

# NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

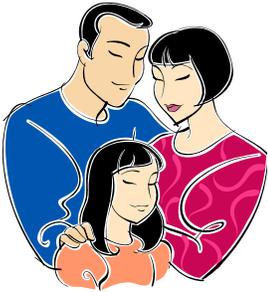
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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **NEW! Minneapolis Parents Facebook:**

One of the goals is to engage parents from all backgrounds and neighborhoods. Spread the word to immigrant families that they are a vital part of this online group.

If you share this with parents orally, tell them to search "[Minneapolis Parents](#)" on Facebook.

### **New Financial Aid Toolkit**

The U.S. Department of Education announced the launch of an online "one-stop shop" aimed at guidance counselors and other advisers, such as staff or volunteers at community-based organizations, who assist students through the process of selecting and financing their higher education. The Financial Aid Toolkit is available [here](#).

### **Guide to Starting a Youth Program**

This guide developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Family and Youth Services Bureau, National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, provides information for adults and teens interested in starting a youth-serving non-profit. The guide walks users through four distinct stages, each including interactive videos and helpful tools. To learn more about the guide, visit [Starting a Youth Program](#). You can also share your ideas at [Youth Engagements & Partnerships](#) of how organizations can effectively engage youth as partners.

### **Developing "Connecting" Skills through Youth Development and Leadership**

"Connecting" skills such as positive social behaviors, strong relationships, and good attitudes, are competencies that can be learned through facets of youth development and leadership programs. [Learn more](#).

## EVENTS

### **Free Webinar: Mentoring Youth: Tips for Getting Started and Staying Motivated**

January 28, 2014, 12PM - 1PM CST

In this webinar participants will learn about the benefits of youth mentoring, the differences between formal and informal mentoring, factors that contribute to effective mentoring, how to start or connect with a mentoring program, resources to find a mentoring program near you. [Register Now!](#)

### **FREE Workshop: K-12 Parent Advocacy Workshop: Learn Your Rights and Responsibilities in Your Child's Education**

Feb. 8, 10:00AM - 2:00PM, MPS Davis Center, Minneapolis

\* Childcare, breakfast and lunch provided

\* Presented in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Somali

The Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program (PREP), an initiative of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, supports student success by empowering parents to become stronger advocates for their children through learning about their educational rights and building skills to take effective action for children. Find flyers in Hmong, Somali, Spanish and English at [Parental Readiness](#).

### **Minneapolis PARTNERS for Youth Conference**

Feb. 14, 8:30AM - 4:30PM, Minneapolis Convention Center

Conference Themes: \*Strengthening the Field of Youth Work \*Reframing Youth Violence Prevention \*Equity & Cultural Competency \*Youth Worker Resources & Self Care. Invitation and registration form [here](#).

### **Youth Work Regional Forum - Central Minnesota: Social and Emotional Learning: From Understanding to Action**

Mar. 13, 9AM - 3PM, U of M Landscape Arboretum

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and beverage breaks)

Join your youth work colleagues to explore youth work professional development topics. [Register here](#).

### **Minneapolis Teen Job Fair**

April 26, Noon-3PM, Central Library, downtown MPLS

Teens connect with businesses and organizations for information about jobs, employment training, internships and volunteer opportunities. Teens can also attend a "Get a Job Now" workshop for tips on how to find and land a job, and a "Who We Hire" panel where managers describe what they look for in employees. [Learn more](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

### Tobacco Compliance Position

The City of Minneapolis License and Consumer Service Division is recruiting teenagers 15-17.5 years of age to conduct tobacco compliance checks in the City. A tobacco compliance check consists of a teenager entering a store that sells tobacco and requesting to purchase tobacco products. If underage teens are allowed to purchase tobacco, the business and clerk are cited for violating the law. Teens are supervised at all times by experienced inspectors. Teens must meet the following requirements:

- Have a picture identification card (State ID, permit or driver's license).
- Fill out an application (this can be obtained by calling 612-673-2080 or is attached to this email).

Teens will be paid \$8.00 per hour. Hours are limited and intermittent (most compliance checks are done on school holidays, summers and a minimal number of evenings). Transportation will be provided if the teen lives within the Minneapolis city limits. On the job training is provided. For more info, call Mohamed Ismail at 612-673-3904. See attached application.

### ALL ABOUT BIKES APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Venture north is currently accepting applications for All about Bikes; our bike mechanic apprenticeship program for young people ages 15-23. Apprentices gain the skills and experience equivalent to one season of employment in a professional bike shop and can apply to work at Venture North or other shops or positions. Application [apply here](#).

### MPRB Seeking Youth for Village Parks Program

Selected Minneapolis youth, ages 14-18 will:

- \*Meet weekly to explore Minneapolis' diverse Languages and cultures
- \*Assist in summer programs for children in Minneapolis parks
- \*Spend a week learning a new language at Concordia Language Villages
- \*Connect to a summer employment opportunity
- \*Build leadership skills

See attached application with a due date of Jan. 30

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## ADULT EMPLOYMENT

### Urban Scholars

The City of Minneapolis is accepting applications for the 2014 Urban Scholars program, a summer internship and leadership development program for college students interested in public service careers. The program aims to help young people from diverse backgrounds build their professional and leadership skills. Last year, 17 Urban Scholars were chosen from more than 135 applicants. The undergraduate and graduate students selected worked in key areas of City government. In the long run, the City hopes to develop a group of young talent who will someday be the next generation of City leaders. [Find out more!](#) The deadline for applications is March 3, 2014.

### AchieveMpls Is Hiring Talented Trainers

For 3 & 4-week STEP-UP work readiness trainings in March and April. Pays \$19/hr! Check out this great short-term opportunity to work with amazing young people in Minneapolis [here](#). Apply by February 7. Any questions, please contact Emmy Higgs Matzner at or 612-455-1535 or [EHiggsMatzner@achievempls.org](mailto:EHiggsMatzner@achievempls.org)

