



*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:**

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us.  
What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.  
~ Albert Pine

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**Message from PIRE**

Hi, MSIIY Grantees! We are ready to **spring** forward with our next analysis of the evaluation data you have collected. A big focus of our work will be making sure we have all the information and surveys we need to tell the story of your programs. Many case managers express frustration at not having enough time to follow up on calls, to re-contact individuals for administering match and behavior/background surveys. Here's how we can help: We have a research assistant at the PIRE offices in Calverton, Maryland, who is available to work with programs either to prepare a letter (we have a template) that we would mail to everyone who has a baseline survey or to make calls (if preferable) to engage program participants in completing the evaluation surveys. We can invite them to participate in the follow-up surveys and will provide an opportunity for them to win one of **three \$75.00 bank debit cards** that may

be used anywhere credit cards are accepted. Youth who responded affirmatively will be sent the match and behavior surveys. If this additional support from PIRE would help your program, please contact Hilary for the details. We are looking forward to site visits or calls with you all in April. **Happy spring!**

Hilary and Matt



### **OJJDP Fact Sheet Addresses Girls' Delinquency**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published *Girls' Delinquency*, a four-page *In Focus* fact sheet that reviews trends in girls' delinquency and describes research conducted by OJJDP's Girls Study Group. The fact sheet also reports on OJJDP programs and publications that address girls' delinquency. *Girls' Delinquency* is available at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=250433>.

### **Resources Discuss Children Exposed to Violence**

OJJDP's Safe Start Center has published two new issue briefs in its *Moving From Evidence to Action* series. The briefs describe interventions for children who are exposed to violence in schools, homeless shelters, permanent/supportive housing, and transitional housing. The briefs explain the signs and symptoms of exposure to violence, as well as evidence-based practices for working with children who are exposed to violence. To read the briefs, go to [http://www.safestartcenter.org/about/publications\\_issue-briefs.php](http://www.safestartcenter.org/about/publications_issue-briefs.php).

### **New Online Clearinghouse for State Child Welfare Policies**

Child Trends, with support from Casey Family Programs, has launched the State Child Welfare Policy Database to provide information on child welfare laws, procedures, and agency guidance for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The database can help elected officials, administrators, advocates, practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders keep up to date with the policies that protect our nation's most vulnerable children. To access the database, go to <http://www.childwelfarepolicy.org/pages/map.cfm>.

### **What Works for Programs for Older Youth**

A new Child Trends fact sheet, *What Works for Older Youth During the Transition to Adulthood*, examines the role that programs for older youth can play in promoting positive development and subsequent self-sufficiency in adulthood. It synthesizes the findings from 31 rigorous evaluations of programs; all of the programs evaluated youth outcomes during the transition to adulthood (ages 18 to 25), but programs varied in the ages of targeted youth. Among the findings, researchers found that specific intervention strategies, such as mentoring, case management, and providing child care for young parents, are associated with program success across youth outcomes. For more information, go to [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103131048823&s=27946&e=001m-sRVncWEiBx-2mmQKufaTwz6C\\_uYNhcCE6z5HHFhZbb2f-90uMSbKUQLvVHDA7iBJdtQGSAg\\_Td3aZV3HNTTbJPOMpGAqp78TcRyFaN77LipPOhaNIHdUSZTVh0URY-HKMt3TZufCameUfx4rMVWsk5\\_ciZeCzY8r8zyja7BnFcBVYFr1Uls728ap\\_mEm2f](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103131048823&s=27946&e=001m-sRVncWEiBx-2mmQKufaTwz6C_uYNhcCE6z5HHFhZbb2f-90uMSbKUQLvVHDA7iBJdtQGSAg_Td3aZV3HNTTbJPOMpGAqp78TcRyFaN77LipPOhaNIHdUSZTVh0URY-HKMt3TZufCameUfx4rMVWsk5_ciZeCzY8r8zyja7BnFcBVYFr1Uls728ap_mEm2f).

## **Fact Sheet Confirms Continued Decline in Number of Juveniles in Residential Placement**

OJJDP has published *Juveniles in Residential Placement, 1997–2008*. Data cited in this fact sheet are derived from the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement and the Juvenile Residential Facility Census, both of which include one-day counts of the juvenile placement population. The fact sheet confirms that the number of juvenile offenders in residential placement in publicly and privately operated juvenile facilities has declined steadily since 2000. *Juveniles in Residential Placement, 1997–2008* is available online at [www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/229379.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/229379.pdf).

## **Global Youth Service Day**

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service learning. GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. On GYSD, children and youth address the world's most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments. Anyone can participate in GYSD activities. To find guides on coordinating your service project, to register your project, or to find events and celebrations in your community, visit [www.GYSD.org](http://www.GYSD.org).

## **Conferences and Events**

**Date:** April 10–13, 2010

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Title:** Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual National Conference: Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk

**Sponsor:** Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Description:** The conference will include a federal perspectives panel with prominent representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2010 Hill Day training and resources; and a number of workshops.

**Web site:** [www.juvjustice.org/conference\\_8.html](http://www.juvjustice.org/conference_8.html)

**Date:** May 27–28, 2010

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

**Title:** Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference

**Sponsor:** Tutor/Mentor Connection

**Description:** The conference connects leaders and supporters of volunteer-based tutoring, mentoring, and education-to-career programs with each other. It also builds visibility so that more volunteers and donors will choose to support tutor/mentor programs in the Chicago region.

**Web site:** <http://www.tutormentorconference.org/>



## Grant Opportunities

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

**Title:** Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs

**Funder:** OJJDP

**Description:** OJJDP invites public agencies, private organizations, and institutions of higher education to apply under its fiscal year (FY) 2010 Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs. This solicitation invites applicants to propose evidence-based enhancements that are among the following strategies: involving parents in activities or services, providing structured activities and programs for mentoring matches, and developing and implementing ongoing training and support for mentors.

**Award:** Between \$200,000 and \$500,000 per award for a project period of 18 to 36 months

**Eligibility:** OJJDP invites applications from public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public school systems, universities and colleges, federally recognized Indian tribal governments private organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community organizations); and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher learning).

**Deadline:** April 14, 2010

**For more information:** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=167>

**Title:** Multi-State Mentoring Initiative

**Funder:** OJJDP

**Description:** This solicitation from OJJDP invites eligible applicants to propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs providing mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

**Award:** This program will fund multiple awards for a period of up to three years. The award amount will cover the entire requested project period.

**Eligibility:** OJJDP invites applications from private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including faith-based, community-based, and tribal organizations. Eligible applicants should have programs in five or more states and be able to demonstrate that state and local officials recognize them as a viable force in addressing youth issues through their mentoring programs. National organizations are ineligible to apply.

**Deadline:** April 22, 2010

**For more information:** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=172>

**Title:** National Mentoring Programs

**Funder:** OJJDP

**Description:** This solicitation from OJJDP invites eligible applicants to propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs providing mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

**Award:** This program will fund multiple awards for a period of up to three years.

**Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to national organizations.

**Deadline:** April 22, 2010

**For more information:** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=171>

**Title:** Second Chance Act Mentoring Initiative

**Funder:** OJJDP

**Description:** OJJDP will provide grants to support mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating juvenile offenders into their communities. The grants will be used to mentor juvenile offenders during confinement, through transition back to the community, and post-release; to provide transitional services to assist them in their reintegration into the community; and to support training in offender and victims' issues. Targeted youth must be younger than 18 years old.

**Award:** OJJDP will make awards of as much as \$625,000 per award for a project period of up to three years.

**Eligibility:** OJJDP invites applications from public agencies, including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and private, nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 27, 2010

**For more information:** <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=175>

**Title:** Six Flags Friends Scholarships

**Funder:** Six Flags Friends

**Description:** DoSomething.org has teamed up with Six Flags Friends to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community a better place. Scholarships will be awarded based on past, current, and planned action in the community, as well as on the applicant's passion, commitment, and proven leadership skills.

**Award:** Six winners will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be 25 or under and must be U.S. or Canadian citizens.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2010

**For more information:** [www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships](http://www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships)