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## DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

\*\* **May 6** – Release of “Cornerstone Initiative” Concept Paper. On January 13, 2009, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn announced a plan to ensure continuity of services at 25 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) community centers located throughout the five boroughs. With support from NYCHA, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) is administering youth programs at the centers. This summer DYCD will issue a “Cornerstone Initiative” Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified providers to offer youth and community services at 25 NYCHA community centers. The purpose of the Cornerstone programs will be to provide high-quality, innovative youth development activities for children and young adults, while facilitating programming for adults of all ages and working to support vibrant community centers at each of the 25 sites. Programs will begin January 1, 2010 under the new contract.

In advance of the release of the RFP, DYCD has developed a Concept Paper to outline its vision for the Cornerstone programs. This Concept Paper has been informed by preliminary input from a wide range of stakeholders including the NYCHA Council of Presidents, NYCHA Resident Associations, NYCHA residents, youth and parent focus groups and surveys, as well as relevant research. We welcome further input from all stakeholders and invite your review and comment. To read and respond to the concept paper that will inform the RFP, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> . The review deadline is June 3, 2009. We urge you to forward it to anyone else who might be interested.

\*\* **May 15** – Deadline to submit applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) 2009. SYEP provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with summer employment and educational opportunities. The program runs from July 1 through August 15. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations. To fill out an SYEP application online, or to print out a SYEP application, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

\*\* **June 4** – The Department of Youth and Community Development & the John Jay College of Criminal Justice invite you to attend: “Achieving Their Promise: Children of Incarcerated Parents Symposium” at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 899 Tenth Avenue (between 58 and 59<sup>th</sup> Streets). It will be a unique opportunity to discover resources for working with children of incarcerated parents. Presenters include Ann Adalist-Estrin, the

Family and Corrections Network; Elizabeth Gaynes, Executive Director, the Osborne Association; and Gladys Carrión, Esq., Commissioner, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sharon Robinson at [srobinson@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:srobinson@dycd.nyc.gov) or call 212-676-8227.

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### **\*\*Governor Paterson and Mayor Bloomberg Announce Federal Stimulus Funds for SYEP**

On May 9, Governor David A. Paterson, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, were joined by House Ways and Means Committee Chair Charles B. Rangel and numerous elected officials at CVS's flagship store in Manhattan, to announce the availability of federal stimulus funds to support summer jobs and internships for youth ages 14-24 in New York City. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, federal stimulus funds will support SYEP 2009. \$18.5 million was allocated to provide a total of 51,000 jobs in SYEP 2009 – 8,000 more jobs than in 2008. The federal funds build on the already significant commitment to SYEP from Mayor Bloomberg and the State of New York. CVS has agreed to hire SYEP participants throughout their store chain in New York City. May 15 is the deadline for youth to apply for SYEP jobs. Go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> to access an application.

### **\*\*Summer of Service 2009**

Commissioner Mullgrav announced DYCD's Summer of Service initiative at Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's kick-off event launching *Service NYC* in Washington Heights. 1,000 SYEP participants will take part in exciting service projects on Friday, July 24 and Friday, August 7. DYCD is working with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and New York Cares to develop meaningful assignments in all five boroughs. One of the Fridays will be organized around five of the NYCHA developments where DYCD is administering Beacon Community Centers, while the other Friday will be focused on improving Parks facilities. Potential projects include creating railroad tie gardens, enhancing existing flowerbeds and gardens, and general grounds beautification.

### **\*\*DYCD Panelist Highlights the Department's Role in Reducing Gang Participation at Symposium**

On April 13, Phoenix House and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice co-hosted a Youth Gang Symposium. The symposium brought together city agencies, non-profits, and educational institutions to discuss gang issues facing New York City. Deputy Mayor Walcott kicked off the event with a discussion of the symposium's value as a problem-solving forum. Darryl Rattray, DYCD's Assistant Commissioner for Beacon Programs, participated in the "Gang Issues in Youth Service Settings" panel and provided an overview of DYCD's role in reducing gang participation, with a special focus on the efforts of our Beacon Community Center.

### **\*\*Commissioner Mullgrav Meets with "We Are All Brooklyn" Fellowship Participants**

On April 23, Commissioner Mullgrav spoke to members of the "We Are All Brooklyn" fellowship, a year-long leadership development program designed to support young people who are employed at Brooklyn-based non-profit organizations. She presented at the "Building a Foundation of Resources" seminar and provided information on DYCD's portfolio, upcoming funding opportunities, and strategies for taking advantage of municipal resources. She was joined by Marilyn Gelber and Stuart Post of the Independence Community Foundation, and Charlotte Dion of the Foundation Center.

### **\*\*Immigrant Heritage Week Celebration**

On April 22, DYCD celebrated Immigrant Heritage Week 2009 at the CUNY Graduate Center with a program honoring immigrant New Yorkers who have demonstrated a commitment to public service. Commissioner Mullgrav was joined by Guillermo Linares, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Alan Wernick, immigration expert and professor at Baruch College; and Council Member Kendall Stewart. The event was co-sponsored by the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project. More than 150 participants and staff from DYCD-funded immigrant services and literacy providers attended the event. Participants from the Sesame Flyers and Chinese-American Planning Council contributed to the festivities with outstanding performances.

### **\*\*DYCD Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day**

On April 23, 25 children, between the ages of 6 and 21 whose parents/caregivers work at DYCD, participated in "Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day." The young people learned about the mission of the Department, went on a scavenger hunt, completed a community service project, participated in mock interviews, and received

certificates of appreciation from the Mayor's Office. Commissioner Mullgrav met with the group and thanked them for taking an interest in the work we do on behalf of their peers.

#### **\*\*Visit with Youth Groups from Scotland**

On April 27, DYCD hosted representatives from youth-serving organizations in Fife, Scotland who are seeking to connect with similar American organizations. Specifically, they are interested in organizing study trips to New York City and Washington, DC for the young people they serve. DYCD Teen ACTION staff met with the group and discussed the possibility of participating in the group's October 2009 trip.

#### **\*\*DYCD Staff Offers Information at Family and Youth Rikers Island Resource Fair**

On April 14, DYCD staff attended the Second Annual Family and Youth Inmate Resource Fair at Rikers Island. Approximately 150 young males between the ages of 16-18 and 50 of their family members were present. Staff distributed information about the DYCD portfolio of programs including the Youth Connect hotline, Fatherhood Initiative, and workforce development programs. The young people were most interested in services to help them complete their GED and get a job.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

#### **\*\*Summer Youth Employment Update**

On April 20, Commissioner Mullgrav attended the rally launching *Service NYC* and announced that applications for the 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) program were available. New York City residents between the ages of 14 and 24 can either apply online or obtain a paper application at schools, libraries, elected officials' offices, or any one of the 69 community-based organizations that DYCD contracts with to develop worksites, enroll participants and provide orientation and education services. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2009.

#### **\*\*Teen ACTION Convenes Second Annual Youth Forum**

On April 17 Teen ACTION participants from around the City came together to share their success stories and best practices at the Second Annual Youth Forum. The event, hosted by DYCD, opened with a performance and remarks, followed by peer-to-peer presentations and structured workshops. Young people played a central role in every aspect of the event. Commissioner Mullgrav was joined at the event by Deputy Mayor Walcott and Deputy Mayor Gibbs. More than 400 youth and their chaperones representing 30 providers attended. Teen ACTION—which is part of Mayor Bloomberg's Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO)—helps participants identify issues in their community and implement projects that address those issues.

#### **\*\*Literacy Learning Through Comic Strips Workshop**

On April 24, DYCD's Literacy Unit hosted a workshop for our providers entitled "Learn to Create Comic Strips Online with Your Students". Bill Zimmerman, creator of MakeBeliefsComix.com, discussed how to work with students to create comic strips online while developing writing, reading, storytelling, and English language skills. Google and UNESCO selected MakeBeliefsComix.com as one of the world's most innovative Web sites devoted to encouraging literacy and reading.

#### **\*\*DYCD OST and Beacons Offer Spring Break Programming**

Spring Break for New York City public school students was April 9-17. In recognition of the needs of working parents, DYCD-funded Out-of-School Time, Beacon Programs and the Beacon satellites at NYCHA community centers offered full-day camp services throughout the City. The camps provided NYC youth with a safe, nurturing, and motivating environment. Activities included visits to museums and landmarks, as well as community service projects.

#### **\*\*In-School Launches Youth Green Contest**

DYCD's In-School Youth (ISY) unit recently launched the Green Contest, a youth-led, youth-implemented contest where groups of up to 10 ISY participants come together and launch an environmental sustainability project in their community. Project ideas include community beautification, recycling, and educating the public about eco-friendly practices. Projects were implemented during the week of April 20 in honor of Earth Day, and teams will present their results before a panel of judges at the end of May.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### \*\*FOR YOUTH\*\*

**Major League Baseball** and the **Major League Baseball Players Association** announce funds to promote the growth of baseball in the United States and throughout the world by funding programs that encourage youth participation in the game. Grants may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Non-profit organizations and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. The application deadline is July 1, 2009. For additional information, go to:

[http://mlbplayers.mlb.com/mlb/official\\_info/community/btf.jsp?content=about](http://mlbplayers.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=about)

**Bikes Belong Coalition** provides support for projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths, lanes, and routes, as well as bike parks, mountain bike trails, BMX facilities or create new biking opportunities. The advocacy grant category seeks to build the strength of bicycle advocacy organizations that have the potential to increase bicycle ridership and form coalitions with the bicycle industry. Non-profit and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. The grant application is due May 26, 2009. For more information, go to: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants> .

**The U.S. Administration for Children and Families** is giving grants of as much as \$200,000 for its *Street Outreach Program* to conduct outreach services to build relationships between a grantee's staff and runaway, homeless and street youth. Deadline is June 8. For more information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov> .

**The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention** is accepting applications for its *Mentoring Initiative for Foster Care Youth grants*, with award ceilings of \$500,000. Deadline is June 8. For more information, go to <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov> .

The **William T. Grant Foundation** announces its next round of *Youth Service Improvement Grants (YSIG)*; the goal is to improve the lives of youth. YSIG grants support community-based organizations that have a direct impact on the daily experiences of young people ages 8 to 25. They focus on small to medium-sized organizations that already have had some success, but lack the funds to make needed improvements. Applications are accepted in the spring and in the fall. The Foundation is currently reviewing applications for spring 2009, with decisions to be made in August 2009. Applications for the fall 2009 cycle will be accepted in July with a final deadline in September. Those grant decisions will be made in February. Please check their Web site for submission deadline updates: <http://www.wtgrantfdn.org> .

**Target** offers store grants to support non-profit programs that impact the arts, early childhood reading, and family violence prevention in the locations where the company does business. *Arts Grants* are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families, such as school touring programs, field trips to the theatre or symphony, or artist's residencies and workshops in schools. Programs that make the arts accessible to school children are of particular interest. *Early Childhood Reading Grants* support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age nine, to read together with their families. *Family Violence Prevention Grants* support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe. Target store grants support non-profit programs that help prevent family violence, such as parenting classes and family counselling. Grants may also provide assistance for support groups and abuse shelters. Most grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,000 each. Applicants may be 501(c)(3) organizations or schools, libraries, or public agencies. Target only accepts grant applications online. Visit the company's Web site for complete program guidelines and application: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMPO4-031700> .

**Best Buy's Children's Foundation** announces funds to support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development. Special consideration is given to programs that work to build social, academic, leadership, and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18); show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children in working families. Non-profits are eligible to apply. The application deadline is June 15. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. For more information, go to: [http://www.209.68.13.147/community\\_relations/local\\_donations\\_rfp.htm](http://www.209.68.13.147/community_relations/local_donations_rfp.htm) .

**Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale grants program** seeks to help ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical times when they are out of school and particularly vulnerable to hunger. The Great American Bake Sale is a national campaign in which volunteers hold bake sales to help end childhood hunger. The Great American Bake Sale grants program will support efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs. Share Our Strength is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program, National School Lunch Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program. Two types of grants will be offered. Grants for Program Sponsors will be awarded to organizations that directly sponsor USDA-reimbursed after-school and/or summer meal programs for children. Grants will specifically support efforts to increase participation in the organization's USDA summer and after-school meal programs. Grants for Advocacy will be awarded to organizations that work to increase participation in USDA-reimbursed after-school and summer meal programs through outreach and advocacy. Organizations engage in advocacy when they work with schools, community organizations, local businesses, and with a range of government officials to increase participation in summer and after-school meal programs. Both types of grants will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each. The application deadline is September 30, application process opens June 1). For complete grant guidelines, go to: [http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS\\_grants](http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_grants) .

Founded in 2000 by Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, the **Moyer Foundation** has as its mission to offer encouragement, comfort, and support to children enduring a time of profound distress — whether physical, emotional, or financial — and to provide opportunities for enhancing their overall wellness, stability, and quality of life. In 2002, the Moyer Foundation created Camp Erin, a bereavement camp for children. The Moyer Foundation is now working to establish *Camp Erin bereavement camps* in every MLB city. Camp Erin was designed by the Moyer Foundation for children between the ages of 6 and 17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. It is a weekend-long experience filled with traditional camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support facilitated by grief professionals and trained volunteers. The Moyer Foundation partners with expert local hospice and grief counseling organizations in the communities where the camps are implemented. Currently there are twenty-eight Camp Erin locations in eighteen U.S. states. The Moyer Foundation invites proposals for the 2009 Camp Erin program expansion. The foundation will provide a grant of \$100,000 as well as marketing and public relations support and assistance in building relationships with organizations in Anaheim, Baltimore, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, New York City, Pittsburgh, Spokane, and Walla Walla. The proposal due date is June 15. For complete program information, go to <http://www.moyerfoundation.org/>

## **\*\*FOR COMMUNITIES\*\***

The **Achelis and Bodman Foundations** are particularly interested in supporting programs through their *Employment Program Grants* aimed at placement in private sector rather than public sector jobs, and those which foster entrepreneurship. Innovative vocational and trade-skill proposals for ex-offenders, disconnected youth, and high school drop-outs with an emphasis on job placement are welcomed. For more information, go to: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/achelis-bodman/guidelines.html> .

The **Akonadi Foundation's** mission is to support the development of a powerful social change movement to eliminate structural racism and create a racially just society. The goal of the *Foundation's Strategic Opportunity Support Fund* is to encourage innovation in racial justice movement building through cross-learning, alliance building, and strategic initiatives. The Fund is particularly interested in two key areas: Making Racial Equity an Economic priority and Building Communities Free of State Violence. Non-profit organizations are eligible; fund awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The deadline for submissions is June 5. For more information, go to: [http://www.akonadi.org/section/view/sos\\_request\\_for\\_proposals](http://www.akonadi.org/section/view/sos_request_for_proposals) .

The **Ben & Jerry's Foundation** is a non-profit, charitable foundation, established in 1985 through a donation of stock from Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers competitive grants to not-for-profit, grassroots organizations throughout the United States that facilitate progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. The Foundation supports programs and projects that are examples of creative problem solving. Projects must lead to societal, institutional, and/or environmental change, address the root causes of social or environmental problems, and lead to new ways of thinking and acting. Grant applicants need to demonstrate that their projects will lead to societal, institutional and/or environmental change, address the root causes of social or environmental problems, and lead to new ways of thinking and acting. Not-for-profit, grassroots organizations are eligible to apply. Full grants range from \$1,001 to \$15,000. Small grants

are \$1,000 or less. Full proposals are due on July 1 or November 1. For more information, contact the Review Committee, Ben & Jerry's Foundation, 30 Community Dr., So. Burlington, VT 05403; or visit the Ben & Jerry's Foundation Web site: <http://www.benjerry.com/company/foundation/>.

The **Drug Policy Alliance** promotes drug policy reform at the local, state and national levels by funding smaller, geographically limited, or single-issue projects. The program provides support through the following components: *Promoting Policy Change grants* support organizations working to advance drug policy through advocacy, grassroots organizing, and education, with emphasis on state-based activities; and *Rapid Response/Special Opportunities grants* support time-sensitive strategic public education to black drug war initiatives or advance drug policy reform. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply; awards range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The application deadline is June 11, the first business day of the month for the Rapid Response/Special Opportunities grant. For additional information, go to <http://www.drugpolicy.org/about/jobsfunding/grants/index.cfm>.

**Royal Bank of Canada** supports local grassroots organizations in the U.S. that propose projects devoted to informing, educating, and mobilizing people about watershed protection at the community level. Non-profit organizations are eligible for grants. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The deadline is open. For more information, go to: <http://www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water.html>.

The **Altman Foundation** has an historic interest in ensuring that individuals and families living in New York City have access to the services and resources they need to pursue and sustain successful lives. The Foundation invests in organizations, programs and projects that achieve results aligned with the following two objectives: 1. Build and preserve economic security and independence among low-income individuals and families. 2. Promote and sustain the availability of, and equitable access to essential community resources needed to support stable, healthy communities, with an emphasis on systemic efforts. The deadline is rolling. For more information, go to: <http://www.altmanfoundation.org/communities.html>.

Through its *Encouraging Citizen Involvement grant* program, the **Herb Block Foundation** seeks to engage citizens in creating a responsible, responsive democratic government. Proposals may focus on citizen education and greater voter participation in the electoral process. All projects must be non-partisan and may not involve lobbying for specific legislation or candidates. Grants will not be made for capital or endowment programs, or for sectarian religious purposes. Applicants must be non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each for one year. Visit the Herb Block Foundation Web site for complete program information: <http://www.herblockfoundation.org/herblockfoundation/home.aspx?Page=Main>.

#### **\*\*MINI-GRANTS\*\***

The Leading By Giving Committee of the **We Are All Brooklyn Fellowship** is rewarding up to \$1,000 grants in support of innovation, youth leadership, and community service. Eligible projects should meet all of the following criteria: projects created by Brooklyn youth are implemented in and impact Brooklyn; projects involve youth in community service; projects provide youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills; projects will have a measurable and sustainable impact. Application forms can be downloaded at [www.WAAB.org](http://www.WAAB.org). Proposals must be submitted (not postmarked) by 5pm EST on Monday, May 11, 2009 to: Email: [waabRFP@gmail.com](mailto:waabRFP@gmail.com) or Fax: (212)983-4084. For more information: call Erica at 212-983-4800 x120 or email [waaabRFP@gmail.com](mailto:waaabRFP@gmail.com).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May** – May is National Foster Care Month. All children deserve a safe, happy life — including the 496,000 American children and youth in foster care. Young people in foster care especially need nurturing adults on their side because their own families are in crisis and unable to care for them. Foster Care Month is a tribute to foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers who make a difference. Visit the **Annie E. Casey Foster Care Month** Web site in May to find out how you can change a lifetime for a kid in care – whether you have a few minutes, a few hours, a few weeks, or more time to share.

**May 14** – The **Community Word Project** will be holding an *Arts-in-Education Job Information Panel* at the Scholastic Building, 557 Broadway, 2nd Floor Education Resource Center (ERC) from 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm. This event is an introductory panel discussion about opportunities for artists and teaching artists in the AIE field in NYC. Panelists include 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 Keith Kaminski, Program Director at (212) 962 3820 ext. [or#2kkaminski@communitywordproject.org](mailto:or#2kkaminski@communitywordproject.org) .

**May 14 – The Asian Women In Business (AWIB) Annual Procurement Conference for Minority/Women Business Owners** will be held at Bank of New York Mellon, 101 Barclay St, 10th Fl, NYC, from 8:30am- 3:30 pm. AWIB's Annual Procurement Conference is for M/WBEs in the tri-state area, drawing Fortune 1000 companies, various government agencies and over 400 participants including M/WBE's from across business sectors. Highlights include one-on-one meetings for pre-qualified vendors with corporate buyers. Also, learn from expert panels on how to get your foot in the door with corporations and government agencies, and how to improve your bottom line by going green. FREE. For more information, go to: <http://www.awib.org> .

**May 14 – The Foundation Center** has announced a *Proposal Writing Seminar* for every grant-seeker who wants to learn how to write proposals geared to foundations, and for experienced grant-seekers who are initiating a foundation fundraising campaign. When the going gets tough, successful grant-seekers strengthen their proposal writing skills. Their most popular seminar reveals what today's grant-makers look for, and provides insight into their review process. Expert instructors show how to craft a breakthrough proposal package, step by step. It will be held at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue at 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check-in and coffee: 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. There is a \$195 registration fee. Scholarships are available for small non-profits – applications must be submitted at least five days before the course date. Register online at: [http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product\\_training.jhtml?id=prod2270012](http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product_training.jhtml?id=prod2270012)

**May 18 – Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz** and the **NYC Department of Education Office of Family Engagement and Advocacy** announce workshops for the *Brooklyn Parent Academy – Helping Parents Help Their Children* from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY. The two workshops will be: *Middle School Transition* and *Teen Dating Violence*. There will be refreshments and translation services. RSVP by May 14 to: [mkelley@brooklynbp@nyc.gov](mailto:mkelley@brooklynbp@nyc.gov) .

**May 18 – Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management** will sponsor a seminar: *Managing Arts and Cultural organizations in Times of Financial Stress*. It will be held from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Baruch College, Information & Technology Building, 151 East 25th Street (between 3rd & Lexington Avenues), William and Anita Newman Conference Center, Seventh Floor, Room 750. The Moderator will be Kate D. Levin, Commissioner, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. RSVP Required. Admission is free; space is limited. RSVP by calling 646 660-6743 or go online at: [http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/spa/newsevents/form\\_rsvp.php?event=Managing%20Arts%20and%20Cultural%20Organizations%20in%20Times%20of%20Financial%20Stress&date=05-18-2009&center=3](http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/spa/newsevents/form_rsvp.php?event=Managing%20Arts%20and%20Cultural%20Organizations%20in%20Times%20of%20Financial%20Stress&date=05-18-2009&center=3) .

**May 20 – application deadline.** This summer, from July 6th to August 13th, **New Youth Connections** will hold its *30th Annual Summer Writing Workshop* at our office in Manhattan. High school juniors (who are going into their senior year in September) will be given priority but we encourage anyone ages 15-19 to apply. Those selected will write articles for *New Youth Connections* and will be awarded a complete scholarship to cover the entire \$1200 cost of the workshop. For an application and more information, go to <http://www.youthcomm.org/PDF/NYC-Summer2009-app-web.pdf> .

**May 20 – Join the American Camp Association** for their Wednesday Workshops series: *Effective Communication and Leadership* which will be held from 10:30am -1:00 pm at the Hudson Guild Community Center. How do you evaluate your staff? What's the best way to communicate with parents? How do you have difficult conversations? As directors and staff supervisors you face these challenging questions all of the time. In this workshop presenters will answer these questions and more to help make you a better leader. For more information or registration materials, please contact Quinton Buckley at [Quinton@aca-ny.org](mailto:Quinton@aca-ny.org) 212-391-5208 x1011. Cost for the workshop is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

**May 21 – United Way of New York City** will present 2 free learning events designed to provide non-profit leaders with hands-on fiscal and management tools to implement in navigating the current economic storm. They will be held at the William and Anita Newman vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Learn, share and generate effective strategies, ideas and resources for limiting the impact of the recession on your organization and the people it serves. Learn about contingency planning, partnerships and collaborations, strategies for preserving talent, and how to work with your board.

Return to your organization with at least one significant actionable strategy for meeting recession-related challenges. You must register in advance: <http://www.unitedwaynyc.org/toughtimes> .

**May 22 – The After-School Corporation (TASC)** invites CBO and foundation leaders, school principals, policymakers and DOE and university science leaders to attend a leadership institute, *Making It Happen: Science Exploration Beyond the School Day*. Leaders will discuss ways to engage kids in science after school and put them on track to college majors and careers in STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math). The free institute, with support from the Noyce Foundation, will be held at the New York Academy of Sciences, 7 World Trade Center, from 9 AM to noon. Registration is required. For more information or to register to attend, please contact Sunset Harris at [sharris@tascorp.org](mailto:sharris@tascorp.org), (646) 943-8771.

**May 23 – Join Girls for Gender Equity** for their *2009 Mother Daughter Health and Play Day*. It will be held from 10:00am – 2:00pm, at PS 38, at the Pacific School, corner of Nevins and Pacific Streets in Brooklyn, NY. FREE ADMISSION! Families and friends are invited to enjoy a day of games, relays, races, fitness activities, and health education. This free day includes lunch and goodie bags, as well as health education workshops and support from SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The event is sponsored by El Pitayo, Paces for Success Inc., and Lady Bird Bakery. To sponsor a mother/daughter team, donate goods or prizes, volunteer for the day, or to have your organization participate in this event, contact Nadira Saunders at 718-857-1568 or [Health@ggenyc.org](mailto:Health@ggenyc.org).

**May 28 – United Way of New York City** will present 2 free learning events designed to provide non-profit leaders with hands-on fiscal and management tools to implement in navigating the current economic storm. They will be held at the William and Anita Newman vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Get familiar with non-profit financial management concepts essential for successful scenario planning. Learn specific tools that can help your organization navigate severe economic turbulence. Return to your organization with an initial plan of key areas to address, as well as the key stakeholders to include in the process. You must register in advance: <http://www.unitedwaynyc.org/toughtimes> .

**JUNE 3 – Join the American Camp Association** for their Wednesday Workshops series: *Creating Camp Culture* which will be held from 10:00am -1:00pm at the Hudson Guild Community Center. Singing songs, playing games, sitting around a campfire and making s'mores - how do you bring that culture and excitement of camp to your program in the city? Join us for a day of fun and games, tradition sand rituals, skits and activities for you to take back and implement in your camps. For more information or registration materials, please contact Quinton Buckley at [Quinton@aca-ny.org](mailto:Quinton@aca-ny.org) 212-391-5208 x1011. Cost for the workshop is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

**JUNE 5 – A conference, *Sustaining Brooklyn: Energy for the Future***, has been organized by the **We Are All Brooklyn Fellowship's Leading By Organizing Committee**. It will be held from 8:30 am– 12:30 pm at the Brooklyn College Conference Center, East 27th Street & Campus Road, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Sustaining Brooklyn will provide skills and resources necessary to establish a sustainable Brooklyn. Sustainability is critical to the future of Brooklyn. The event's community-focused and community-driven agenda will explore energy and fiscal conservation as well as community sustainability and preparedness. Sustainability is the long-term social, economic, and environmental health of our community. Therefore it is our goal to strengthen Brooklyn by creating thriving and viable partnerships that support discovering, sharing, and conserving innovative community resources. RSVP to Dori Zofan at 212-983-4800 x140, [ZofanD@jrcrny.org](mailto:ZofanD@jrcrny.org), or visit [www.waab.org](http://www.waab.org)

**JUNE 10 – The Task Force on School and Community Collaboration-NYC Interagency Committee** is sponsoring a half-day conference titled "*Caring Adults/Caring Environments, What Works in Schools and Beyond*" from 8:00am to 12:00 noon at Fordham University at Lincoln Center, 113 West 60th Street, NY, NY. in the Pope Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Dr. Jonathan Cohen, PHD, President and Co-founder, Center for Social and Emotional Education. Please contact Special Advisor, Nitza V. Monges if you have any questions concerning this event: [nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov). Seating is limited – RSVP by May 29 by fax to Kimberly Goulbourne at (718) 722-2884.

**JUNE 12 – The After-School Corporation (TASC)** invites after-school program directors, site coordinators, assistant directors and assistant site coordinators to attend *Three Easy Steps to Science After School: An Institute for Program Leaders*. Discover how to help non-science professionals be effective STEM educators, take away proven plans and implementation methods to make science accessible to all kids after school, and get hands-on experience with activities through a curriculum fair. This free institute, with support from the **Noyce Foundation**,

will be held at the New York Hall of Science in Queens from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Registration is required. For more information or to register to attend, contact Sunset Harris at [sharris@tascorp.org](mailto:sharris@tascorp.org) / (646) 943-8771.

**June 13 – Body Sculpt** will again present a free *Brooklyn Children's Sports & Fitness Expo*. The Expo introduces children to over 25 sports activities, nutrition clinics and health screenings at Boys & Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm rain or shine. To learn more and to register online, go to: <http://www.bodysculpt.org> or call 718-346-5852.

**June 18** – Join the New York Times Company, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, and Philanthropy New York for their 2009 New York Times Company Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The Best Practices workshop, Awards presentation and Reception will be held at the TimesCenter Auditorium, 242 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street (east of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This year's finalists are the Citizen's Advice Bureau; Groundwork, Inc.; Legal Information for Families Today; Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project, New York Cares; and the Vera Institute of Justice. The Best Practices workshop will feature the Executive Director and a board member from each finalist organization talking about organizational strengths, strategies and practices that helped them excel. The workshop is open to all nonprofit organizations. It will be followed by the Awards presentation and Reception. RSVP to: [https://www.nycharities.org/event/event.asp?CE\\_ID=3932](https://www.nycharities.org/event/event.asp?CE_ID=3932) .

**June 19 – Kingsborough Community College** is presenting a conference, *Implementing the Leadership Imperative: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership 'Aha!' Conference for Aspiring, New and Rising Community and Public Health Leaders*. It will be held from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11235. This year there will be new speakers, new topics, new formats, but the same wonderful experience. Exhibitors are welcome. For registration and more information, go to: [http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner\\_leader](http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader) .

## RESOURCES

**Microsoft Corp. Helps Prepare Global Workforce With Skills to Promote Economic Development.** At the Government Leaders Forum, Microsoft Corp. announced the expansion of the successful Microsoft DreamSpark student program to include high school students worldwide. DreamSpark, originally available only to university students, makes professional-level developer and designer tools as well as training available to students at no charge to support and advance their learning and skills through technical design, technology, math, science and engineering activities. More information on this and other programs, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/unlimitedpotential>, <http://www.dreamspark.com> and <http://www.microsoftstartupzone.com/bizspark>.

In order to apply for Federal grants through Grants.gov, your organization must complete the Grants.gov registration process. This includes obtaining a Dun & Bradstreet number and registering with Central Contractor Registration. This process may take up to two weeks, so register now so you're able to submit your grant application in a timely manner. The direct link to register is [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp) .

Registration for free *ESOL classes* is taking place at the Riverside Branch Public Library, 127 Amsterdam Avenue at 65th Street, NY. Classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8:30 pm until the end of June 2009 and are open to foreigners who need to learn English. These classes are sponsored by Councilmember Gale A. Brewer. Contact: Leslie Robbins, Executive Director, Riverside Language Program, Inc. [lrobbins@riversidelanguage.org](mailto:lrobbins@riversidelanguage.org)

The **Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies** released its newest publication this month, *HIV Prevention Strategies for Women and Girls in Communities of Color: Reframing HIV Prevention Strategies* which reports our findings on community-level factors that impede the effectiveness of HIV prevention programs for young women of color in low-income neighborhoods of New York City. This publication proposes that effective HIV prevention strategies require more than changing individual behavior and that social and economic factors must be taken into account. Click to access the pdf report: [http://fpwa.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=copy\\_of\\_HIVPrevention](http://fpwa.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=copy_of_HIVPrevention) or contact [Coco Jervis](mailto:Coco.Jervis), ph. (212) 801-1312 to obtain a copy.

Want to find out how kids are faring in your county or school district? The newly re-designed [KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) from the **Annie E. Casey Foundation** features local data in addition to hundreds of indicators of child well-

being for cities, states, and the nation as a whole. Create your own maps, graphs, or charts, and use them in presentations or post them on your own website or blog. Go to: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

[PolicyForResults.org](http://PolicyForResults.org) is a new Web site dedicated to helping policymakers improve outcomes and opportunities for children and families, including strategies for maximizing the federal stimulus funding and managing state budgets. The website was developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy in partnership with issue experts from across the country through a grant from the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**.

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** applications are available for senior citizens (60 and over), homeowners or tenants and low-income individuals and families. HEAP provides financial assistance for oil, gas and electric bills. For more information on the HEAP program, go to the DYCD Web site link: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/heap\\_2007.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/heap_2007.shtml).

**ACCESS NYC** has been updated with some new features and is now even easier to use! Changes include a new homepage that shows users at a glance the many different ways they can use ACCESS NYC, improved access to the seven languages that ACCESS NYC can be used in, and a link to the new service 311 Online, where users can find out more about the many health and human services available to people who live in New York City. The 2009 ACCESS NYC campaign will run from March 30th to June 30<sup>th</sup> in the New York City subway system. The purpose of the campaign is to remind all New Yorkers that ACCESS NYC is a valuable resource that can help them learn about health and human service benefits. You may remember the subway posters from last year, but the content in the new posters have been updated to reflect the changes to the ACCESS NYC website.

The focus of **EmPower New York**<sup>SM</sup> is on cost-effective electric reduction measures, particularly lighting and refrigerator replacements, as well as other cost-effective home performance strategies such as insulation, and health and safety measures. On-site energy use education provides customers with additional strategies for managing their energy costs. Low income families or individuals that qualify for **HEAP** are provided these services at NO COST. Eligible families, senior citizens and individuals have received free insulation and new energy efficient refrigerators in their homes and have saved many dollars on their utility bills through these measures. For additional information, go to: <http://www.getenergysmart.org/LowIncome/EmPower.aspx>.

The **New York City Department of Parks and Recreation** has begun to recruit lifeguard candidates for the 2009 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 <http://www.nyc.gov/parks>. For more information, please contact Roy Tellason, Lifeguard Recruitment Coordinator at 212-360-1328 or via email: [Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov).

The **US Census Bureau** announces Census 2010 job listings from the New York Regional Office are now available. Please visit <http://www.census.gov/ronyc/www/employ.html>. Census 2010 job information including interactive maps are available at <http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **We Are All Brooklyn (WAAB) Fellowship** is a year-long leadership development program entering its third year dedicated to advancing the next generation of Brooklyn's young diverse leaders and empowering them to become change agents to strengthen Brooklyn. The WAAB Fellowship is currently seeking applications from promising leaders between the ages of 25-40 who serve community, faith-based, government, and non-profit organizations in Brooklyn. The cohort will run from September 2009 to July 2010, at which time Fellows will receive a certificate of completion from Kingsborough Community College. The theme for this year's Fellowship is "Being Excellent." We will empower Fellows to define and achieve their professional goals and personal aspirations through an opening full-day orientation, monthly professional and personal development seminars, roundtable discussions with decision makers, mid-year retreat, committee meetings to organize a Challenge Project, and a closing ceremony. The submission due date is June 5, 2009. To access an application, go to: <http://www.waab.org/WAABFellowshipApplication.pdf>.

The **MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures Encore Opportunity Awards** recognize non-profit and public sector organizations that are finding new ways to engage people over the age of 50 in encore careers — doing work that combines continued income with personal meaning and social impact. The awards are administered by Civic Ventures, a think tank devoted to baby boomers, work, and social purpose, and are funded by the MetLife

Foundation. Examples of encore career programs include a program that recruits people over age 50 and matches them with flexible schedule jobs in social service and government agencies; a hospital that creates patient counsellor jobs and offers seasonal-work positions with full-year benefits to recruit and retain experienced nurses; a school district that pays stipends to experienced adults tutoring students in math and science; and a non-profit that advances its mission by adding new part-time jobs that attract older adults seeking meaningful, flexible work. The award does not apply to volunteer work done without any type of compensation. "Compensation," however, is broadly viewed and can include things such as health insurance, stipends, living allowance, or other creative benefits. Organizations that engage individuals over age 50 solely as volunteers, without any form of compensation, are not eligible for the award. Nominations are welcome from any individual who is familiar with the work/practices of the organization, including an employee or board member. Nominations may be submitted through June 1, 2009. Letters of Intent are requested by May 1, 2009, or as soon as possible after this date. Visit the Encore Careers campaign Web site for complete nomination guidelines and forms:  
[http://www.encore.org/employers?utm\\_source=ChronPhil&utm\\_medium=box&utm\\_campaign=EOA#](http://www.encore.org/employers?utm_source=ChronPhil&utm_medium=box&utm_campaign=EOA#) .

The **Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation** in Washington, D.C., offers the *William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship* three times a year to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, non-profit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with PSI, providing research, writing, and logistical and administrative support for leadership initiatives, public programs, and convenings. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for the experience. A fellowship grant of approximately \$2,000 will be awarded this fall. Visit the Aspen Institute Web site for complete application guidelines:  
<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/> .

*Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession* (COAP) is a summer program that is held on college campuses across New York State. The program is an important component of the **NYS Society of Certified Public Accountants'** effort to recruit young people into the CPA profession. Participating students must apply but are not charged any fees to attend. Founded in 1987, COAP recruits high school juniors from public and private schools in NYS. Recruitment for COAP is focused on minority groups historically underrepresented in the CPA profession. The program takes place in NYC at Long Island University in Brooklyn, Pace University in Manhattan, St. John's University in Queens and York College in Queens. Sessions in accounting, financial analysis and computers are all part of the COAP curriculum. All sessions are taught by CPAs and other business professionals who have firsthand experience and knowledge. Participants in the program are eligible for full college scholarships! For more information about COAP, please contact Michael Fox at 212-719-8397 or e-mail [coap@nysscpa.org](mailto:coap@nysscpa.org) or visit <http://www.nysscpa.org> .