



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:

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution... how we can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness.

~ Anne Frank



Announcement from the Technical Assistance Team

September Cross-Site Working Meeting, September 16–18, 2008

The TATP team is excited about the upcoming ***Shift Into Drive – Making It Happen*** cross-site working meeting, September 16–18, 2008, at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, Louisiana. This 2 ½ day, inspiring and interactive cross-site meeting will focus on ramping up for the next level of program implementation and sharing site best practices.

The TATP team will be contacting each site for a brief assessment and assist with developing your best practice presentations. Please be sure to contact Ivy if you haven't heard from the TATP, or if you'd like further assistance.

And get ready to ***Shift Into Drive!!***



2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book Focuses on Juvenile Detention Reform

The 2008 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* is a national and state-by-state profile of the well-being of America's children. This year's *Data Book* includes the essay, "A Road Map for Juvenile Justice Reform," which outlines the inherent challenges in today's juvenile justice system while identifying a number of proven solutions and system reforms that demonstrate better outcomes for children and their families. The essay provides a clear and compelling roadmap for reform and urges local, state, and federal officials to accept

responsibility for charting a course that addresses pervasive deficiencies that face our nation's juvenile justice systems. To access the *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, go to <http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/databook.jsp>.

Bulletin Examines Effects of Juvenile Transfer Laws

In an effort to strengthen sanctions for serious juvenile crimes, most states enacted laws expanding the types of offenders and offenses eligible for transfer from juvenile courts to adult criminal courts. This bulletin provides an overview of research on the deterrent effects of such transfers, focusing on OJJDP-funded studies on the effect of transfer laws on recidivism. The information it provides should help inform public discussion and policy decisions. To read the bulletin, go to <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/220595.pdf>.

Understanding the State of Knowledge of Youth Engagement Financing and Sustainability

This report provides critical information on the costs, funding sources, financing strategies, and sustainability of youth engagement. Included are also several profiles of youth engagement programs that have implemented various promising strategies to finance and sustain their work. This publication is available at: <http://www.financeproject.org/publications/YouthEngagementReport.pdf>.

SAMHSA Offers New Toolkit to Help Community Organizations Sustain Their Resources

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing the release of *Sustaining Grassroots Community-based Programs: A Toolkit for Community and Faith-based Service Providers*. Providing helpful information to guide sustainability planning efforts, the toolkit has samples of tools and fill-in-the-blank planning templates and worksheets. It contains six booklets that cover:

- strategic planning
- organizational assessment and readiness
- effective marketing strategies
- financial management
- fund development and fund raising
- results-oriented evaluations

The toolkit is free and available in print and online. To order up to five printed copies, call 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727) and request order number SMA08-4340. To access and download the online version of the toolkit, go to <http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=17868>.

Peer/Cross-Age Mentoring Best Practices

The Friends for Youth's Mentoring Institute has released a conference brief of the workshop Peer/Cross-Age Mentoring Best Practices presented at the 2008 Mentoring Conference, Mentoring Youth: Defining the Difference It Makes. The workshop, led by Michael Karcher, Ph.D., focused on cross-age mentoring programs (CAMPs), specifically covering research, recommended components for programs, and examination of a sample program. To read the brief, go to http://www.friendsforyouth.org/files/MIpdfs/CCB_August2008.pdf.

San Francisco Adopts Omega Boys Club Strategy

The city of San Francisco has released its Violence Prevention Plan, adopting the "Alive and Free" methodology developed at the Omega Boys Club by Dr. Joe Marshall as San Francisco's overarching violence prevention philosophy. The Alive and Free methodology has been recognized by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as one of 15 promising national practices for preventing violence. San Francisco's Violence Prevention Plan has been formally implemented by Mayor Newsom in the executive directive "Implementing San Francisco's Violence Prevention Plan." The plan contains a set of strategies to prevent violence and deal more strategically with factors that contribute to violence. To read more about the Violence Prevention Plan, go to <http://www.changemakers.net/en-us/node/9183>.



Date: September 18, 2008

Location: Anaheim, California

Title: The Magic of Connections National Mentoring Summit

Sponsor: California Mentor Foundation (CMF) and MENTOR

Description: The California Mentor Foundation (CMF) and MENTOR will be hosting the summit with the purpose of invigorating and mobilizing the mentor community while motivating and inspiring business and civic leaders to increase their support for mentoring efforts. Participants will learn from mentoring experts and business and civic leaders about the benefits of mentoring and the latest developments in the field. This summit will build skills for mentor program professionals as well as demonstrate how communities, faith-based groups, and businesses can get involved in supporting young people through mentoring. There will be keynote speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and exhibitors providing learning opportunities for participants.

Web site: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=197541>

Date: October 7, 2008

Location: Ypsilanti, Michigan

Title: Teens Using Drugs: What to Know and What to Do. Part One: What to Know

Sponsor: Dawn Farm, Livingston/Washtenaw Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Consortium, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Mission Services

Description: This free workshop series is designed to help participants learn to understand, identify, and address adolescent alcohol and other drug problems. The program is targeted primarily to parents/guardians/caretakers of teens but is also inclusive of teens, other family members, and anyone who works with or cares about teens.

Web site: <http://www.teensusingdrugs.org>

Date: October 9–10, 2008

Location: Portland, Oregon

Title: Breakthrough Strategies to Teach and Counsel Troubled Youth

Sponsor: Youth Change

Description: This professional development inservice will focus on how to involve troubled and challenged youth in learning. This workshop explains the challenges that children can face, and how to effectively teach and assist those youngsters. Participants will discover how to best integrate challenged youth and children into programs by successfully managing problems like apathy, poor accountability, bad attitudes, ADHD, withdrawal and more.

Web site: <http://www.youthchg.com/live.html>

Date: October 26–28, 2008

Location: Orlando, Florida

Title: Youth Service Institute 2008: Across the Street, Around the World

Sponsor: Youth Service Institute

Description: The Youth Service Institute will present opportunities for participants to strategize critical ways to think and act both locally and globally. The conference is an opportunity for individuals and organizations to further develop their programs while learning inventive ways to engage young people as assets and resources on Global Youth Service Day and throughout the year.

Web site: www.YSA.org/institute.=20



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

The ASC Foundation

NOTE: This foundation was established by, and retains affiliation with, the Catholic Church. Anyone meeting the grant guidelines is eligible to apply; agencies with a religious background or affiliation may be particularly interested in approaching this funder.

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Funder: ASC Foundation

Description: The ASC Foundation makes grants to organizations that seek to effect positive change and that work to address the source of a problem rather than ameliorating its symptoms. By providing grants to nonprofit organizations, the ASC Foundation invests in the work of people who accept responsibility and think broadly about solutions in addition to having the wherewithal to implement solutions.

Award: Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and half of this fund is earmarked for ASC-affiliated ministries.

Eligibility: Applicants should have 501(c)3 status; respond to one of the four areas outlined in the Focus Areas section; create vehicles for social change with long-term impact; work to empower people to help themselves; outline a creative and innovative response to an unmet need; outline specific goals and strategies of their organization and/or program; demonstrate measurable impact on the issue being addressed; incorporate a plan for post-grant and long-term viability; where possible, involve collaboration with other organizations to achieve maximum results.

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