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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** Late June –** The New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2008 is soon to be released. It is the annual DYCD resource of free and low-cost activities and events for every member of the family throughout the five boroughs. The guide also includes a listing of New York City pools, beaches, barbecue sites and “Places to Explore. View it online next week on the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Pre-qualify for City Council Discretionary Awards**

DYCD seeks applications from not-for-profit organizations qualified to provide services in one or more of the following areas: seniors; youth and education services (including sports and recreation); community development/housing; health; victim services; legal services; cultural/parks activities; anti-poverty/social service/workforce development; public safety/criminal justice; business support/economic development; and immigrant services. To obtain an application, go to the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

****DYCD Staff Present at Senator Malcolm Smith Youth Summits**

On May 15, and 22, DYCD staff were invited to participate in Malcolm Smith’s Youth Summits. The Summits, held in Far Rockaway and Jamaica, were attended by more than 250 young people and their families. DYCD staff discussed the Summer Youth Employment Program, Young Adult Internship Program, Ladders for Leaders Program, Out-of-School Time Initiative, and the Beacon Centers.

DYCD Holds Summit to Inform the OST-H.S. RFP Process

On June 3, DYCD held a high-level Out-of-School Time -High School Summit at Baruch College. This event, brought together experts from around the nation, as well as New York City stakeholders, and was part of DYCD’s planning process for a forthcoming concept paper and Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Department’s Out-of-School Time Program for High School Youth.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** Summer Youth Employment Program Update**

The May 16 deadline to apply for the 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has passed. DYCD received more than 103,000 applications for this summer’s program. Additionally, 6,388 worksites applied to host SYEP participants. The program begins on July 1 and ends on August 16.

****ICC Court-Involved Work Group Deliberates on Collaboration**

On May 21, the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Youth's Court Involved Youth Workgroup met to discuss collaborations with the Department of Homeless Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections and the ICC Parents Assistance Sub-workgroup. Members presented on specialized programs targeting court-involved youth at Henkels and McCoy, Community Connections and the Correctional Services Division of the NYPL. The latter presentation included a dramatic performance by youth detainees at the Rikers Island Correctional facility.

****DYCD Holds Technical Assistance Pre-Proposal Conference**

On May 28, DYCD held a pre-proposal conference for the Technical Assistance (TA) Request for Proposals (RFP), which seeks appropriately qualified vendors to provide TA services to DYCD contractors. Representatives from approximately 45 organizations attended. Most of the questions focused on the TA modalities and TA Approach Exercise as described in the RFP. Proposals are due June 11, and new contracts will begin on September 1, 2008.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company **Liberty Mutual**, invites youth sports organizations 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. Having done that, coaches, parents, administrators, and youth sports supporters can participate in the self-paced 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. Twenty organizations -- ten large and ten small -- with the most credited certifications will each earn a \$2,500 Responsible Sports Community Grant to help defray the costs of running a successful youth sports organization. To be eligible, organizations must be a registered nonprofit, traditional youth sport organization recognized by the governing body of its sport(s). Organizations must serve the community at large and must be open to the general public. The submission deadline is July 19. See the Responsible Sports Web site for complete program information, participation procedures, and a community grant toolkit:

<http://responsiblesports.com/> .

We Are All Brooklyn presents, *Leading By Giving*, a grant dedicated to youth and development in Brooklyn. They have a small grant (up to \$1,000) available...this is for any new and continuing projects or initiatives serving youth in Brooklyn with a total operating and/or program budget under \$500,000. The main areas of focus for grants made by the Leading By Giving Committee include: Leadership; Health; Civic Engagement; and Freedom from Violence. The application deadline is June 12. Application forms can be downloaded from the Web site:<http://www.WAAB.org> and can be mailed or e-mailed to waabRFP@gmail.com .

The **Grow Store** has joined with the **National Gardening Association** to offer *Hooked on Hydroponics* grant packages to elementary, middle, and high schools and youth organizations in the United States. The grant program is designed to help young people learn how to grow plants hydroponically (without soil) and to explore related topics in botany and environmental science. The program will select thirty-six schools or organizations to receive hydroponic garden systems and indoor light systems as well as curricula and reference books. To be eligible for the program, schools and youth organizations must plan to engage in a hydroponics project with at least fifteen children between the ages of 6 and 18 during the 2009 school year. Applicants must also verify that their facility can accommodate the equipment in the award packages available for their age group. The application deadline is September 15. Complete program information and application instructions are available at the NGA's Kidsgardening Web site: <http://assoc.garden.org/> .

The **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** (MHOF) was inspired by the acclaimed motion picture *Mr. Holland's Opus*, the story of the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. Music programs serving low-income communities, programs with little or no budget for musical instruments and programs that serve the most students out of the school population are considered before all others. The Special Projects Program helps after-school music programs. After-school music programs must be at least three years old OR have a music-related umbrella organization that is at least three years old to apply. Grants typically range from \$500 - \$8,000 worth of instruments. The next application deadline is August 1. Applications submitted on or by this date will be

notified of the results via letter no later than October 1. To review their guidelines and for more information, go to: <http://www.mhopus.org/teachers.asp> .

The *Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program*, sponsored by **Nestlé USA**, honors young people (ages 13 to 18) who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. The young people, selected from nominations from volunteers, parents, and teachers, will be featured in a special publication and honored at a black-tie ceremony in Los Angeles in July 2009. Students will be judged based on the information provided on the entry form (i.e., strong academic record; special contribution to school, church, or community; demonstration of good citizenship or a personal obstacle the youth has overcome). Judges will select twenty-five outstanding youths to be profiled in a book, which will be published in the summer of 2009. Each winner will also receive a trip with his/her parent or legal guardian to Los Angeles for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony. The trip will include round-trip air travel, hotel accommodations for three nights, and \$500 in spending money. In addition, Nestlé will donate \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. The entry deadline is November 20. Visit the program's Web site for complete program information and application materials: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/AboutVBINY.aspx> .

The **InterRelations Collaborative** announces IRC's *Peace Art Contest 2008* conducted in collaboration with the visionary New York City artist, Faith Ringgold. Children and youth "who love art" attending community-based agencies serving at-risk, low-income/homeless youth populations or public schools serving Title I student populations in New York City are welcome to submit entries. The submission deadline is June 30. For more information about IRC's Peace Art Contest, email: IRCinfo@earthlink.net For more info, about IRC's Peace Quilt Project, go online to: <http://www.inter-relations.org> .

The **Heineman Foundation** provides seed money to start-up projects and new projects within existing organizations for a maximum of three to five years. The average awards are \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00, per annum. The Foundation's general areas of interest are the following (in no particular order): programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace; environmental research that will help prevent, reduce and/or eliminate water degradation; music as education and preserver of culture; research into prevention of and treatment for childhood illnesses; and programs that enable youth to think, create and communicate effectively. Applications/Proposals must be submitted no later than September 1. For additional information, go online to: http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application_process .

The *Summer Youth Police Academy* of the **New York City Police Department** is accepting applications from New York City residents between the ages of 10 and 17. The deadline for application submissions is June 13. The Academy begins on July 7 and ends on August 14. The Youth Police Academy will provide those participating in the program with lunch and uniform shirts. The 2008 Youth Police Academy is a seven (7) week program that will hold sessions four (4) days a week. The Academy will open at 8:30 am in the morning and dismissal will be 2:00 pm in the afternoon. For more information about the program, go to: http://home2.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/community_affairs/youth_programs_summer_academy.shtml

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

The **New York Foundation for the Arts'** *Building Up Infrastructure Levels for Dance* program is designed to assist the development of the organizational environment so that time and resources are available to create, conceive, and advance dance companies' artistic missions. BUILD is a *JPMorgan Chase Regrant Program* funded by the J.P. Morgan Chase and reflects the foundation's commitment to small, emerging arts organizations that play a vital role in the community. BUILD awards operating grants to small and mid-sized dance companies based in New York City with non-profit status. Grants of \$10,000 and \$20,000 provide funds to choreographers seeking to enhance their companies' infrastructure and management capacity. Individual choreographers who have contractual agreements with dancers on a per project basis may apply. Choreographers who only produce solo performances may not apply. Past BUILD recipients as well as grantees, applicants, or sponsored artists/projects of other NYFA programs and services are eligible to apply. The 2008 BUILD application will be available to download at the NYFA Web site on June 6. Visit the site for complete program information, including detailed eligibility criteria: <http://www.nyfa.org/> .

The **New York Women's Foundation** is accepting applications for its second grant cycle of 2008. The foundation funds organizations and programs within the five boroughs of New York City that have developed strategies to move low-income women and girls toward long-term economic security. While the foundation supports direct

service programs, it has a strong interest in community organizing and advocacy strategies in order to bring about meaningful and sustainable institutional change. The foundation welcomes proposals from organizations and/or programs that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or have a fiscal sponsor that is; are located within and serve the five boroughs of New York City; have been in existence for at least six months; are working toward gender, racial, economic, and social justice; are designed specifically for low-income women and girls while addressing critical needs of disadvantaged and/or marginalized populations; and emphasize community organizing and/or advocacy strategies in order to create meaningful institutional change in their communities. The current grant cycle is open to all organizations not currently supported by the NYWF in 2008. Organizations that have cycled out of NYWF's funding (received five years of support) are not eligible to apply. The foundation expects to make only ten to thirteen grants in this grant cycle. Grant amounts will range from \$40,000 to \$50,000 each. All grants are for one year. Grants are made for general operating or program-specific support. The submission deadline is June 30. Visit the NYFA Web site for complete application guidelines.
<http://www.nywf.org/>

The **Open Meadows Foundation** is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. Open Meadows funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or ability. The foundation offers grants of up to \$2,000 each to projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls; reflect the diversity of the community served by the project; promote community power, as well as racial, social, economic, and environmental justice; and have limited access to financial resources or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organizational budgets should not exceed \$150,000. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposals from organizations not previously funded will be given priority. The application deadline is August 15. See the foundation's Web site for complete program information and examples of funded projects: <http://www.openmeadows.org/>.

Active Living Research and Healthy Eating Research are national programs of the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** that support research to identify promising policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, promoting healthy eating, and preventing obesity. The programs have issued a Call for Proposals to support time-sensitive, opportunistic studies to evaluate changes in policies or environments with the potential to reach children who are at highest risk for obesity, including African-American, Latino, Native American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander children between the ages of 3 and 18 who live in low-income communities or communities with limited access to affordable healthy foods and/or safe opportunities for physical activity. Preference will be given to non-profit organizations. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time. Deadlines for receipt of invited full proposals are August 15 or October 15, 2008. Visit the RWJF Web site for complete program information and application procedures, go to:
<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/so>.

The **American Academy of Dermatology Shade Structure Program** provides grant awards for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet ray protection for outdoor areas. The academy also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure promoting the importance of sun safety. The program is open to 501(c)(3) organizations that serve children and teenagers, age 18 and younger. To be considered, applicants must be sponsored by an academy member dermatologist and demonstrate a commitment to sun safety within their organization. (To locate a local member dermatologist, visit the American Academy of Dermatology Find A Dermatologist Web page.) Grants are for \$8,000 each. The application deadline is April 10, 2009. Visit the AAD Web site for complete program information: <http://www.aad.org/>.

The sixth annual *Expressions of Courage* national art contest provides people with epilepsy the opportunity to showcase their talents and perspectives of the world around them through art. Sponsored by the Ortho-McNeil Neurologics Division of **Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, in partnership with the **Epilepsy Foundation**, the contest is open to all Americans diagnosed with epilepsy. A panel of epilepsy advocates and art industry representatives will serve as contest judges and will announce the winning artwork in September. Winning entries will be selected based on creativity and the ability to demonstrate feelings of living with epilepsy through art. Contest entries will be categorized into three age groups: children age 12 or younger; teens between the ages of 13 and 17; and adults 18 years of age or older. Artwork may be created in ink, pencil, crayon, paint, or a combination of these materials and must be on paper or board. Winning artwork will be featured on the contest Web site and either in calendars or coffee table books available in local Epilepsy Foundation offices and select physician offices nationwide. In addition, a few winning pieces may be chosen by curators from the Society of the Arts in Healthcare for display in a traveling art exhibition. The deadline for submissions is July 16. Complete program information and entry forms are available from the contest Web site:
<http://www.expressionsofcourage.com/>.

****MINI-GRANTS****

Do Something Plum Youth grants are designed to recognize young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and who need support to turn their idea into reality. To qualify applicants must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen. Grants in the amount of \$500 will be awarded weekly. There is a rolling deadline. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list.

The **National Gardening Association (NGA)** has announced that **Home Depot** will return as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2009. NGA awards *Youth Garden Grants* to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of the following elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups in the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to garden with a least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so but must wait a year to do so and must have significantly expanded their garden programs. For the 2009 grant cycle, 125 grants are available. Packages are as follows: five programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and store) and educational materials from NGA; seventy programs will receive a \$500 gift card to Home Depot and educational materials from NGA; and fifty programs will receive a \$250 gift card to Home Depot and educational materials from NGA. Each award package also includes twelve months of NGA Supporter benefits. The deadline is November 1. Visit the NGA's Kidsgardening Web site for complete program information: <http://www.garden.org/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 10—The **Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** is offering a training: *Ensuring your Success: Understanding the Roles & Functions of the Executive Director*. It is designed to help new executive directors and executive directors of small organizations to be as successful as possible in their roles. Through group exercises, discussion, and self-assessment, participants will review the critical functions of the executive director with a primary emphasis placed on managing the challenges inherent to the position. Participants will focus on the “long view” or ways in which their role evolves as they plan for their agencies’ and their own sustainability. The time is 8:30am - 2:30pm at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230, New York. This training is free and open to all. **SACC Regulations:** (5) Business record maintenance and management. **Links to NYSAN QSA Elements:** (2) Administration / Organization; (4) Staffing/Professional Development; (9) Program Sustainability/Growth **Training Code:** ASC-ED1. For more information, go to <http://www.pasesetter.org>.

June 12 – The **Human Resources Association of New York (HR/NY)** and the **Diversity Special Interest Group (SIG)** is presenting a Diversity Symposium: *Diversity in the Workplace - Uphill Climb or Downhill Slide*. It will be held from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at Intersections, 274 Fifth Avenue - Ground Floor, between 29th and 30th Streets - 2 blocks south of the Empire State Building. Establishing a truly diverse workplace can be fraught with false starts, setbacks as well as amazing breakthroughs that ultimately make all of the obstacles worthwhile. To guide us through the minefields and help us maximize our successes is a distinguished panel of diversity professionals moderated by William H. Drewes, Diversity SIG member. The Diversity SIG is offering this event free of charge. For more information, email to either gstewartevans@stblaw.com or dwoolridge@collegiatechurch.org.

June 14 – **Mount Sinai Medical Center, North General Hospital, Get Checked for Life, Inc., Askdoctor.com and national Action Network** present: *Real Men Get Checked Health Fair*. It will be held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Adam Vlayton Powell Jr. State Office Building Plaza, 125th Street and 7th Avenue. Get free screenings for Blood Pressure, HIV, Prostate Cancer, Cholesterol, Diabetes, Hepatitis C, Chronic Kidney Disease, Glaucoma and health information on other topics. There will also be free haircuts, prizes and gifts, music and entertainment. For more information, call Mount Sinai Medical Center’s Department of Community Relations 212-731-7888.

June 16 – The **Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF)** presents: *Breaking Down Barriers: Immigrant Families and Early Childhood Education in New York City*. This is a community briefing and discussion held to announce the release of its newest report 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Committee for Hispanic Children

and Families, 110 William Street, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10038. This report focuses on Bangladeshi, Chinese, Dominican, Haitian, Korean and Russian communities of New York City. Important findings conclude that many of New York City's immigrant families are unable to take advantage of the benefits of early childhood education because of barriers preventing their access to these programs. Please RSVP by Wednesday June 11 to Elizabeth Lee (212) 809-4675 x108 or elee@cacf.org. Please include your name, affiliation, and e-mail address. You must RSVP to attend this event.

June 17–The **Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** is offering a training: *Is this the Path to Take? Understanding the Roles & Functions of the Executive Director* This workshop is designed to provide an overview of the roles and critical functions of an executive director. Through group exercises, discussion, and self-assessment, participants will gain a broad understanding of the job of executive director. Moreover, participants will assess their own skills and interests as they relate to the role of executive director. In doing so, they can take an important step towards deciding whether they want – and are prepared -- to embrace this challenging opportunity. The workshop will take place from 9:00am - 2:00pm at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230, New York. This training is free and open to all. **SACC Regulations:** (5) Business record maintenance and management. **Links to NYSAN QSA Elements:** (2) Administration / Organization; (4) Staffing/Professional Development; (9) Program Sustainability/Growth. **Training Code:** ASC-ED2. To register, and for more information, go to: <http://www.pasesetter.org>.

June 18 –The **Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC)** will present a FREE *Meet the Grantmakers Symposium* from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Monroe College, King Hall, 2501 Jerome Ave, The Bronx. Private and corporate foundation representatives will be on hand to talk to you and answer your questions. Also hear from experts on how to survive the current economy.

June 19 – The **After-School Corporation (TASC)** will host an interactive free training for after-school site coordinators, assistant site coordinators and leaders of front-line out-of-school-time program staff. *Making It Happen: Science Exploration Beyond the School Day* will be held at the New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111 Street in Queens. Registration begins at 8:30 am and workshops will run from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Participants will sample engaging science curriculum designed for out-of-school time programs. They will receive step-by-step instruction and handbooks on helping staff implement high quality science activities, and will explore the importance of integrating science exploration in out-of-school time programs. Seating is limited, registration required. To register or receive more information contact Sunset Harris at sharris@tascorp.org, (646) 943-8771.

June 20 – “*Finding Your Inner Leader – An "Aha!" Conference* to Reach, Rouse, and Ready Future Public and Community Health Leaders. 8:00 am-6:00 pm, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, 2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235 www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader. Get inspired and energized! Great keynote speakers! Workshops are for aspiring leaders, supervisors eager to support staff leadership development, student leaders, and public and community health faculty. New features: “Mini Public Health Degree” for community leaders; and Diabetes leadership opportunities roundtables. Lowest registration fees until June 16; on-site registration will be available. There are seven CECHs; attendance certificates. Sponsored by Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, Greater New York Society for Public Health Education, the Brooklyn Borough President’s Office and supported by many local organizations. Supporter affiliates get lowest rates. Contact: Karen Denard Goldman, 718-368-5716 or kgoldman@kbcc.cuny.edu. www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader

June 23 – The **New York State Office of Mental Health** and the **New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** will hold a conference: *Reading Between the Lines: Rethinking Mental Health and Literacy for Youth in Transition* from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the New York University Kimmel Center. The goal of this interdisciplinary conference is to investigate how we can better reach New York City’s disconnected youth, ages 16-25, through education and mental health services. There is a \$75. fee payable to the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, Inc. Scholarships are available. Contact 212-742-1600 x 235 for additional information. To register, go to: http://www.coalitionny.org/the_center/.

June 25 – **We are all Brooklyn Fellowship** presents: *Is Everyone Prepared?* – A conference to create solutions and showcase best practices for at-risk populations during emergencies. It will be held from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the New York City Office of Emergency Management, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn. Admission is free and a light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by June 22 to Monica Merlis, 212-983-4800 x 120, or email: waabrsvp@gmail.com. Visit online at <http://www.waab.org>.

June 27 –Hon. Jonathan Bing, 73rd Assembly District and the **State of New York Department of Health** will present a Living health Forum – *Growing Older and Staying Healthy*. It will be held at Knickerbocker Plaza, Lobby Community Room, 1751 2nd Avenue (between 91st and 92nd Streets), New York, New York 10128, from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm. It is a free public event for seniors with free transportation and a free meal. This educational event for seniors and includes presentations from health professionals, including a physician, a psychologist, an exercise expert, and a dietitian. Please RSVP by calling 646-537-1712 or visiting www.globalhealthylivingfoundation.org. Space is limited. RSVP now. Group reservations are welcome. Free MTA cards (2 rides) are available for the attendees.

July 19 – The *Liberty Outdoor Classic 2008*, presented by **Madison Square Garden**, will be held at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in Forest Hills, Queens. Purchase tickets for \$10 or \$25, or donate tickets online: <https://orders.thegarden.com/salesform.jsp> . Enter code: DONATE to donate. To order tickets, enter code: BCFJK For questions or more information, contact Raheim at 718-415-0523. Orders must be received by June 20.

September 27 – The 5th Annual *Children’s Sports and Fitness Expo*, sponsored by **Body Sculpt**, will be held from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the 369th Harlem Armory Center, 143rd Street (between 5th and Lenox Avenues). Created to combat the ongoing obesity problem facing our youth, the Expo introduces children to over 25 sports activities, and provides nutrition clinics and health screenings. The event will also offer informational resources, prizes, and entertainment. Admission is free and the event will be held rain or shine. To learn more about the Expo, go to <http://www.bodysculpt.org> or call 718-346-5852.

October 15 - The **Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)** is pleased to announce that *Disabilities Mentoring Day (DMD)* will occur this year on October 15 and MOPD has begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees. DMD is a wonderful city wide opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring and exploration of future workforce opportunities. For more information, go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about_dmd.shtml . If you have any questions, you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor at DYCD @ nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov.

RESOURCES

Located next to the Dyker Beach public golf course in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, the **CityParks Junior Golf Center** is a new, state-of-the-art facility that offers free golf instruction to New York City children between the ages of 6-17. Highlights include a 6-hole golf course, practice putting and chipping greens, covered driving range and clubhouse with classroom space. For more information, go to: <http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/index1.aspx?BD=20631>

Government Accountability Office (GAO) announces the availability of a report on programs working with “Disconnected Youth”. It conducted a study to review 39 local programs directed towards reconnecting youth towards education and employment. Program Directors attributed success due to key programmatic elements such as; “effective staff and leadership; a holistic approach to serving youth that addresses the youth’s multiple needs; specific program design components, such as experiential learning opportunities and self-paced curricula; and a focus on empowering youth”. “Federal action could address some of the challenges faced by programs that reconnect youth to education and employment” GAO February, 2008. To read the full report or abstract visit: <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/abstract.php?rptno=GAO-08-313>.

The **Bureau of Labor Statistics** has announced the update of its *Kid Pages* to reflect the new edition of the Occupational Outlook Handbook. The wage Designed to provide students in Grades 4 - 8 with introductory career information, most of the material on the site has been adapted from the Bureau's Occupational Outlook Handbook - a career guidance publication for adults and upper-level high school students that describes the job duties, working conditions, training requirements, earnings levels, and employment prospects of hundreds of occupations. On the Kids' site, wording and labor market concepts have been simplified and some statistical detail has been eliminated. In addition, the occupations on the site are categorized according to interests and hobbies common among students. To help students continue their career exploration, each occupational description on the Kid’s site links to related information in the Handbook. For more information and view the Web site, visit: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm>.

Released as part of an **Annie E. Casey Foundation** series on executive transitions, *Building Leaderful Organizations: Succession planning for Nonprofits* (23 pages, PDF) provides tools for emergency succession planning, guidance for executive directors about when and how to leave an organization, and a list of

recommendations for boards working to maintain an organization's stability through a period of transition. According to the report, an organization that pays close attention to talent-focused succession planning is likely to be more nimble, flexible, and capable of building the skills and capacity needed to meet challenges that may arise. Go to: <http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/Building%20Leaderful%20Organizations.pdf> to access the report.

Risks such as lack of access to health and mental healthcare, child abuse or neglect, and lack of quality early childhood education often impact children at crucial points in their development, making involvement in the criminal justice system significantly more likely, a new report from the **Children's Defense Fund** finds. *America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline* (244 pages, PDF) argues that children who are the subject of intervention by a teacher, mentor, or other adult are less likely to fall into or remain in the criminal justice pipeline, and offers recommendations to help curb the juvenile criminal justice crisis. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer> .

ACCESS NYC is a free service that identifies and screens for over 30 City, State, and Federal human service benefit programs. You may use this service anonymously or you have the option to create an account. ACCESS NYC is not an application process. You will need to take additional steps to apply for the programs that are listed there. In addition, there are many other programs that Agencies can review with you that are not yet part of ACCESS NYC. ACCESS NYC will help fill out some of the applications to make the process easier and will provide information on Agency office locations that are near you. Please contact the Agencies directly to complete their applications. For help with an emergency, please dial 911. To contact a City Agency, or to inquire about other City government services, please dial 311.

A new publication by the **Clasp** organization, *A Collective Responsibility, A Collective Work: Supporting the Path to Positive Life Outcomes for Youth in Economically Distressed Communities* has been released. This report presents a picture of risk and challenge for youth in distressed communities and outlines how these communities can band together to create a continuum of supportive activities to bolster youth's success in school and life. As youth grow and develop, individualized support and exposure to new experiences has a significant impact on their life trajectory. Youth in economically distressed communities deserve to have access to these types of opportunities, which are much more readily available to their peers in other communities. This investment in youth can have a positive effect on academic success, future life earnings, family stability, and the livelihood of the community. This paper may be helpful in guiding a community's thinking about how to get started in creating a sustainable support system for all of its youth. To download the report, go to: <http://www.clasp.org/publications/collectiveresponsibility.pdf>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Lodestar Foundation** and its partner organizations have announced the creation of the *Collaboration Prize* to recognize collaborations among two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services and compete for clients, financial resources, and staff. The prize program also seeks to build an information base of effective practice models that can be studied and used by academics, nonprofit leaders, and grant-makers to inspire and advance their work. For the purposes of the prize, collaboration means joint programming, administrative consolidations, or mergers among two or more organizations that would otherwise compete. To be eligible, a collaboration must involve two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services; have a structure that is evidenced by a formal agreement that uses the resources of each party in a more effective way (this agreement could be a memorandum of understanding, a letter of agreement, a contract, or a merger agreement); and have begun operation at least eighteen months prior to nomination and have been in existence no longer than eight years prior to the date of nomination. The prize of \$250,000 will be awarded to the winning collaboration. Although the award must be used for charitable purposes, there are no specific requirements for its use. Nominations may be made by individuals who are familiar with the collaboration but are not an employee of any organization involved. The deadline for submission is July 21. Complete prize program information is available at the Collaboration Prize Web site: <http://www.lodestarfoundation.org/> .

The **National Assembly of State Arts Agencies** annually presents awards to recognize exemplary leadership and best practices of state and regional arts organizations. Entries are invited for the following awards:

National Accessibility Leadership Award: The National Endowment for the Arts and NASAA co-sponsor this award to recognize exceptional and effective initiatives or programs that make the arts accessible and inclusive to individuals with disabilities and/or older adults. The \$30,000 award is jointly supported through this partnership and

will be administered as a matching one-year grant from the NEA. The grant must be used to advance the recipient's accessibility work for older adults and/or people with disabilities. All state arts agencies and regional arts organizations are eligible. Nominations may be made by any SAA or RAO staff or council member, or individuals/organizations that work on accessibility issues in partnership with an SAA or RAO.

Distinguished Public Service Award: This award honors an individual whose outstanding service, creative thinking, and leadership significantly impacts public support for the arts in his/her state or region. All current or past SAA or RAO chairs or council members are eligible. Nominations may be made by any NASAA member SAA staff, or council member, or any RAO staff or council member.

Gary Young Award: This award recognizes an individual who makes an extraordinary contribution to public support for the arts in his/her state or region. The ideal candidate will exhibit exemplary leadership, innovative thinking, and dedication to diverse artistic expression. All current or past SAA or RAO executive directors are eligible. Nominations may be made by any SAA staff or council member, or any RAO staff or council member. Visit the NASAA Web site for complete program information: <http://www.nasaa-arts.org/2008-awards-main.shtml>

The **William T. Grant Foundation** is accepting applications for its *Scholars Program*, designed to facilitate the professional development of early career scholars who have demonstrated success in conducting high quality research and are seeking to further develop their skills and research program. The foundation is interested in applicants trained across a range of social, behavioral, and health sciences. The application deadline is July 9. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=76878&attrib_id=4398.

The **Drucker Institute** has announced a call for applications for the *2008 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation*. The award, administered annually since 1991, 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 eligible for consideration, the organization submitting the application must be responsible for the program and registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The program submitted for consideration must have specific and measurable outcomes; exemplify innovation by demonstrating a new dimension or standard of performance; have made a difference in the lives of the people it serves; and serve as a model that can be replicated or adopted by other organizations. The winner will receive the \$35,000 first prize, with \$7,500 awarded for second place and \$5,000 for third place. The application deadline is: July 15. Visit the Drucker Institute Web site for complete program information, including details on previous award recipients. <http://www.druckerinstitute.com/>.