risky behaviors. The application deadline is Sept. 15. For complete guidelines, go to: <http://www.omhrc.gov/omh/whatsnew/2pgwhatsnew/funding837.htm>

Target Stores and the **Tiger Woods Foundation** are offering *Start Something Scholarships* for students, ages 8-17, to help achieve a dream or goal. The goal is to help children take positive actions to build qualities like initiative, leadership and community stewardship using the *Start Something* curriculum. Grants may be used for such activities as: music lessons, sports camps, special educational programs, travel and equipment. Grants range from \$100 to \$5,000. The next deadline is January 1. <http://startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards program distributes cash grants (\$5,000 maximum award) to outstanding grassroots organizations in the United States that have moved beyond charity to creating change in their communities. View: http://worldhungeryear.org/comm_conn/hcsra.asp online.

The **Federated Department Stores Foundation** believes that stronger, healthier and more vibrant communities provide better environments for their stores to do business, and for their customers and employees to live and work. They focus giving primarily in the areas of education, arts/culture, women's issues, HIV/AIDS, and programs to assist youth and minorities. Applications approved in the July-December timeframe generally are funded the following February-March. <http://www.federated-fds.com/community/foundation/index.asp>

The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, Inc. funds programs of nonprofit organizations, which are led by or support adults with disabilities in the area of arts, advocacy, or education. For more information, go to: <http://www.ela.org/grants/grants.html> .

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on service, advocacy and empowerment. There is no application deadline. View: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/index.html> online.

ProLiteracy Worldwide is accepting applications for its National Book Scholarship Fund that supplies books and materials to local literacy programs. First priority is given to family literacy programs. ESL, ABE programs, and projects that involve women-focused literacy are also considered for support. Awardees must provide a cash contribution to ProLiteracy Worldwide equal to 20 percent of the grant award to defray the cost of program administration. Rolling applications accepted until December 2, 2004. For information and application form, go to: <http://nbsf.org/apply.asp> .

The Staples Foundation for Learning will award public schools and community non-profits individual grants to fund a broad range of job training and education programs for all people especially disadvantaged youth. Application Deadline is September 30, 2004. View online: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html> .

The Shell Oil Company Foundation's new focus for 2004 places greater emphasis on education, the environment and quality of life initiatives. For more detailed grant information, go to: http://www.countonshell.com/community/involvement/shell_foundation.html

In the Public Realm seeks applicants for New York City projects created by emerging artists living and/or working in New York State. Deadline: February 11, 2005. For a complete program description, detailed applications instructions, go online: <http://www.publicartfund.org/>

Standing By Water, a community-based organization located on the Bronx waterfront of the Harlem River, is offering a 6 month fellowship to a Bronx 2D or 3D artist. Application deadline is September 17. Questions may be directed to: jshevin@aol.com .

The **Office for Victims of Crime** is accepting applications for the OVC Professional Development Scholarship Continuing Education Program. Service providers from any organization that assists victims of crime but does not have an adequate training budget are eligible. OVC can provide up to \$1,000 for an individual and \$5,000 for multi-disciplinary teams. Apply at least 45 days in advance of expected need. Visit: <http://www.ovcttac.org/> online.

The UPS Foundation focuses on Hunger, Literacy and Volunteerism. By making grants and contributing other resources, like volunteers, technical assistance and expertise, the Foundation enables not-for-profit organizations to serve communities more effectively. The Foundation currently seeks to support programs that provide literacy skills, including financial literacy, which will help people succeed in the workplace and in society. Requests for grants may be submitted at any time. View guidelines: <http://community.ups.com/community/philanthropy/main.html> .

****MINI-GRANTS****

The National Education Association will award 20 grants of \$500 each to student-led initiatives through Youth Leaders for Literacy, a joint program of the NEA and Youth Service America (YSA). Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day in March and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Day in April. Grant applications must be postmarked by October 22, 2004. Winners will be announced in December 2004. View: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html> for more information.

RESOURCES

****FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES****

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability has just released three new publications: *Youth Development and Youth Leadership*; *Making the Connections: Growing and Supporting New Organizations – Intermediaries*; and *Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities of Youth Service Practitioners: The Centerpiece of a Successful Workforce Development System*. Download them at: http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&_Publications/background.php .

****ADDITIONAL RESOURCES****

The Human Interaction Research Institute maintains the world's largest searchable database of foundation capacity-building. In addition to this free resource, the site offers downloadable publications. For this and other information on conference presentation training programs and community-wide technical assistance on capacity building, go to: <http://www.humaninteract.org/pcbrdatabase.htm>

The **Community Word Project** will offer a free teaching-artist training and internship program. It is open to writers, visual artists, theatre artists, dancers and musicians who are enrolled in a MFA program and/or are practicing artists. The application deadline is September 14. For more information view: <http://www.communitywordproject.org> .

The **Literacy Assistance Center** and the **School to Work Alliance** are offering a four-part professional development series for program directors and youth service workers linking technology and career development. All sessions will run from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on October 5 and 19, November 9 and December 7. Each applicant is expected to attend all sessions: <http://www.pasesetter.org/training/nonpase.html> .

The **Federal Grants Notification Service** is a subscription-based service that alerts its members of grant opportunities via email. View information online at: www.fedgrants.gov/ApplicantRegistration.html .

This **U.S. Census Bureau Data** web site can provide valuable targeted information. Specific area data is displayed by entering in a street address, city and zip code and choosing the type of information desired - preferably census tract. For this detailed information, view: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en .

A funding databank by deadlines or other categories from the **Technical Assistance Clearinghouse** in NY is worth the time to review. View opportunities online at: [http://www.taclearinghouse.org/clearinghouse/funding.nsf/\\$defaultView!OpenView](http://www.taclearinghouse.org/clearinghouse/funding.nsf/$defaultView!OpenView)

The **National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy's** free database identifies groups that create infrastructure and impetus for social justice grants. The organizations listed engage in education, advocacy, or policy work in order to increase funding directed to underserved communities. View: <http://www.ncrp.org/map/sjHome.asp> online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****September 23 - Support Center for Nonprofit Management's "Meet the Corporate Grantmakers in New York"** half-day session. Hear from a select group of grantmakers on their funding priorities, recent developments and new strategies. Funders' panel fee scale is based on an agency's annual budget. Information and online registration: <http://www.supportcenteronline.org> .

****September 30 to October 3 - "Off-Broadway Prelude Weekend"** A series of free events is sponsored by the **Alliance of Resident Theaters** and the **Martin E. Segal Theater Center at the CUNY Graduate Center**. Preview the City's Off-Broadway scene with vignettes from twenty-seven diverse companies as well as three panel discussions. CUNY is located at 365 Fifth Avenue at 34 Street. For a schedule and details, go to: <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/MESTC/> .

****October 16 - "Parent Power 2004: Planning for High School, College and Life"** sponsored by **Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields**. The event will be held at Borough of Manhattan Community College, 199 Chambers Street from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The New York Council on Adoptable Children (COAC) currently sponsors a teen support group, for youth ages 12-15. The meetings will be held at COAC, 589 Eighth Avenue, 15 Floor on Mondays from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Go to: <http://www.coac.org/> for information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The purpose of **The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans** is to provide opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. <http://pdsoros.org/>

The Sullivan Foundation's goal is to identify talented young singers and help them develop professional careers through a unique program providing continuing financial support over a period of five years. For more information, go to: <http://www.sullivanfoundation.org/index.html>

YouthActionNet will award funding to youth leaders of projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. The grant program is open to young people aged 18 to 29. Award recipients will receive \$500 and are eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. Application deadline is Oct. 1. View: www.youthactionnet.org/yan_awards .