



**NOVEMBER @DYCD**

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## DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- \*\* **November 19** – Final call for submission of art for the Fourth Annual DYCD Art Contest and Exhibit. For additional information, call Yvette Furman (212) 676-8208.
- \*\* **November 29** – A Runaway Prevention Forum, sponsored by DYCD, will be held for youth, parents, service providers and educators from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Covenant House of New York, 346 West 17 Street (between 8 and 9 Avenues). It will feature Power 105.1FM MC Déjà Vu. For more information, please contact Elena Román at (212) 676-8260.
- \*\* **December 9** –The DYCD Youth Board and WIB Youth Council will meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bloomberg L.P. This meeting is open to the public. For security purposes, all those interested in attending must provide their contact information by close of business, December 7, 2004 to Karen Fleshman at [kfleshman@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:kfleshman@dycd.nyc.gov).

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

\*\***NYC Toyota Family Literacy Program Celebrates First Anniversary** \*\* Officials from DYCD, Toyota, and the National Center for Family Literacy, teachers, parents and their children, participated in an anniversary program celebrating the success of the first year of the *Toyota Family Literacy Program* at P.S. 250K in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The program, administered by DYCD at three public schools, provides English writing, and reading instruction for immigrant parents and their young children. It also strengthens and builds a parent-child relationship.

\*\***DYCD Co-sponsors NYS Youth Bureau Conference**\*\* From October 24 to 27, 2004, DYCD, in partnership with the Taconic and Long Island regions, co-sponsored the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB), in White Plains, New York. DYCD is the NYS-designated Youth Bureau for the five NYC counties. Through its network of Youth Bureaus, ANYSYB conducts workshops on youth development, provides training, and is involved in shaping legislative issues and policies that affect youth.

Commissioner Mullgrav was the recipient of the Polly Sanders Award at the Conference. Named after the late Polly Sanders, who was a leader in the field of human services in New York State, the award is given for excellence in youth development programming.

\*\***DYCD Partners with DOE on Gang Awareness Workshop** \*\* On November 4, the DOE Office of School Safety and DYCD held a workshop for nearly 100 program staff members of Beacon and other youth-serving agencies in Brooklyn. An overview of gang activity, identification, information, and strategies for intervention and prevention was offered.

**\*\*DYCD Convenes Youth Workforce Development Conference \*\*** DYCD and the NYS Department of Labor held a conference on November 10 at the NYU Kimmel Center on youth employment entitled: *Life Skills, Work Skills: Youth Development to Workforce Development*. Approximately 400 stakeholders: employers, youth service providers, educators, organized labor leaders, policy makers, government administrators, and researchers exchanged information and best practices.

The conference offered the opportunity to talk about a plan for youth employment that builds on the collective strengths, resources and idealism of the public, private and non-profit sectors. This plan incorporates life skills into workforce training, expanding access to all youth who need workforce training, targeting high-need clients and industries, utilizing technology to increase efficiency, supporting program evaluation, and holding all partners accountable.

Throughout the day conference participants rotated through panel discussions that included: An Update on Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization; Engaging the Private Sector; Creating pathways to Success; Models of Youth Employment Systems; Satisfying WIA Youth Customers; Connecting Young People to Educational Opportunities; Helping Vulnerable Youth Get a New Start; Getting Your Foot in the Door; Recommendations of the Older Youth Task Force; and Designing Programs with a Focus on Outcomes. A reception, sponsored by IBM followed the final panel discussions.

Conference co-sponsors were the DYCD Youth Board, IBM, the National Youth Employment Coalition New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals, the New York City Employment and Training Coalition, the New York City Workforce Investment Board, the New York Citywide School-to-Work Alliance, the New York State Department of Labor, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies, the United Way of New York City, and the WIB Youth Council.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

**\*\*DYCD Hosts ICC First Quarterly Meeting\*\*** On October 14, the first FY 2005 Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Meeting was convened. Presentations included the Rensselaerville Institute's *Beacon Attendance and Outcome Tracking Demonstration*; and the Partnership for After School Education's *Lessons from the Summer Learning Gap Project*, given by Janet Kelly, Executive Director, and Ellen O'Connell, Program Director.

**\*\*FDC Awards Program Credentials\*\*** On October 15, DYCD hosted the Seventh Annual Family Development (FDC) Recognition and Graduation Ceremony at the Hunter College Brookdale Campus. About 150 staff from DYCD-funded agencies received their NYS credential in Family Development from Cornell University; an additional 60 supervisors and managers completing the Empowerment Skills for Leaders program received their credential.

**\*\*Citizenship Now! Adds Additional Programming\*\*** the CUNY/Daily News *Citizenship Now!* project has scheduled another toll-free call-in program on November 16-20, devoted to immigration issues; the first program, offered in April 2004, answered questions from over 170,000 callers. The Director of DYCD's Office of Immigration Initiatives, Matilde Roman, prepared 100 counselors and attorneys to be expert telephone operators.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

**The 21st Century Community Learning Center** is offering competitive grants to create or expand Community Learning Centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities outside of the regular school hours primarily for children who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The RFP for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers is now online at <http://www.nysed.gov/> with a due date of November 22nd at 3PM. Any requests for technical assistance or general questions may be emailed to: [emsc21stcccl@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emsc21stcccl@mail.nysed.gov).

**FamilyFun Magazine** and **DisneyHand** offer grants to encourage families to volunteer together. Winners will receive donations to the charity or public school of their choice, as well as Family Fun books and kits. Deadline is January 3, 2005. For more information, go to:  
<http://familyfun.go.com/parenting/learn/activities/feature/volunteers-contest/> .

**The American Red Cross** *September 11 Recovery Grants Program* is issuing a Request for Applications in the area of Youth Recovery and Resilience. Funding is available to support mental health services and resiliency programs for children directly impacted or personally exposed to the events of 9/11; training or support for the caring adults in their lives; and collaborations or partnerships among services providers and specialized centers capable of providing support for the detection and treatment of children and youth affected by traumatic experiences. Program guidelines and application instructions can be accessed at:  
<http://www.recoverygrants.org/>

The **Hasbro Children's Foundation**, through its *Innovative Programs with Local Impact* program, offers small grants to nonprofit organizations to seed a new program component, serve additional children, or help make an existing program more efficient or effective. Deadlines are ongoing; for more information, view: <http://www.hasbro.org/hcf> .

The **Women's Sports Foundation** grant programs provide girls and women with educational materials, internships and scholarships, research on issues related to women in sports, leadership development and also opportunities to participate in sports and fitness. Deadlines vary.  
<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html> .

The **NYS Office of Children and Family Services** is seeking proposals for the *Special Delinquency Prevention Program*, an initiative designed to support a system of services aimed at minimizing the risk that targeted youth will become initially or further involved in the juvenile justice system or become chronically dependent on the human service system. Applications are due December 1. View:  
<https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=197> .

The **Dana Foundation** is offering support for innovative professional development programs leading to improved teaching of the performing arts in public schools. The Foundation is interested primarily in training for in-school art specialists who teach performing arts in schools and professional artists who work in residencies in the public schools. Dana offers one and two-year grants of up to \$75,000. Letters of Intent received after August 31, 2004 will be considered in the 2006 grant cycle. For more information, view: <http://www.dana.org/grants/artseducation/> .

#### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **J. Jill Compassion Fund** is committed to the issues affecting disadvantaged women and children. The primary goal of the fund is to provide financial support to organizations that serve homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional or affordable housing, education and emergency shelter. The application due date is December 15, 2004. For an application, go to: <http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp?shopperid=>

The **Brookdale Foundation** seeks proposals for its *Relatives as Parents Program* which is designed to encourage and promote the creation of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting. Eligible applicants include nonprofits; the application deadline is January 15, 2005. Matching support is required. View: <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/>

**Fuji Photo Film USA Corporate Giving** gives cash and product awards to support specific projects or programs, with preference to environment, education, arts & culture, and health & human services organizations. View: <http://www.fujifilm.com/JSP/fuji/epartners/AboutGiving.jsp> .

**PeopleSoft**, designers of computer software, provides grants and volunteer support to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations. They target innovative programs that help people help themselves. The next application date is December 1. To complete an application online, go to:  
[http://www.peoplesoft.com/corp/en/about/community/give\\_guide.jsp](http://www.peoplesoft.com/corp/en/about/community/give_guide.jsp) or send an application to:  
Community Relations, PeopleSoft, One Technology Way, Denver, CO 80237.

In addition to funding national educational programs, **Toyota USA Foundation** supports the social well-being of communities where it has major operations. This includes assistance for Arts and Culture, and Civic and Community Development. Interested organizations must complete the Toyota USA Foundation application. The next submission date is January 1. Go to:  
<http://www.toyota.com/about/community/fundguidelines/index.html> .

**Citizens for NYC** will continue its *Neighbors CAN! Program*. They offer capacity-building workshops, hands-on technical assistance and grants up to \$5,000 to grassroots community- and faith-based groups in New York City. An overview of the Neighbors CAN! Program and a Request to Participate can be accessed at: <http://www.citizensnyc.org> .

The **MetLife Foundation** provides funding for substance-abuse programs, especially those connected to organizations and programs involving alcoholism, children and youth, providing health-care, and aiding the homeless, minorities and women. Potential applicants should approach the foundation with a proposal. Deadline: Open. For information and guidelines: Sibyl Jacobson, CEO and President, MetLife Foundation, 1 Madison Ave. New York, NY 10010-3690; phone 212/578-6272; or view online:  
<http://www.metlife.org> .

**Blockbuster** supports programs that are related in some way to film and video, impact children and families, or support a Blockbuster business objective (i.e., employment). Project goals and evaluation plans must be clearly defined in the proposal. There are no application deadlines; requests are reviewed monthly. For additional information, please view:  
<http://www.blockbuster.com/corporate/displayAboutBlockbusterDetails.action?articleId=1082958#CGG>

The *New Voices National Fellowship Program* is a capacity-building and leadership development grant program that assists nonprofit organizations and professionals entering fields related to human rights social justice (international, migrant, refugee and women's rights, reproductive rights, social justice, and HIV/AIDS). This program is sponsored by the **Academy for Educational Development**. The application due date is January 10, 2005. For more information, go to:  
<http://newvoices.aed.org/application2005webversion.doc> .

The **First Data Western Union Foundation** giving philosophy focuses on health care, education and basic human services where poverty, language barriers and cultural differences present challenges to individual opportunity. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The application closing date is December 1; go to: <http://www.firstdatawesternunion.org/grants/>

**Leadership for a Changing World**, a program of the Ford Foundation, seeks nominations of community leaders across the country who are successfully tackling tough social problems. Seventeen outstanding social justice leaders and leadership teams, who are not broadly known beyond their immediate community or field, will receive awards of \$100,000 to advance their work, plus \$15,000 for learning activities that will support their efforts. Nominations will be accepted by the Advocacy Institute through January 7, 2005. <http://leadershipforchange.org/>

The **Norman Foundation** supports efforts that strengthen the ability of communities to determine their own economic, environmental and social well-being, and that help people control those forces that affect their lives. Funding is provided for efforts to promote economic justice and development through community organizing; to prevent the disposal of toxics in communities, to link environmental issues with economic and social justice; and to promote civil rights by fighting discrimination and violence and working for equity. Letters of inquiry are due December 1, 2004 for environmental justice, March 15, 2005 for economic justice, and July 15, 2005 for civil rights. For additional information, view:  
<http://www.normanfdn.org/> online.

**Echoing Green** 2005 Fellowship is designed to support emerging social visionaries launching their own organizations to create lasting social change. Deadline is December 1. View:  
[www.echoinggreen.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageID=41](http://www.echoinggreen.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageID=41) .

*Sabbaticals for Activists of Color* the **Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program** is committed to advancing progressive social change by providing sabbaticals for reflection and renewal for long-time activists of color. Deadline is December 1. Go to: [www.alstonbannerman.org/](http://www.alstonbannerman.org/) .

The **Merck Family Fund** supports work by communities with few resources who are confronting significant social, economic, and environmental challenges. The two areas of focus for the Fund are to: 1) create green and open space (including community gardens and/or land with the potential for recreational or educational uses) and 2) support youth as agents of social change as they are stakeholders in the health and well-being of the community. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time; the application deadline is March 1. For more information, view: <http://www.merckff.org/grantguidelines.html>

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

*Youth Leaders for Literacy*, a joint program of the **National Education Association** and **Youth Service America**, encourages, celebrates, and honors youth-led reading-related service projects. Twenty \$500 grants will be awarded to applicants who conduct literacy service projects during a seven-week period starting in early March, continuing through Read Across America Day, and culminating on April 15-17, National Youth Service Day. Applicants must be age 21 or younger, and can be either an individual or a group. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must include a scheduled activity (read-aloud session, trip to the library, bookmaking, etc.) each week of the project period as part of the proposed service project. November 26, 2004 is the deadline for applications. View: <http://nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html> online.

**Youth Venture** will be providing 10 awards of up to \$1,000 in start-up funds to enable young people to create sustainable **Youth Service America** civic-minded organizations, clubs or businesses ("Ventures"). The ventures must be youth-led and designed to be a long lasting asset to the community. Applications are available at: <http://www.youthventure.org> and must be received by noon on November 22.

**Youth Service America** is accepting nominations for the *Harris Wofford Awards* underwritten by the **State Farm Companies Foundation**. It is given to an individual youth, an institution, and a member of the media. Recipients will receive \$1,000 – half of which will be donated to the organization of their choice. Awardees will be provided with travel expenses and a one-night stay in Long Beach, CA to accept their award on March 17-19, 2005. For complete information, go to: <http://www.ysa.org/> . The application deadline is November 22.

**Youth Service America** is offering *DisneyHand Minnie Grants* to help youth, teachers, and organizations implement community service and service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2005. Grant application must be postmarked no later than December 20, 2004. For information, view: [http://www.ysa.org/awards/award\\_grant.cfm](http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm) online.

The *Community Literacy Network Champion Award* is sponsored by **Literacy, Inc.** (LINC). This mini-grant funds those who start or expand a reading program. Visit: <http://www.lincnyc.org> .

**Radio Shack Neighborhood Answers Grant** funds help families protect children from abduction, violence and abuse. Nonprofit organizations that offer solutions to family abuse/violence are eligible. Grant requests are limited to \$500 and the deadline for application is December 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>

## RESOURCES

**Google** has a number of specialized searches that focus on relevant information. The Uncle Sam search will find anything related to the U.S. government. Enter the word "grants" into this search engine and find a listing of just about every grant site owned by a Federal agency. Go to: <http://www.google.com/unclesam> online.

**BoardSource** provides information, tools, best practices, training and leadership development for nonprofit board members worldwide. For a list of links to resources to improve nonprofit boards, go to <http://www.boardsource.org/Links.asp> .

The **TA Clearinghouse** brings together New York City information related to HIV/AIDS and nonprofit organizations, including searchable Web sites, books, publications, downloadable documents, funding resources and trainings. For complete information, go to: <http://www.taclearinghouse.org/clearinghouse/general.nsf/Home!ReadForm> .

The **National Youth Employment Coalition** and the **National Endowment for Financial Education** have launched an online Financial Literacy Guide for Youth. *Getting Paid and Staying Paid: How to Manage Your Money* includes helpful information on understanding a paycheck, saving money, filing taxes, using credit etc. Visit: <http://www.nyec.org/financial> .

The **FDIC** has developed a financial education “toolkit” and Web site with personal financial management tips. Call 1-888-MY MONEY to obtain the toolkit; view: <http://www.mymoney.gov> .

The **New York City Youth Health Coalition** has created an online resource guide to prevent or treat childhood obesity in the City. To download the guide, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/health> .

A free brochure, *Extra Help for Student Success*, is available from the **U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Innovation and Improvement** to guide parents in accessing options available under the No Child Left Behind law. Order online at: <http://www.edpubs.org> or download free at <http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/suppservices/services.pdf> .

The *2004/2005 United States Government Manual*, the official handbook of the federal government, is published by the **Office of the Federal Register of the National Archives and Records Administration**. It may be ordered on the GPO website at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> or accessed free at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/browse-gm-04.html> .

The **YouthArts** tool kit provides valuable detailed information on how to run, plan, provide training, and evaluate arts programming for at-risk youth. To download the document, go to: <http://www.artsusa.org/youtharts/download.asp> .

**Michigan IT Solutions** donates web design services to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits can register to receive custom website design, unlimited email accounts, an integrated content editor, and 25 MB of virtual file storage. Eligible organizations must have operating budgets of less than \$1,000,000, have 30 employees or less, and agree to pay a \$40 monthly hosting charge. For more information, or to register, go to: <http://www.michiganit.com/helpingmeit/> .

The **Wise Guys Program** is an adolescent pregnancy prevention program for young men between the ages of 11 and 17. Register to receive their free newsletter which contains the latest news, conference notifications, and information relevant to male adolescent issues at: <http://www.wiseguysnc.org> .

The **Points of Light Foundation** in partnership with the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, bring you the *Neighborhood Action Toolkit*, a free online resource for increasing effectiveness in meeting community needs. It is designed to help organizations and communities leverage the greatest resource for strengthening families and building healthy and connected communities...its people. Go to: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/neighborng> .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\* November 22** -The **Chinese Progressive Association** is holding a “Healthy Environment for the Home” drawing contest for youth ages 8-17. Entries must be postmarked by November 22. For additional information call Chris Chan or Mae Lee (212) 274-2891.

**\*\* December 1** – From 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., 135 East 22 Street, the School of Public Affairs/Center for Educational Leadership and Nonprofit Programs at Baruch College will sponsor a presentation by Moises Perez who will speak about his experience as Executive Director of Alianza Dominicana. RSVP by email: [nonprofit\\_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu) or phone: (212) 802-2988.

**\*\*December 10 -The Support Center for Nonprofit Management** invites you to *Meet the Arts Funders in New York* from 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at The Fashion Institute of Technology, West 27 Street, between 7th & 8th Aves. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply and compete for a \$1,000 General Operating Grant. Funders Panel Fee Scale (based on agency's annual budget): Under \$200,000 = \$55, \$200,000-\$999,999 = \$90, \$1 million or more = \$125. To register, or for more information, go to: <http://www.supportcenteronline.org> .

A program of the **Broad Foundation**, the *Broad Residency in Urban Education* provides an opportunity for private-sector leaders who are not currently working in public education to train and prepare for central-office positions in urban school districts throughout the country. Each resident will be paid \$80,000 to \$90,000 a year for the two years of the program. Applicants must have an MBA, JD, or MPP with a minimum of 4 years work experience. For 2005-07, the program seeks to place up to twenty-five residents in urban school districts. The application deadline for early consideration is February 1, 2005; the final-round deadline is March 1, 2005. For complete program information, view: <http://www.broadresidency.org/background.shtml> .

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Information on scholarships and student support services, including financial aid, is available online at the **New York State Education Department** Web site. Please visit: <http://usny.nysed.gov/grants/scholarship.html> .

**Blockbuster** rewards students by giving free rentals for good grades. Students in grades K-8, with an A or B average on their report cards, can present their report cards to receive one free Blockbuster Favorite rental at their neighborhood Blockbuster store. Go to their Web site at: <http://www.blockbuster.com/corporate/displayAboutBlockbusterDetails.action?articleId=1082958#CGG>.

In March, during its 2005 National Conference in Washington, DC, **The Child Welfare League of America** will present its sixth annual *Kids to Kids National Service Award*. This year's contest will focus on the effect of violence on children and youth and what they have done to address this issue in their communities. The nominee's submission may be in the form of an essay, poem, video, photograph or artwork. The application deadline is December 31, 2004. For more information, go to: <http://www.cwla.org/programs/positiveyouth/K2Knomination.htm>.

The **Guardian Life Insurance Company** has launched the *Girls Going Places Scholarship Program*, recognizing entrepreneurial girls ages 12 to 18. The nomination period ends February. Complete information and nomination forms are available at: <http://www.girlsgoingplaces.com/> .

The *Holocaust Memorial Project* sponsored by the **Holland & Knight Foundation** is a national essay contest for high school students. Students compete for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. and scholarships up to \$5,000. Official contest rules and an online teacher's guide are available at <http://www.holocaust.hklaw.com> .

College-bound high school seniors can win \$20,000 through **Urban America's Best and Brightest Scholarship Contest**. Application deadline is November 24th. <http://www.collegebroadband.com/Mike/contest/pcontest.html>

The **Yes I Can! Foundation for Exceptional Children** has established its *International Awards Program* to honor the achievements of children and youth with disabilities in the areas of: academics, arts, athletics, community service, employment, extracurricular activities, independent living skills, self-advocacy and technology. Nominees must be 2-21 years old. For forms and guidelines, go to: <http://yesican.sped.org/awards/index.html> .