

NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minneapolis PARTNERS for Youth Conference

The fourth annual Minneapolis PARTNERS for Youth Conference, held Feb. 14, was an overwhelming success, attracting 350 youth work professionals from 90 organizations.

A diverse and dynamic group of speakers and panelists provided in-depth insight, as well as practical tools for youth workers, during two plenary sessions and 15 workshops. The conference's four themes, expressed priorities of youth workers, included: "Strengthening the Field of Youth Work," Reframing Youth Violence Prevention," "Equity & Cultural Competency," and "Youth Worker Resources and Self Care."

Mayor Hodges proclaimed Feb. 14 as Youth Worker Appreciation Day to serve as a reminder of the great work done in Minneapolis to serve youth.

The conference was sponsored by Minneapolis Employment and Training, Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

[View conference pictures and Tweets.](#) Conference materials (agenda, presenter bios and workshop handouts [here](#)).



Culturally Responsive Youth Work Panel: Julie Graves, Natalie Johnson Lee, Tricia Wilkinson, Chiffon Potter, Yolanda Martinez-Pineda, Terrall Lewis and Amged Yusuf.

EVENTS

[Webinar: Growing Up Girl: Adolescent Development and the Unique Issue Facing Girls](#)

Feb. 25, 2014 2-3:30 PM CST

After completing this webinar, participants will have a basic understanding of developmental issues for adolescent girls that will support more effective work with girls and young women ages 12 to 18.

"Heading Home Hennepin" Brown Bag Lunch

A-GRAD and a new study of County Involved Youth Feb. 26, Noon - 1:00, Simpson Shelter, 2740 1st Ave. S. Kimberly Spates, Director, A-GRAD initiative (Accelerating Graduation by Reducing Achievement Disparities) at Hennepin Co. will speak about a study of 3,557 youth involved in county services and how this study relates to the work of A-GRAD.

courageousheARTS Open House

Mar. 1, 11AM-3PM, 4164 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis Join us for an open house, all-ages party to celebrate our love of art! We'll have group projects for friends and families to work on together, information about volunteer opportunities and programming, as well as some snacks and refreshments. Free will donations will be accepted to support the on-going work of courageous heARTS.

Youth Work Regional Forum - Central Minnesota

Mar. 13, 8:30AM – 3PM, U of M Landscape Arboretum

- Keynote: "Social and Emotional Learning: From understanding to action" by Dr. Dale Blyth
- World Cafe discussion
- Lunch and networking
- Breakout workshops \$25 incl. Arboretum admission, lunch and beverage breaks

Choose among the following workshops:

- Youth engagement through service-learning
- Strengthening reflective learning
- Teaching cultural understanding to middle-school youth
- Ethical dilemmas in youth work
- Working effectively with diverse youth in OST programs
- Youth participatory evaluation

For front-line youth workers and organizational leaders
For more information, contact Judith Conway,
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MORE EVENTS

Nominate Youth for [Red Wagon Award](#)

The Red Wagon Awards, sponsored by the MN Alliance with Youth recognizes those young people who have demonstrated any or all of the following:

- Increased academic achievement
- Civic engagement and service
- Exemplary leadership

Nominations are due by April 1, 2014.

[Juvenile Records in Minnesota](#)

The Council on Crime and Justice has a new publication, "Juvenile Records in Minnesota" to provide a "one stop" source of information on the consequences of juvenile records for youth, parents, and professionals working with youth. The report outlines how juvenile records are created, maintained and accessed and when records are public and private.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Tree Trust Now Hiring

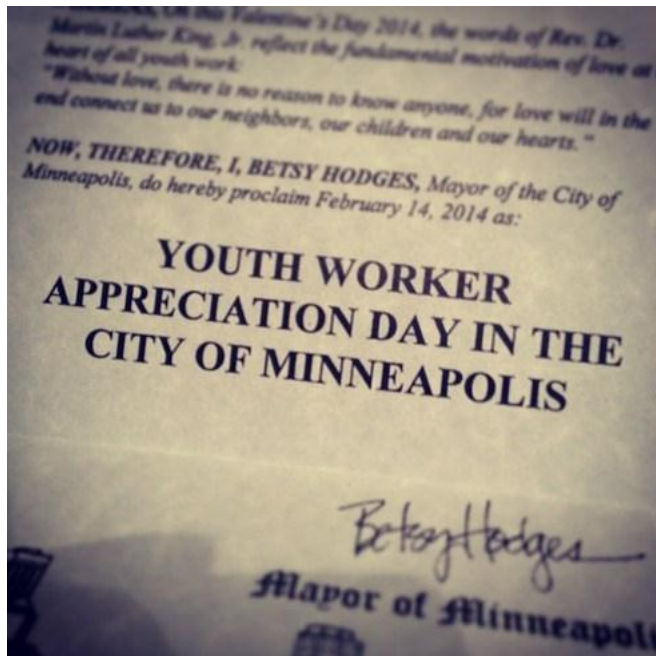
For 18-21 year olds who live in Hennepin County but not in Minneapolis. See attached flyer.

MINNEAPOLIS TEEN JOB FAIR

Saturday, April 26, 2014, Noon-3:00 p.m.

Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

[Check out the website!](#)



[2014 Community Connections Conference \(FREE!\)](#)

March 22, 8:00AM-4:30PM, Mpls. Convention Center
"Common Ground: A City that Works for All" explores ways we can hone our organizational and communication skills, better understand how we can work with and influence city government, and build broad-based efforts that involve all segments of our increasingly diverse neighborhoods and community-at-large.

Keynote address by Dr. Verna Cornelia Price, over 35 workshops and a post-conference social gathering.

Conference workshops are organized around 4 themes:

- Making the City Work for Me: Helping Residents Better Understand and Influence City Government
- Thinking Bigger: Collaborations Will Get You There
- Finding Common Ground: Gathering Diverse Communities around the Table to Share Common Goals
- Running an Effective Organization: Managing Your Work, Finances and Communications

Questions? Contact Cheyenne Brodeen at 612-673-3737.

Hosted by the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department.

Promoting Positive Youth Development

Thursday, March 27th & Friday March 28th, Bemidji, MN
Evergreen's annual conference brings together youth-serving professionals and parents to share information, network, and learn from each other.

Find information and registration [here](#).

Global Youth Service Day

April 12, 2 – 5PM, Mall of America

Each year, the MN Alliance with Youth serves as lead agency for GYSD, collaborating with Delta Dental of MN and Youth Service America. The event, a celebration of youth who engage in service-learning, is for children of all ages and their families, and features youth performers, entertainment, prizes, and on-site service projects. Please R.S.V.P. and register your service projects.

[Find out more!](#)

ADULT VOLUNTEER

[Wilder Foundation Volunteer Opportunities](#)