

# NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

January 31, 2014

Produced at City of Minneapolis Employment & Training

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/metp/index.htm](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/metp/index.htm)



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Summer Reads Program

The Minnesota Literacy Council is seeking partners for its Summer Reads program to provide literacy tutors to children in grades K-3 (entering K-4) this summer. Summer Reads, an AmeriCorps VISTA program, aims to reduce the decline of literacy skills in low-income children over the summer months. Summer Reads VISTA members serve full-time at one or more host sites for 8 weeks: from June 6-Aug. 1 in greater MN\* (required Pre-Service Orientation June 6), and in the Twin Cities metro area from June 9-Aug. 1\* (required Pre-Service Orientation June 9-10). If interested, complete the online application by Feb. 14. Info and application at [Minnesota Literacy Council](http://Minnesota Literacy Council).



### Our City, Our Schools: Data and Testing

Our City, Our Schools (OCOS) is a series of free public forums designed to help the community get better informed and engaged in current public education issues. This year we're partnering with Minneapolis Public Schools to reach a broader audience by co-hosting six forums that coincide with MPS area and specific cultural / language group meetings. For more information, and to register, visit [Achievempls](http://Achievempls). Contact Cassandra Fenelon at 612.455.1570 or [cfenelon@achievempls.org](mailto:cfenelon@achievempls.org) if you have questions.

### Paul Meunier Named YIPA's New Executive Director

Paul is YIPA's current Director of Services. He will begin his new position on June 1, 2014. According to Paul Ramsour, President of YIPA's Board of Directors, "Since joining YIPA's staff in 2011, Paul has brought a new level of energy and passion, as well as a burst of ideas to the association. We know that he will continue to be energetic and creative as YIPA's Executive Director". If you wish to share your thoughts with Paul, he can be reached Scott at [Paul@mnyipa.org](mailto:Paul@mnyipa.org) or 763-434-4190.

## EVENTS

### Free Summit: Solutions Not Suspensions

Feb. 12, 9:00AM-2:00PM, North Minneapolis YMCA, 1711 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis  
A day for 7-12 grade students to focus on how students and staff can work together to transform discipline in their schools to improve behavior and responses for everyone. Students will brainstorm fair and equitable responses for inappropriate behavior and create action plans, so they can be involved with their school administration to advocate for and/or implement equitable, supportive discipline policies & practices. Individuals [register here](#). Schools and groups [register here](#). Breakfast and lunch provided!

### 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](#).

### Honoring Our Common Heritage and Promoting Solidarity – Featuring Naomi Tutu

Feb. 21, Saint Paul Central High School, 6:00-7:30PM  
[Register Today!](#) Everyone is welcome!  
Join Youthprise and other community partners for a Community Forum to promote solidarity within and among Minnesota's Pan-African population. This youth-directed forum will embrace the diversity, insight, resourcefulness, and energy of today's youth and will feature a range of presentations and performances by local youth involved in out-of-school time programs. For more information, visit: [Youthprise](http://Youthprise).

### BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR AFTERSCHOOL

A Hennepin Countywide Summit for Policymakers, Youth Leaders & Stakeholders  
Feb. 27, 8:00AM-12:00PM, Breakfast begins at 7:30AM  
6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
• Engage with other Afterschool Champions and Expand networks. • Connect afterschool opportunities With school success and life success for children and youth. • Understand the impact of systems building on outcomes, quality and access. • Identify resources needed to support Afterschool Champions in the broader community. For more information, [follow this link](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

### Digital Empowerment Academy on Saturdays

For youth between the ages of 14-18  
Saturdays, Northside YMCA, Feb.15 -June 7, 12-3PM  
Learn how to code/make your own Apps!  
Lunch served @ each session. iPad provided  
Application Deadline Friday, February 14th  
Questions contact: [Lanise.block@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Lanise.block@mpls.k12.mn.us)  
or 612.668.5318  
<http://www.digitalempowermentacademy.org/>



### MIGIZI Communications

New program pairs students who are writing a business plan of their choosing, with an unpaid internship in the local community. To learn more, call: Matthew Peterson at 612.721.6631 Ext. 224

## ADULT EMPLOYMENT

### Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR)

There are 2 exempt, full-time vacancies to be filled in the NCR Department - one Southeast Asian Community Specialist and one East African Community Specialist. For a full job description, application details, and to apply online, visit <http://www.MinneapolisMn.Gov/jobs/>  
If you'd like to submit your application and resume through USPS, contact Joel Lampe at 612-673-2282 or [Joel.Lampe@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Joel.Lampe@minneapolismn.gov).  
Applications are due by Friday, February 7, 2014.

### Family Means Has Job Openings

Part-Time Nutrition Educator for 5-18 year- olds  
FT/PT Mental Health Professionals  
Youth Development Apprentice PT position  
Short-Term School-Age Care Coordinator Position.  
[Information and Applications Here.](#)