

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

**Department of Labor's (DOL) Secretary Chao Announces Grant for At-Risk Native American Youth.** DOL awarded the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe a grant to provide employment and training services to individuals who are at-risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system or ex-offenders. The grant will provide tools and include a mentoring component to help young people transition into stable employment. For more information about this project visit: <http://www.dol.gov>.

**Department of Labor Celebrates Opening of New Job Corps Center.** The Department of Labor announced the opening of the Carville Job Corps Center in Louisiana. It will offer approximately 200 youth, vocational training in several industries including construction, energy and health care. For more information visit: <http://www.jobcorps.doleta.gov>.

**White House Sponsors Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.** The White House along with federal Faith-Based Offices will host a conference in St. Louis on September 14. The purpose of the conference is to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about the Administration's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The Department of Labor will offer a special post conference workshop on September 15. Pre-registration is required and registration must be completed by September 3. For more information visit: <http://www.doleta.gov>.

**GovBenefits Website Offers Parents, School Officials Valuable Back-to-School Information.** The Department of Labor has begun a Back-to-School campaign aimed at highlighting education and school-related benefit programs. To access the website visit: <http://www.GovBenefits.gov>. This website enables citizens to determine their potential eligibility for more than 400 federal benefits programs and more than 200 state benefit programs.

**The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Seeks Extension of Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration.** ETA is proposing an extension of the Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration Net Impact Evaluation. The information collection will provide for a survey which will be completed nine years after the random assignment of youth in the research sample. Full background information is available in the August 26 Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-19514.pdf>.

**National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) to Host PEPNet Institute.** NYEC will host its 6th annual PEPNet Institute, September 13-15 in Washington, DC. The Institute will be held concurrently with YouthBuild USA's Academy for Transformation. For more information about the Institute visit: <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/institute2004>.

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Announces Teen Website.** The SBA announced the unveiling of its new teen entrepreneur website. It is designed for young entrepreneurs who want to start, run or grow their own businesses. For more information visit: <http://www.sba.gov/news/04-41.pdf>.

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Announces Funds for Community Service Block Grants.** The Administration for Children and Families at HHS has announced the availability of a new grant which will fund up to seven capacity-building initiatives. The purpose of the grant is to support capacity building efforts that create or expand asset formation and financial literacy projects. Officially designated Community Action Agencies and community action program under section 673(1) of the Community Services Block Grant Act are eligible to apply. For more information visit: <http://www.Grants.gov>. **Deadline: September 9.**

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Seeks Education Proposals.** The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation provides grants for innovative educational programs. This year the foundation request proposals from non-remedial, out-of-school programs for elementary and middle school students. Up to three grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 will be awarded in the spring 2005. Applicant organizations must have 501(c)(3) status. For additional information visit: <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>. **Deadline: October 15.**

**Starbuck Foundation Offers Grants for Community Literacy Programs.** Starbucks will provide grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to support innovative community literacy programs. Priority is given to proposals that specifically target low-income communities and underprivileged or at-risk youth. Schools serving youth in grades K-6 and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. For more information visit: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>. **Deadline: October 1.**

**Staples Foundation for Learning Offers Educational Grants.** Staples Foundation for Learning is accepting applications for grants for fiscal year 2004. The grants are provided to fund programs that support or provide job skills and education training for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. For more information visit: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org>. **Deadline: September 30.**

### ***Opportunities for Youth and Teachers***

**The Siemens Foundation Announces Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science and Technology.** The Siemens Foundation has developed a competition for students interested in research projects in the following disciplines: science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. Winners will receive scholarships ranging from \$1,000 for regional finalist and to \$100,000 for national winners. High School students within the U.S. are eligible to apply and may compete as individuals or as a member of a group. For more information visit: <http://www.collegeboard.com/article/0,,6-30-0-23619,00.html>. **Deadline: October 1.**

**BRICK Awards to Recognize Community Work of Young People.** The BRICK awards were initiated: (1) to recognize and financially support outstanding young leaders; and (2) to create a network of community leaders across the nation. The program honors youth age 18 and under who have devised and implemented innovative solutions to problems in their communities. Applicants must be 18 years old or younger on April 14, 2005. For more information and to download an application visit: <http://dosomething.org/brick-awards.htm>.

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Technical Assistance Update for August 2004

**Deadline: November 1.**

**Prudential Financial Offers Community Awards.** The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes students in middle and high school who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Applications are solicited through schools, and through officially designated local organizations that serve youth across the country. Youth in grades 5 through 12, who have engaged in a volunteer activity during the twelve months prior to the date of application are eligible. For more information visit: <http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices>. **Student application deadline: October 29.**

**State Farm Companies and Youth Service America Announces Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant.** Youth Service America and State Farm are accepting applications for the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant. This grant is available to teachers, youth and young adults (ages 5-25), and school-based service-learning coordinators. The purpose of the grant is to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day which will be held April 15-17, 2005. One hundred grants of \$1,000 will be available for each winner. For additional information and an application visit: <http://www.ysa.org>. **Deadline: October 18.**

**National Education Association (NEA) Makes Grants Available for Youth Leaders for Literacy Program.** The NEA and Youth Service America will award 20 grants worth \$500 each to youth for student-led initiatives. The joint program is designed to encourage and celebrate literacy service of our nation's young people, and to provide them with resources to conduct reading-related activities that benefit others. Applicants must be 21 years of age or younger and may compete individually or as a group. Award winners will be announced in December 2004. For more information visit: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>. **Deadline: October 22.**

**2004 YouthActionNet Offers Awards for Youth Leaders.** YouthActionNet will provide grants to youth leaders for emerging projects that promote social changes and connect youth with local communities. These youth-led projects should have clearly defined goals and have potential for growth or further replication. YouthActionNet will award ten grants of \$500 each. Grant recipients will be eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. Applicants must be age 18 to 29 and have a leadership role in a youth-led initiative that works to create positive change in their community. Applications must also be written in English. For more information visit: <http://www.youthactionnet.org/>. **Deadline: October 1.**

**The Walt Disney Company Announces the 2005 DisneyHand Teacher Awards.** The Walt Disney Company is now accepting applications to recognize extraordinary teachers, who find creative ways to stimulate curiosity, engage the imagination and pass the joy of learning to each of their students. For more information visit: <http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/learning/teacherawards/nominate.html>. **Deadline: October 15.**

## ***Publications***

**Stronger Schools, Strong Cities.** The National League of Cities developed a survey to obtain information from municipal leaders regarding critical factors affecting America's cities. Responses from the survey formed the basis of the Strong Schools, Strong Cities report. The respondents listed the quality of education high among the critical issues confronting their cities, particularly in addressing the needs of youth. To obtain a copy of the publication visit:  
[http://www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/files/pdf/PAGES\\_MECH\\_0412B.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/files/pdf/PAGES_MECH_0412B.pdf).

**Building Exemplary Systems for Training Youth Workers (BEST) Strengthens Youth Worker Practice.** This report represents the findings from an evaluation of the BEST Initiative. The goals of the initiative are to increase training and education resources for youth workers at the local level and help communities develop professional development systems for training youth workers. The study found youth workers who complete Advancing Youth Development Training are better practitioners of the youth development approach. To obtain a copy of the report visit:  
<http://www.aed.org/ToolsandPublications/upload/best-2.pdf>.

## ***Websites***

**The Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor sponsors Teen Workers Website.** Content on the website is easily accessible, available in English and Spanish, and offer a wealth of information about teen worker safety and health materials for outdoor occupations. Topics covered include safe driving, lawn care, life guarding, construction, parks and recreation, and restaurants. To access the website visit:  
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/teenworkers/index.html>.

**YouthRules! Website** sponsored by the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, provides quick access to information about Federal and State labor laws that apply to young workers. The webpage includes information designed to educate teens, parents, educators and employers about the hours youth can work, the jobs youth can do, and how to prevent workplace injuries. To access the website visit:  
<http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/index.htm>.

**The Promising Practices in Afterschool System (PPAS)** website contains a database of afterschool programs and links to afterschool funding resources. For more information visit:  
<http://www.afterschool.org/funding.cfm>.

**eSchool News.** The eSchool website is a grants-and-funding clearinghouse where individuals can explore information about grant awards and gain insights on grants seeking opportunities. For more information visit: <http://www.eschoolnews.org/erc/funding/>.

**Adolescence Directory On-Line (ADOL).** The website developed by the Center for Adolescent Studies at Indiana University consists of an electronic guide providing information on adolescent issues. Educators, counselors, parents, researchers, health practitioners, and teens can use ADOL to find Web resources on numerous topics. For more information visit:  
<http://education.indiana.edu/cas/adol/adol.html>.

## **Calendar of Events**

**September 13-15. Washington, DC.** YouthBuild. United for Youth Conference. For more information contact (617) 741-1256 or visit: <http://www.youthbuild.org/academy>.

**September 14-16. New Orleans, LA.** National Resource Center for Youth Services. Residential Child and Youth Care Professional Trainer Certification. For more information contact (918) 660-2707 or visit: <http://www.nrcys.ou.edu>.

**September 20-21. Minneapolis, MN.** 2004 Minnesota Mentor Conference. For more information visit: [http://www.mentoringworks.org/Mentor\\_Conference.html](http://www.mentoringworks.org/Mentor_Conference.html).

**September 20-22. Boston, MA.** National College Access Network 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. For more information visit: <http://www.collegeaccess.org/NCAN/>.

**October 4-8. Tulsa, OK.** National Resource Center for Youth Services. Managing Aggressive Behavior, Trainer Certification. For more information contact: (918) 660-3707, [www.nrcys.ou.edu](http://www.nrcys.ou.edu).

**October 8-9 . Atlanta, GA.** Gill Foundation. Nonprofit Navigation. For more information contact (303) 292-4455, or visit: [shaneh@gillfoundation.org](mailto:shaneh@gillfoundation.org).

**October 16. Silver Spring, MD.** Special Needs Special Kids. First Annual Conference. For more information contact (202) 363-1065, or visit: <http://www.specialneedsspecialkids.com/>.

**October 17-20. Grand Rapids, MI.** National Partnership for Juvenile Services. Representing America's Youth: Effective Staff and Programs. For more information contact: (859) 622-6259, or visit: <http://www.njda.com/>.

**October 20-22. Location – TBA.** YouthBuild. Fundamentals of Youth Build. For information contact (617) 741-1256 or visit: <http://www.youthbuild.org/academy>.

**October 30 – November 3. Orlando, FL.** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference. For more information visit: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm>.

**Youth Resource Connections.** The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) does not take responsibility for non endorsed DOL/ETA resources.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have comments contact the: Office of Youth Services at (202) 693-3037 or e-mail [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov) .

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