



The Technical Assistance and Training Program for Mentoring System Involved Youth welcomes you to our monthly E-Newsletter.

We hope the information will be useful to you and we encourage you to share this newsletter with other staff and agencies who are also mentoring system involved youth.

If you find a particular Web site, research article, or helpful fact, we encourage you to send them to us and we will disseminate to the listserv.

Quote of the Month:

To the world, you may just be somebody. But to somebody, you may just might be the world.
~ Unknown



Time for Reform: Aging Out and On their Own

The Pew Charitable Trust, in conjunction with the Jim Casey Youth Organization, released this report as part of their Kids Are Waiting foster care reform campaign. Based on research data and focus group interviews with youth who have aged out or will soon age out of foster care, the report provides the latest state-by-state information about youth who leave foster care. The ten states with the highest percentages of youth who age out are: Virginia, Maine, Illinois, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington DC, Kansas, Massachusetts, West Virginia, and California. Those states, plus Maryland, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Ohio all had more than 10% of their total foster care population "age out" of the system without a permanent family. To download a copy of the full report, please visit http://www.pewtrusts.org/our_work_ektid26082.aspx?category=8.

SafetyNet

Championed by MENTOR and created by Congress, SafetyNET provides mentoring organizations across the country access to nationwide FBI fingerprint searches. It is frequently a more thorough background search than what is otherwise available, ensuring a higher standard for mentor screening and a more effective means of protecting children. The generous support of LifeLock and *Newsweek* will help sustain SafetyNET and expand its visibility through national media exposure. For more information, please visit: <http://apps.mentoring.org/safetynet/index.adp>.

The Dangers of Detention: The Impact of Incarcerating Youth in Detention and Other Secure Facilities

This Justice Policy Institute policy brief examines the consequences of detention on young people, their families, and communities. The report shows that, given the new findings that detaining youth may not make communities safer, the costs of needlessly detaining young people who do not need to be there are simply too high. It points to detention reforms taking hold across the nation. To read the full brief, please visit http://www.cfjj.org/Pdf/116-JPI008-DOD_Report.pdf.

Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Beyond Detention -- System Transformation Through Juvenile Detention Reform

The Annie E. Casey Foundation released this report as part of their Juvenile Detention Alternatives

Initiative Pathways series on juvenile detention reform. It documents the ways in which detention reforms in general – and JDAI's comprehensive reform model in particular -- stimulate and support a broad array of other juvenile justice system improvements. To download a copy of the full report, please visit <http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/Publications.aspx?pubguid={CB481CEA-72CF-424F-BBF6-356C41DDC489}>

Conferences and Events

Date: November 15–16, 2007

Location: Olympia Fields, Illinois

Title: Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference

Sponsor: Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC)

Description: The event serves three purposes:

- Connects leaders and supporters of volunteer-based tutoring, mentoring and education-to-career programs with each other.
- Helps T/MC maintain its [Chicago Area Programs List](#) of area tutor/mentor programs.
- Builds visibility so that more volunteers and donors will choose to support tutor/mentor programs in the Chicago region.

Website: <http://www.tutormentorconference.org/index.asp>

Date: January 28–February 1, 2008

Location: San Diego, California

Title: 22nd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

Sponsor: Chadwick Center for Children and Families

Description: The San Diego Conference focuses on multi-disciplinary best-practice efforts to prevent, if possible, or otherwise to investigate, treat, and prosecute child and family maltreatment. The objective of the San Diego Conference is to develop and enhance professional skills and knowledge in the prevention, recognition, assessment and treatment of all forms of maltreatment including those related to family violence and substance abuse as well as to enhance investigative and legal skills. Issues concerning support for families, prevention, leadership, policy making and translating the latest research into action are also addressed.

Website: <http://chadwickcenter.org/conference.htm>

Date: February 25–27, 2008

Location: Washington, D.C.

Title: National Conference – Children 2008: A Call for Action – Leading the Nation for Children and Families

Sponsor: Child Welfare League of America

Description: The conference will be discussing the relationships between outcomes, integration, and public policy and that demonstrate how to build public will and achieve positive change for children.

Website: <http://www.cwla.org/conferences/2008nationalrfp.htm>

Grant Opportunities

These are just a few grant opportunities that may be applicable to you or partner organizations.

Title: Violence Prevention Grants

Funder: California Wellness Foundation

Description: Grants that address the issue of violence prevention are commonly given to organizations that provide services for youth (ages 12–24) including:

- Mentoring programs;
- Gang intervention programs;
- Reentry programs; and
- Community-based violence prevention programs and after-school programs.

An emphasis is placed on funding organizations that work with at-risk youth, including gang-affiliated and previously incarcerated youth. Grants are also made to organizations that provide leadership development activities to those working in the field of violence prevention, as well as organizations that inform policymakers and advocate for public policies that prevent violence against youth

Award: \$20,000 - \$300,000

Deadline: rolling

For More Information: http://www.tcdf.org/health_issues/violence_prevention.htm

Title: Teach, Train, Inspire Grant

Funder: Staples Foundation for Learning

Description: The mission of [Staples Foundation for Learning](#) is "to teach, train, and inspire." The foundation contributes funds to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth.

Award: \$25,000

Eligibility: To be eligible for consideration, applicant organizations must have nonprofit, tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), and align with the Staples Foundation for Learning's mission and focus on job skills and education.

Deadline: December 7, 2007

For More Information: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>

Title: Pacific Northwest Community Grants

Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Description: Through Community Grants, we invest in non-profit organizations that help disadvantaged communities access the resources they need to survive and thrive. Priority populations include at-risk youth, low-income women and families, communities of color, immigrants, and refugees.

Award: Varies

Eligibility: Tax-exempt organizations, as 501(c)(3) public charities, federally-recognized tribes or governmental entities; serve the residents of Washington state or the greater Portland area, including Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties; provide services to low-income children, families, or disadvantaged communities; and seek support for projects that have a sustained and comprehensive impact on clients. We prioritize these over projects that provide short-term, limited, or emergency support.

Deadline: Rolling

For More Information: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/UnitedStates/PacificNorthwest/CommunityGrants>

Title: Youth At the Center Grants

Funder: Youth Service America (YSA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Description: YSA and OJJDP are offering \$2,000 grants to help organizations replicate successful youth engagement experiences. Successful applicants will involve youth in addressing the world's most pressing social issues, such as climate change, hunger, disease, nutrition, literacy, disaster relief, poverty, and more.

Award: \$2,000

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are local, state, or national organizations that are part of a national network, organization, or broader coalition of organizations and want to replicate their successful youth engagement experience (for youth ages 5-25) throughout that network without a youth strategy. Examples include but are certainly not limited to: food banks, zoos, housing authorities, and other non-profit organizations addressing a social issue.

Deadline: November 30, 2007

For More Information: YSA.org/awards