



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 it to us, and we will disseminate to the listserv.

Quote of the Month:

Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.

~Theodore I. Rubin

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**Mentoring System
Involved Youth Highlights**

This is the final official newsletter for the Training and Technical Assistance Program for the Mentoring System Involved Youth Initiative. While this may be the last official newsletter, the significance and impact of your work continues. We hope that you will continue to network with one another, and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

From the TATP Team

It has been a privilege to partner with you and provide training and technical assistance for the Mentoring System Involved Youth Initiative. We appreciate your work developing and promoting mentoring programs for youth in the foster care or juvenile justice systems. You have inspired us by your passion and dedication to effectively serve the youth and mentors with whom you

work, especially through the various innovations and program enhancements you have initiated. Thank you for all you do on behalf of all system involved youth and youth mentoring, and the opportunity to support you in this work.

Greetings from PIRE

Getting toward the end of our formal association for this Mentoring experience is bittersweet. We will miss the regular contact and already have been sorry to see so many dedicated staff move on a bit early. We know that the best thing we can do now is to get the data analyzed and out to you and the mentoring community with as much power and rigor as possible. At PIRE, we want to announce your program **outcomes**, already showing that you fostered good relationships and that there is the perception of benefit by the mentees, with as much certainty as we can have with the drawback of the small comparison group that we are trying to assemble. If you have any possibilities of completing follow-up surveys or possible comparison youth, who dropped out under 2 months of the program, PLEASE follow up with them. The old adage is still true – “United we Stand”.

Please look for information on surveys received by PIRE next week. We will also be sending each of you the outcomes from the work you have sent us by the middle of July when the last 6 months of data is added to the set. The combined data set will also be available. We are looking forward to more “powerful” good news. Please contact us with any stories or information or just to keep in touch.

Hilary and Matt



Civic Enterprises releases new Big Brothers Big Sisters report

Civic Enterprises' latest report, *Untapped Potential: Fulfilling the Promise of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Bigs and Littles They Represent*, was released by John Bridgeland at the Big Brothers Big Sisters' 2010 Nationwide Leadership Summit last week. The report highlights the lives of the youth served by Big Brother's Big Sisters, many of whom are severely at-risk and to paint a more comprehensive picture of the multiple barriers they face when trying to achieve their goals. Civic Enterprises also offers their own views of the next steps for Big Brothers Big Sisters as it undergoes a nationwide strategic planning process to initiate an engagement and advocacy strategy that will provide at-risk children the tools they need to achieve success.

For more information, go to <http://www.americaspromise.org/News-and-Events/News-and-Features/APB-2010/Vol-24/BBBS-report.aspx>.

How to use Facebook for your Organization

This 55-minute Webinar recording presented by Suzanne Knizner, project and corporate coordinator with Campaign Consultation Inc., discusses how VISTA sponsors, community leaders, alumni, and other national service organizations can use Facebook to expand their networks and impact communities. The presenters cover issues such as whether to use a group page or a personal page, how to get more fans, what kinds of

posts to include, how to brand yourself, and whether or not to allow fans to comment or post pictures.

To watch *Facebook: Making Friends and Gaining Fans to Help Address Poverty!*, go to <http://nationalserviceresources.org/videos/social-media-monday-facebook>.

New Federal Report Shows Greatest Spike in Volunteers Since 2003

According to *Volunteering in America 2010*, a new report from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the number of Americans volunteering in their communities jumped by 1.6 million last year, the largest increase in six years. Despite difficult economic times, 63.4 million Americans volunteered through formal organizations in 2009, providing more than 8.1 billion hours of service worth an estimated \$169 billion. For the fifth year in a row, Utah was the top state in terms of volunteer participation with a rate of 44.2 percent, followed by Iowa (37.8 percent), Minnesota (37.5 percent), Nebraska (37.4 percent), and Alaska (37.3 percent). The report also found that volunteering by African Americans rose from 19.1 percent in 2008 to 20 percent in 2009, and increased by 1.6 percent among African American women.

For more information, go to <http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=297600007>.

States closing youth prisons as arrests plunge

After struggling for years to treat young criminals in razor wire-ringed institutions, states across the country are closing dozens of reformatories due to plunging juvenile arrests as well as more juvenile offenders participating in county-based treatment programs. The closures have juvenile advocates cheering. "I can tell you it's the best thing they can do," said Aaron Kupchik, a University of Delaware criminologist. "Incarceration does nobody any good. You're taking away most of their chance for normal development."

To read more, go to

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hSdbz67zNVY31vVu-FE-HzRP4n4gD9G64L9G0>.



Conferences and Events

Date: July 15, 2010, 1:00pm–2:30pm EST

Title: Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, Standard 3: Mentor Training Benchmarks Webinar: Part 1

Sponsor: MENTOR

Description: This two part webinar will guide participants on the new standards and provide background on the research that was used as the basis for the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring benchmarks. The first part of the Webinar Series, Standard 3: Mentor Training Benchmarks Webinar, will be held on July 15, 2010 and will feature Allyson F. Roberts, Program Director of the Virginia Mentoring Partnership. Allyson will share best practices and resources on the 7 topics that must be included in a two-hour, pre-match in-person mentor training in order to meet the benchmark. Topics include: a) Program rules; b) Mentors' goals and expectations;

c) Mentors' obligations and appropriate roles; d) Relationship development and maintenance; e) Ethical issues; f) Effective closure of the match; and h) Resources and assistance available to support mentors. Dr. Janis Kupersmidt, President and Senior Research Associate of Innovation Research & Training will discuss the research that was used to support the training benchmarks and provide a practical perspective on how you can incorporate the research findings into your training practices.

Web site: <http://www.mentoring.org/elementswebinars>

Event date: July 22, 2010, 1:00pm–2:30pm EST

Title: Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, Standard 3: Mentor Training Benchmarks Webinar: Part 2

Sponsor: MENTOR

Description: This two part webinar will guide participants on the new standards and provide background on the research that was used as the basis for the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring benchmarks. The second part of this Webinar will be conducted on July 22, 2010 and will feature April Riordan, Director of Training and Community Partnerships at the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM). The webinar will cover optional mentor training topics that mentoring programs can use to supplement pre-match mentor trainings. This webinar will share training ideas from MPM's "Maximize Your Impact" and "Culturally Smart Relationships" workshops, which are both designed to equip new mentors with the knowledge, skills and awareness they need to build longer, stronger relationships with youth. Participants will learn how MPM incorporates positive youth development concepts and cultural, gender and economic issues into mentor training, and helps other programs fulfill the EEPM benchmarks and enhancements for mentoring.

Web site: <http://www.mentoring.org/elementswebinars>

Date: October 25, 2010

Title: 11th Annual Minnesota Mentoring Conference: Quality in Action

Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

Sponsor: Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota

Description: The theme for the 11th Annual Minnesota Mentoring Conference is Quality in Action. The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) will again host the conference at the Continuing Education & Conference Center on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus. This year's conference features keynote speaker Andrea Taylor, Ph.D., Director of Training at Temple University's Intergenerational Center. Dr. Taylor is the Developer and Principal Investigator of Across Ages, an evidenced-based model project funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, which involves intergenerational mentoring as an approach to positive youth development and the prevention of risk-taking behavior.

Web site: <http://www.mpmn.org/Events/AnnualConference.aspx>

Date: October 27–29, 2010

Title: Mentoring Theory & Practice: Learning from the Past & Envisioning the Future

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sponsor: The Mentoring Institute at the University of New Mexico

Description: The Mentoring Institute at the University of New Mexico invites you to participate in its third annual conference on mentoring, October 27-29, 2010 at the main campus of The University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Last year, over 250 professionals and students from a variety of fields participated in the conference. The conference theme for this year is *Mentoring Theory & Practice: Learning from the Past & Envisioning the Future*. The intent of the conference is to provide a research-informed professional development opportunity that allows attendees to share ideas in scholarly, practice-oriented sessions. The keynote speaker for the

conference is Kathy Kram, Professor of Organizational Behavior at Boston University. Among her many achievements, Kathy Kram received the 2002 National Academy of Management Mentoring Award and has multiple publications on mentoring, including her seminal book *Mentoring at Work*, and her last co-authored column with Prof. Belle Rose Ragins, *Handbook of Mentoring at Work: Theory, Research and Practice*.

Web site: <http://mentor.unm.edu/conference.html>



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

Title: 2011 Collaboration Prize

Funder: Lodestar Foundation

Description: The Lodestar Foundation in collaboration with the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM) Alliance has announced the 2011 Collaboration Prize, a national award designed to identify and showcase models of collaboration among nonprofit organizations. In 2011, the Collaboration Prize will award a total of \$250,000 to the collaborations that best exemplify the impact that can result from working together.

Award: Each of the eight finalists will receive \$12,500 and the winner will receive an additional \$150,000.

Eligibility: The collaboration must have been formed between/among two or more nonprofit organizations (a government entity may be a member of the collaboration) and must have been in operation for at least 18 months.

Deadline: July 16, 2010

For more information: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/25023367/promo.htm>

Title: Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program

Description: The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program. This program supports the creation and maintenance of one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents and caring, supportive adult volunteer mentors. The intent of this program is to support the establishment or expansion and operation of mentoring programs, using a network of public and private community entities, in areas with substantial numbers of children of incarcerated parents. Within ACF, FYSB has established formal agreements with The Children's Bureau and The Office of Family Assistance to identify MCP-eligible children in order to expand the delivery of mentoring services. The MCP program is designed to be a community-based mentoring program in which children and youth ages four up to age 18, are appropriately matched with an adult mentor, who has been screened and trained, for a one-on-one (one mentor/one youth), friendship-oriented (non curriculum-based) mentoring relationship.

Award: Average of \$270,000 per grant

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include state governments, county governments, local governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally designated organizations, non-profits with

501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), non-profits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions, tribally controlled colleges and universities, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: July 30, 2010

For more information:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-CV-0070>