

NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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YOUTH WORK PROFILES

The Minneapolis Police Activities League (PAL)

PAL was created to reduce youth crime and violence by engaging police officers in mentorship roles with young people. PAL offers free activities like sports, a summer fitness program, Shop with a Cop, Homework Helper, and Waterpark Wednesdays. PAL's current goal is to spread awareness about the effects of bullying via a seminar for children that provides them with the tools to help stop it. [Visit PAL's website.](#)



PAL Coaches Tracy Brown (back L), Bobby Braschka (back R)

Coach Tracy Brown has been with PAL three years and is the head coach for 14 & under basketball. Tracy was born and raised in Chicago and went to Washington Park High school in Racine, Wisconsin. He played semi-professional football for the Racine Raiders and won two championships (1992 & 1993). Tracy also coached for MPRB for 14 years. Tracy credits his mother for his inspiration to work hard and give back.

Coach Bobby Braschka has coached for PAL since Dec. 2013 but his coaching expertise spans over ten years. He is currently assisting with the 14 and under basketball team (shown). Bobby has been an executive chef at Supportive Living Solutions, a homeless residence for the mentally ill and chemically dependent for the past 11 years. Bobby learned team work at Washburn High School in Minneapolis where he played varsity offensive tight end and varsity golf.

EVENTS

Webinar: Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)

Mar. 19, noon-1:30pm: A statewide conversation and webinar to share what you are planning, hear from others around the state, and hear what's happening new from PCAMN this year (including hearing about our new name: Minnesota Communities Caring for Children). [Register](#)

Youth Tobacco Community Conversation

Mar. 19, 5:30-7pm, Doty Board Room, Downtown Library
The Minneapolis Youth Congress is taking on tobacco and invites youth and community leaders to take part in the discussion. See attached flyer.

Free SEARCH Institute Webinar: Strengths to Make It Through: How Families Can Grow Together through Everyday Challenges... and Big Stuff

Mar. 19, 12PM - 1PM, CST, The 1st of a 5-part webinar series examining the practical implications of SEARCH's framework of family strengths, based on The American Family Assets Study. [More info here.](#)

YouthCARE Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 22, 9-11:30AM, Van Cleve Park, 901 15 Ave. SE
\$5 donation to raise money for the 2014 Lock-In.
Questions? Call 612-338-1233 or [email Sondra.](#)

GED 2014 OPEN HOUSE

Mar. 24, 1-4 PM, Mpls. Adult Education Center, 2225 East Lake St., Minneapolis, MN. Visit the new Pearson VUE GED Test Center. Staff is available to answer questions about the new testing procedures and the 2014 GED Test content. See attached GED Testing Info Flyer. Visit ged.com, a resource that you may visit before the open house.

RENEW Minneapolis Hiring and Resource Event

April 2, 9AM-1PM, Brian Coyle Center, 420 15 Ave S., Mpls.
All Minneapolis residents seeking employment opportunities and up-to-date training information can attend!
For more info, contact pat.behrend@minneapolismn.gov

Rights of Undocumented Parents & Students, Education as a Civil Right

April 12, Richard Green Central School, 3416 4th Ave. S.
Registration 9:30-10am, Workshops 10am - 2pm. Child-care, breakfast and lunch provided. Workshops presented in English, Spanish, Hmong. [More info here.](#)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

[Minneapolis Health Department PeaceMaker Award](#)

Nominate anyone promoting peace and non-violence in Minneapolis schools. 3 cash prizes (\$500-\$2,000) will be awarded. Winners receive a certificate and a cash prize for their school. Nominations through March 21.

Jefferson Awards: Lead360 Challenge

Submit youth service projects and possibly earn local, regional, and national recognition! Prizes include Jefferson Award certificates, trips to Washington DC, and even Super Bowl Tickets! See the attached flyer.

YouthCARE Executive Director, Craig Luedemann Recognized as a Local Legend: January 20

Craig Luedemann was honored as a Local Legend at General Mills Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast. The award is presented annually to community leaders who "represent Dr. King's vision and legacy: a testament that a dream is a growing reality." Craig accepted the award in front of over 2,000 community members and leaders including Governor Mark Dayton; Senators Franken and Klobuchar; Mayors Coleman and Hodges, former Mayor Rybak, and many others. Forty YouthCARE staff, Board members, and longtime friends were also in attendance.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Scrubs Camps: Winona State University, Augsburg College and Saint Paul College

Scrubs Camps increase students' awareness of careers in the health sciences through a camp experience that is fun, interactive, and educational. See attached flyer. A limited number of scholarships are available on a first come basis. Download info and materials [here](#).
??? Contact Health-Force MN, 507.280.5034.

[2014 Minnesota Summer Camp Guide](#)

It's not too early to get camp plans in place. To avoid waiting lists and last-minute scrambles, check out the numerous ideas here. Kids can learn how to program robots, play chess, speak Chinese or dance hip-hop style, among other enrichment options.

Overnight Art Camp 2014: ESNS

Professional art educators facilitate customized, hands-on, studio-like, outdoor education. Registration is Open – Limited Spots available. See attached flyer or visit [ESNS website](#).

14th Annual Latino Youth Peace and Leadership Conference: "Cultivating My Well-Being"

May 9, 8:45am-3pm, Augsburg College, More info TBA.

MORE EVENTS

Webinar: Girls and Substance Abuse: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities: April 22

[Register here](#) for the 3rd webinar in the 6-part series of Girls Matter! , a webinar series addressing adolescent girls' behavioral health, current trends in adolescent girls' substance use and a discussion of effective strategies for intervention, treatment, and support for girls.

ADULT EMPLOYMENT

[Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery](#)

FT Family Services Manager
FT 4th Day Family Home Visitor
Child Care Provider

[Northside Achievement Zone](#)

Seeking Human Resources Generalist

The Minneapolis Health Department: AmeriCorps VISTA

Assist with development and implementation of a hospital-based intervention program for youth victims of violent assault injuries, coordination of training around youth violence prevention for medical professionals and community partners, and building community capacity. 12 month, full-time, June 2014-June 2015. Must have a college degree by service beginning, be US citizen, nationals, or legal resident, and pass a criminal background check. Cannot be employed in any other paid position while serving as a VISTA member. Receive a bi-weekly living allowance, health coverage, and an education award of end-of-service stipend. [More details here](#). The deadline to apply as a VISTA is April 11th.

ADULT VOLUNTEER

Latino Youth Peace and Leadership Conference

May 9, 8:45am-3:00pm, Augsburg College
Seeking adult volunteers who are proficient in Spanish and English to help facilitate small group discussions at this conference. Volunteers can attend all conference events, eat free lunch, and meet some great youth and community leaders the Twin Cities. The Latino Youth Peace and Leadership Conference, planned by and for Latino middle school and high school youth, promotes youth development, leadership, and positive identity while enabling participants to see their role as peace-makers and learn individual actions to share with their families, schools, and neighborhoods. More info and sign-up [here](#), or call 612-872-6165.