NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Minneapolis PARTNERS with Youth The annual Minneapolis PARTNERS with Youth conference will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015. Invitations will be sent to all of this newsletter's subscribers in early January.

Youth Jobs Program Tied to Drop in Violent Crime

A Chicago summer jobs program that engaged mentors to help troubled kids stay on track is linked to a big reduction in youth arrests for violent crimes. The results suggest that a low-cost public program can reap big benefits. Read the whole story in the <u>Pioneer Press</u>.

Delta Dental "Serve a Smile" Mini Grants

The Delta Dental Foundation is offering over \$25,000 in mini-grants to Minnesota youth-led service/service-learning projects that address oral health or health issues. Minigrant awards of up to \$1,000 will support youth affiliated with schools and youth-serving community organizations. Find more information here. Submissions are due electronically by Jan. 23, 4pm. Contact Annie Himmelsteib.

Americorps Promise Fellow Applications

Applications to serve as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, or host a Promise Fellow(s) in 2015-16 are now available online. Applications to SERVE are due Jan. 15. Applications to HOST are due Jan. 15 for returning sites, and Jan. 31 for new sites. To learn more, contact Kori Redepenning.

Seeking Summer Reads VISTA Partner Sites

The Minnesota Literacy Council is looking for new and returning programs to host Summer Reads VISTA members for Summer 2015. This program, aims to reduce the decline of literacy skills in low-income children over the summer months and fight the "summer slide". Find more info here.

Youth Worker Action Requested - READ! SIGN! SUPPORT! Ignite After-school is mobilizing stakeholders in support of high-quality after-school and summer learning opportunities for young people. Get involved. Here's how:

- 1. Read Ignite Afterschool's Policy Platform
- 2. Sign the Statement of Support to become a Platform supporter, either as an individual or as an organization.
- 3. Write a <u>Letter of Support</u> laying out the reasons your organization supports the Platform and increased public funding for afterschool programs

EVENTS

Community Events Calendar

Find community meetings and events on the Minneapolis Community Events Calendar. Also, share information on events or activities you would like to distribute.

Shaping a Framework for Quality Afterschool Discussions: Native Youth Workers Circle

Dec. 12, 10:30am-noon, Div. of Indian Work, 1001 E. Lake Eastside Youth Practitioners

Dec. 17, 11am-12:30pm, Bottineau Park, 2000 2nd St. NE YCB Minneapolis Afterschool is engaging youth program stakeholders in shaping the next draft of a city and state framework. Your voice in this process is critical to representing your organization. See attached flyer "Special Invitation to all Mpls. Youth Workers".

Free Immigration Forum for Spanish Speaking Parents

Dec. 13, 10am-12pm, Roosevelt High, 4029 28 Ave. S. Learn about President Obama's Executive Orders on immigration. See flyer in Spanish.

Native Youth Workers Circle January Meeting

Jan. 8, 10:30-noon, Div. of Indian Work, 1001 E. Lake St. Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

Southside Youth Workers January Meeting

Jan. 8, noon-1:30pm, Pillsbury House, 3501 Chicago Ave. Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

Northside Youth Work Collaborative January Meeting Jan. 13, 4-5:30pm, Farview Park, 621 North 29th Ave. Speaker: Ed Irwin, Oak Park Community Ctr. – Family

Engagement curriculum using social-emotional learning principles and positive youth development concepts.

Eastside Youth Work Practitioners January Meeting

Jan. 21, 11am – noon, ESNS, 1700 Second Street NE Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

Fix-It Tech Events

Friday, January 30, 10am 2pm, Takoda Institute – AIOIC 1845 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, 55404 If your computer or laptop is slow, not working, or seems to have a virus, bring it in for free tech support! Find out about this event, and more here.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

STEP-UP Application Available December 15!

The application will be online until Feb. 18, 2015. Youth that live in Minneapolis and that will be age 14-21 on June 1, 2015, are encouraged to apply. The application takes about 15 minutes and includes a short essay on why they want to participate in STEP-UP. Youth will need to know the following to complete the application:

- •If they are eligible for free or reduced school lunch.
- •Their family's total income for the last 6 months.
- •If they or their family receives any of the following: Food stamps, MFIP/TANF, General Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance or Foster Child Allowance.

All applicants need a unique email address to apply.



2014 STEP-UP interns at Northeast Farmers Market

Minneapolis Teen Job Fair Saturday, April 25, 2015 Noon – 3:00 pm Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall

Steer Your Career: Career Exploration Guide for Twin Cities Youth

Steer Your Career gives a quick look at 75+ programs for career explorers ages 14-21. Find after-school, in-school, summer, and community programs broken down by ages/grades of participants, program level (beginner to advanced), career clusters associated with the opportunity, costs/fees, and program contact information.

ARC Welcomes Teen Volunteers

Visit Arc Greater Twin Cities or call 952-915-3652.

Youth Opportunity Center @ YouthLink December Calendar

ADULT TRAINING

Helping Gifted Children on the Autism Spectrum Succeed Jan. 12, 2015, 7-9pm, Center for Engaging Autism, Hopkins, CEUs and childcare available! Visit Eventbrite for tickets and information.

Youth Work Matters Online Course: U of M Extension

Jan. 12 - Feb. 15, 2015. An in-depth exploration of foundational research and theories of positive youth development.

Leadership Matters Online Course: U of M Extension

Feb. 9 - March 3, 2015. Explore the key issues in supervision and leadership of youth work organizations.

Dilemmas in Youth Work Online: U of M Extension

Feb.16, - March 20, 2015. Examine the various ways to respond to real-life dilemmas of everyday practice

ADULT EMPLOYMENT

On-Call Afterschool Group Leader: Mpls. Community Ed. See attached job description.

<u>Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota 21st Century Program</u> Coordinator

Minneapolis Community Education Seeking PT Youthworker for Afterschool Service Learning Program See attached job description.

Adult Employment & Training Director & More Jobs at ESNS
Fund Development Associate - Hope Community

Minneapolis Public Schools Seeks Substitute Teachers
Need a 4-year college degree & experience in K-12 Submit application here. See more MPS jobs.

Division of Indian Work Seeking Program Coordinator. Find position description <u>here.</u>

City of Minneapolis Job Seeker Bulletin

