



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 that 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:

True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.

~ Arthur Ashe

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Greetings from the PIRE evaluation team. We have much to share with you and your programs!

June 2009 Evaluation Contest

Congratulations to the MentorMatch program in Virginia for continuing the excellent example that they have set in recording their program activities. We are happy to announce that they have earned the incentives for collecting and entering evaluation data during the month of June. The Virginia managers, ably led by Philip Day, have entered 203 entries into the Match Data Activities on the SharePoint site documenting 35,475 hours of activities between matches. Of those activities, the two biggest categories were Recreation with 83 hours and Social/Cultural activities at 73 hours.

Comparison group

We also are happy to report that two programs are on the brink of surveying the comparison youth that they have begun recruiting into the program. We know how difficult this evaluation task is and that it is a combined effort of managers setting the comparison group as a priority (among many other priorities!) and everyone putting on their creative hats and applying their skills to the problem. Remember, the PIRE team is here to help sites work through the challenges inherent in forming a comparison group. Contact us at any time for assistance.

Recruitment

All four programs have been enhancing their skills in recruiting and matching both youth and mentors. The PIRE team wishes to remind you that any of the youth who entered or were matched on or before September 2008 can now take the follow up Behavior, Background and Match Surveys. The Mentors may also take their second (nine month) mentor Match survey. Please do not let the follow- up surveys lag too far behind. If data is not entered and there is a hard copy, send us a photocopy.

We are looking forward to having good things to say about the progress of the matches so please submit your surveys ASAP!

Your help and feedback needed!

We are not receiving many second youth surveys (nine month) surveys. We are concerned that the low number of surveys indicates that youth are dropping out before nine months. Please be sure to have youth complete these surveys and quickly return them to us.

We are asking for your feedback on having youth redo the behavior and background surveys when they are doing the three month match survey so that we can get interim “post” data (i.e., we are hearing from you that by the time nine months rolls around that it in some cases is very difficult to locate all or some youth).

This was not in the original proposal because the literature so far has cited the four month mark as the earliest change. Our populations are pretty unique so we may have something to add if some movement was seen at that point. Please consider this question and be prepared to vote yes or no on the question, “Should youth do their first follow up behavior and background survey at three months when they are doing the first Match survey?” We will call/email you individually in the next week for an answer.

Please do not forget to forward any stories and emails from participants that you have received, positive or otherwise. We looking forward to being included in program related emails that you send out to the programs participants.

Thanks and Happy Summer from Hilary and Matt!



Guide for Recruiting Older Mentors

MENTOR has released *The Wisdom of Age: A Staff Guide* — a handbook to recruiting and most effectively working with the growing number of older Americans who could be volunteer

mentors. The guide explores current statistics and research regarding this population, breaking it down into three distinct categories and explaining the characteristics of each. According to the guide, "By not engaging adults over 50, programs are losing millions of potential mentors, and young people are losing the opportunity to benefit from the wisdom of age." "If we recruited just 5 percent of people between 56 and 70, we could increase our mentor pool by more than six million." *The Wisdom of Age* has a companion guide for mentors that includes a collection of tools and resources for older adults participating in intergenerational mentoring relationships. This handbook offers support, builds skills and strengthens confidence of older mentors through practical, hands-on applications and activities. To download these publications, go to http://www.mentoring.org/downloads/mentoring_1216.pdf for the guide for staff and http://www.mentoring.org/downloads/mentoring_1217.pdf for the handbook for mentors.

America's Invisible Children: Latino Youth and the Failure of Justice

This new report from the National Council of La Raza and The Campaign for Youth Justice examines recent information about Latino youth in the justice system with a specific focus on youth tried as adults. In addition to providing a detailed overview of racial disparities and structural racism in the justice system, this report looks at a variety of national initiatives that have been successful at reducing racial inequities in detention facilities among Latino youth. To read the report, visit <http://www.nclr.org/content/publications/download/57405>.

Helping Children Aging Out of Foster Care Prepare for Independence

This guide from the Association of Small Foundations is geared for funders or potential funders and discusses the challenges that youth in foster care face when they age out of the system. The guide includes discussion questions, resources for more information, and specific action plans, such as long term mentoring and workforce development. <http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Topics/Child%20Welfare%20Permanence/Other/HelpingChildrenAgingOutofFosterCarePrepareforfostercare.pdf>.

Report Provides Guidance for Juvenile Defenders

The National Juvenile Defender Center has released the publication *Role of Juvenile Defense Counsel in Delinquency Court*. The report describes the unique and crucial role played by defense attorneys in juvenile court proceedings in providing comprehensive legal representation to children charged with offenses. To read the report, go to http://www.njdc.info/pdf/role_of_juvenile_defense_counsel.pdf.

Mental Health Practice: Guidelines for Child Welfare

These guidelines and supporting rationale were developed from the October 2007 Best Practices for Mental Health in Child Welfare Consensus Conference sponsored by Casey Family Programs, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the REACH Institute (Resource for Advancing Children's Health). The purpose of this convening was to develop best practice standards for addressing mental health in child welfare by focusing on: mental health screening and assessment, psychosocial interventions, psychopharmacological interventions, parent support and empowerment, and, lastly, youth support. To access the guidelines, go to <http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/Guidelines%20for%20MH%20in%20CW%20ENDORSED%20DISSEMINATION%20DOCUMENT%20rev%201%2009%202.pdf>.

Conferences and Events

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 4th, at 2 p.m. ET** for NDTAC's discussion and question-and-answer teleconference with the Center Director, Simon Gonsoulin. This teleconference is intended for veterans as well as those new to their positions in juvenile justice education, neglect education, and related fields. The teleconference offers an opportunity for participants to discuss important topics in the neglected and delinquent field, gain new perspectives on pertinent issues, and keep up-to-date with current news and research in the field. The calls are also an opportunity to connect with, ask questions of, and share information with other professionals in the field.

Current topics for the August Tuesday Talk include:

- 2009 NDTAC National Conference
- Non computer-assisted drop-out prevention programs

Specific questions about the above topics or any additional topics are welcome - please submit your requests by July 21, 2009. Participants will have the opportunity during the call to pose questions to Mr. Gonsoulin, but are encouraged to submit specific questions and/or topics ahead of time so that we may have the opportunity to conduct any research necessary to address the questions as best possible. We hope you can join the call!

To register for the call and submit topic suggestions or questions that you would like Mr. Gonsoulin to discuss, please complete the form at http://www.neglected-delinquent.org/nd/events/registration/register_tuesdaytalk.asp. Note that registering for the call ensures that you receive an agenda/outline as well as follow-up information and resources related to the call. (To view follow-up resources from previous calls, please visit the main Tuesday Talk Web page at <http://www.neglected-delinquent.org/nd/events/tuesdaytalks.asp>.)

To join the call on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 2 p.m. ET, please follow the instructions below:

- Dial: 1-888-272-7337
- When prompted, enter the Conference ID number: 6661469#

You will then be connected to the conference.

Date: Tuesday, August 4th, 2009, 2 p.m. (EST)

Title: NDTAC August Tuesday Talk

Sponsor: The National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk (NDTAC)

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Web site: <http://www.neglected-delinquent.org/nd/events/tuesdaytalks.asp>

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m. (EST)

Title: Webinar on Community Mobilizing and Organizing: Motivating Your Community to Get Involved

Sponsor: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

Description: The second part of a two-part Webinar series will focus on community mobilizing and organizing for coalitions. The Webinar will help participants understand the process of coalition building within the community mobilizing and organizing framework. This topic benefits coalitions in the process of planning and implementation and also fits into the capacity-building element of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework.

Web site: http://www.coalitioninstitute.org/Coalition_Resources/WebinarSeriesHome.asp



These grant opportunities may be applicable to you or partner organizations.

Title: Tom's of Maine Nonprofit Grants

Funder: Tom's of Maine

Description: Tom's of Maine is looking for applications for community involvement projects from nonprofit organizations. A review panel will narrow down the applications to 50 finalists which will be posted on the Tom's of Maine Web site so the public can vote for the 5 projects to be awarded funding. They are looking for applications from all 50 states.

Award: \$20,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations

Deadline: August 30, 2009

For more information: <http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/project-sponsorships.aspx/>

Title: Wal-Mart State Giving Program

Funder: Wal-Mart

Description: Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations with programs that align with their mission to create opportunities so people can live better. The State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Sustainability.

Award: Minimum grants are \$25,000

Eligibility: Only organizations that are currently listed in the Internal Revenue Service's current 50 State Master File are eligible

Deadline: September 18, 2009

For more information: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979>

Title: Jenesis Group Grants

Funder: Jenesis Group

Description: The Jenesis Group offers grants to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations focusing on youth development, education, and social entrepreneurship. The Foundation invests in grass roots organizations that work to empower disadvantaged and/or at-risk youth to become productive citizens in society. Priority is given to programs that are preventative in approach and that provide comprehensive and long-term solutions to the challenges facing youth today. The Jenesis Group primarily invests in results-oriented organizations with annual budgets or \$500,000 or less that build self-esteem and foster self-reliance, emphasize literacy and academic excellence, offer leadership training and development, utilize mentoring strategies, teach career readiness and/or life skills, prevent juvenile delinquency, and/or develop entrepreneurial skills

Award: Not specified

Eligibility: organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information: <http://www.jenesis.org/app/index.htm>

Title: Allstate Foundation Grants

Funder: Allstate Foundation Grants

Description: Grants will support programs in three areas: economic empowerment; safe and vital communities; and tolerance, inclusion, and diversity. Additional information is available on the foundation's Web site.

Award: No fixed limit

Eligibility: organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grant money may not support individuals, athletic teams, religious groups or groups located outside the United States, fund-raising events, or travel expenses.

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information: <http://www.allstate.com/citizenship/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx>

Title: Goldman Sachs Foundation Grants

Funder: Goldman Sachs Foundation

Description: The foundation's grant-making interests include advancing high academic achievement at secondary schools, nurturing the abilities of promising youths, and developing future entrepreneurs and global leaders. Additional information is available on the foundation's Web site.

Award: Varies

Eligibility: organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information: <http://www.gs.com/foundation>

Title: Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation Grant

Funder: Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation

Description: The Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation supports the following program areas: civic affairs; culture; elementary, secondary, and higher education; health associations and hospitals; social services; and youth.

Award: Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 each

Eligibility: organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation primarily supports programs in California, Florida, and North Carolina.

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information: <http://www.dunspaughdalton.com>

Title: Funding for Pacific Northwest Community Grants

Funder: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Description: This funding supports specific programs or projects administered by nonprofits and tribes that work with children, youth, and families in need. Funding may include “overhead” costs associated with running a project, including staff.

Award: Grants may cover up to 20 percent of the project's total budget

Eligibility: Organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and serve the residents of Washington State or the greater Portland area, including Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/grantseeker/Pages/funding-community-grants.aspx>