

NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

YCB's Downtown Youth Worker Team Receives Chief's Merit Award for Outstanding Service

Chief Janee Harteau and the Minneapolis Police Department recognized the Youth Coordinating Board's (YCB) Downtown Youth Workers and Shane Zahn, the Downtown Improvement District's (DID) Director of Safe Initiatives. Over the summer of 2013, they worked together with the First Precinct, the DID, Metro Transit Police, and others, to ensure the safety of everyone while downtown. The team's strategies resulted in a 42% reduction in juvenile crime, an 8% decrease in overall crime, an 11% decrease for late night violent crime and many results that cannot be measured – such as ensuring a safe way home for youth or referring them to outreach agencies.

Shane and Pam McBride (YCB) have begun planning for the warm weather months this year.



Members of honored group pictured: (l-r) James Everett, Jernell McLane, Byron Hawkins, Johnell Hallman, Terrall Lewis, (front row) Sarah Klouda, Tameika Williams, Evan Barnett, (back row) Wendell Johnson, and Darryl Young
Members not pictured: Latoya Balogun, Akim Anderson, Tangene Hayslett, Amged Yusuf, Dave Marcotte and DID Partner, Shane Zahn

Nominate Public Health Heroes

In celebration of National Public Health Week, the Minneapolis Health Department will recognize the community partners whose service to public health activities transforms and strengthens the lives of our residents and visitors. Nominate individuals or organizations [here](#).

EVENTS

courageousheARTS Open House

Mar. 1, 11 AM-3 PM, 4164 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis
An open house/ all-ages party to celebrate our love of art!

Girls in Leadership: Hawthorne Huddle

Mar. 6, 7:30-8:45 AM, Continental breakfast @7:15 AM
Farview Park, 621 29 Ave N-just off of Lyndale Ave.
A panel (Girl Scouts, YWCA, Project Diva, and Girls in Action) will share how they are developing leadership skills in girls and specifically, how programming is making a difference in the lives of young girls on the north side. After remarks, questions from the audience.

[Youth Work Regional Forum - Central Minnesota](#)

Mar. 13, 8:30 AM – 3 PM, U of M Landscape Arboretum
\$25 incl. Arboretum admission, lunch and beverage breaks. 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 info: conw0076@umn.edu or 651-480-7792

[2014 Community Connections Conference](#)

March 22, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mpls. Convention Center
FREE! 35 workshops & a post-conference social gathering
The conference theme – Common Ground: A City That Works for All - aims to explore ways we can hone our organizational and communication skills, better understand how we can work with and influence city government, and build broad efforts that involve all segments of our diverse community. Hosted by City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations.

[Youth Day at the Capitol: April 10, 2014](#)

Youth Day at the Capitol educates policy makers about the issues that face Minnesota's youth and the need for a comprehensive approach to youth policy. To participate, simply set up a meeting with your Legislator(s) and arrange to bring some youth with you to the Capitol on April 10, 2014. Find all the information and resources you need to make your experience positive [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Free Horizons Youth STEM Training (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) SciGirls

Mar. 1, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sabathani Community Center, Rm 323, "3rd Level", 310 East 38 St. S, Mpls. Evidence-based practices in STEM education for girls and boys, SciGirls' videos, online resources, hands-on activities and professional development to inspire, enable, and maximize STEM learning/participation for all girls, encouraging greater interest in STEM careers. [On-line registration](#) is required. Questions: contact Bobby Lay at 612-821-2329.

Valley Fair Job Fair at EMERGE

Mar. 6, Noon-5:00 PM, EMERGE, 1101 W Broadway Prescreening applications and interviews will be done by EmergeWORKS. Final interviews will be held the following week by Valleyfair staff.

*Over 1,600 positions open: Food Service, Ride Operators, Landscaping, Warehouse, Security, Lifeguards, Clerical + more! *Positions start in May *Available for ages 16+ *Receive a bonus at the end of the summer *Transportation available to and from work through Emerge Community Development! More info: 612-787-3771 or info@emergeworks.org

Celebrate NanoDays™ 2014

April 5, 1-5 PM, Sabathani Community Center SELF International in cooperation with NISE Net, (Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network) the Science Museum of Minnesota, and the Horizon Youth Program is presenting the third annual NanoDay event at Sabathani Community Center. NanoDays includes: *Hands-on activities *Meet Nano Scientists and University researchers *How Nano Science effects You and your world every Day *Preview of new Science Program at Sabathani *Opportunity to pre-register for future projects Free for all Elementary and Middle School age students and their families. Refreshments will be served. Reservations appreciated, but not required. Contact: Bobby Lay at boblay@Sabathani.org or 612-821-2329

Global Youth Service Day

April 12, 2-5 PM, Mall of America A celebration of youth who engage in service-learning. For children of all ages and their families. Featuring youth performers, entertainment, prizes, and on-site service projects. [Learn more.](#)

MINNEAPOLIS TEEN JOB FAIR

Saturday, April 26, 2014, Noon-3:00 PM Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis [Check out the website!](#)

ADULT TRAINING

[PACER Workshops](#)

Find dozens of upcoming free PACER workshop in Minnesota for parents of children with disabilities and the professionals working with families. Workshop topics include areas of interest in special education, including information on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) program, early childhood, the area of transition for students 14-21 (housing, post-secondary, employment, community), assistive technology, and more!

Infant Toddler Care & Education: Lessons Learned

2 Days, 2 Events, Mar. 7 & 8, Pohlad Hall Auditorium, Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. The Reggio-Inspired Network of Minnesota (RINM) and the U of M's Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) welcome early childhood development expert Dr. Carolyn Pope Edwards for a two-day conference. Friday's focus is on "Infant & Toddler Care" and Saturday's is "The Role of the Teacher." [Register](#) for either, or both days.

Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse: Children and Communities at Risk: National Expert Carol Falkowski

Mar. 11, 9:30-11:30 AM, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Minneapolis, MN, 2 CEHs Clinical Education Hours, \$69! Scholarships available for parents of school age children to attend for free! Sponsored by MN Assoc. for Children's Mental Health. [Register here.](#)

Dilemmas in Youth Work - Online Course

April 14-May 14: Dig into youth work challenges and issues and examine ways to respond to real-life dilemmas. Participants will spend 3-5 hours per week (up to 15 hours total) doing both interactive group activities and individual self-paced learning. Participants will *Explore dilemmas identified by youth workers *Work with peers to develop strategies for addressing dilemmas in their work, and *Increase their confidence and ability to address dilemmas in their work with young people. Visit the [website](#) for more info and to register. Questions? Contact, Kate@ 612-624-7988 or kcwalker@umn.edu.

ADULT EMPLOYMENT

Mississippi River Green Team (MRGT) Supervisors

MRGT is looking for two supervisors for a diverse youth conservation corps and employment program. The MRGT is a unique partnership between the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, STEP-UP and the MPRB. A position description is attached. Please share.

Hiawatha Academies Positions

Check out the Hiawatha Academies [Website](#) for current openings and for 2014-2015 school year positions.