



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:

The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have.
~ Norman Vincent Peale

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In Memoriam

It's with great sadness that we share the news that, after a long illness, our former TATP Project Director Marisa Jones has passed away.

Marisa served as project director of the TATP from its inception to the beginning of 2008. Those of you who knew Marisa will remember her good humor, great sensitivity, and lifelong dedication to supporting young people so they may thrive. Along with her leadership role in the TATP, Marisa also served as a technical assistance specialist for Youth Violence Prevention Program grantees funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Before coming to Education Development Center, Marisa was Executive Director of a community organization focused on crime and violence prevention in Boston.

Marisa's work in the field of mentoring at-risk youth was especially important to her. She would doubtless be proud of the terrific accomplishments of the four MSYIY grantees and would encourage you to persevere with your efforts to support vulnerable children and adolescents. We miss Marisa very much and will always remember her gentle ways and tremendous compassion.



January Is National Mentoring Month

Calling on “the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring [and] to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities,” President George W. Bush proclaimed January 2009 as National Mentoring Month. “By sharing their time and experiences, mentors help instill important values that encourage America's youth to set high goals and achieve their dreams,” the president affirmed.

January marks the eighth annual National Mentoring Month, a large-scale public service campaign held each year to recruit volunteer mentors to help young people achieve their full potential. The theme for this year's observance is Expand Your Universe: Mentor a Child. President Obama has released a public service announcement for National Mentoring Month at http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/chc/wmy2009/images2009/Obama_MentoringAd.jpg. For further information regarding the observance of National Mentoring Month, visit www.nationalmentoringmonth.org. Additional resources are available via the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/mentoringresources>.

Blueprint for Change: Funding Mental Health Services for Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System

A large number of youth with mental health disorders are involved with the juvenile justice system. Recent advances have resulted in the development of new tools, interventions, and technical assistance resources to help the field better identify and respond to the problem, but many of these resources are restricted by funding limitations. In response, and building on its recently released report *Blueprint for Change: A Comprehensive Model for the Identification and Treatment of Youth with Mental Health Needs in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System*, the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ) conducted a brief survey of promising programs highlighted in *Blueprint for Change*. This document reports the results of this survey, along with the NCMHJJ's analysis of the findings, with the intention of providing programs with the knowledge and information necessary to fund and provide the best services they can. To read the report, go to <http://www.ncmhjj.com/pdfs/BlueprintFunding.pdf>.

Toolkit Features Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse Cases

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published *Toolkit for Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*. The toolkit provides detailed guidance and consists of five volumes, which may be ordered as a whole or individually, as follows:

- *Technical Guide*
- *Implementation Guide*
- *User's Guide*
- *Guide to Judicial Workload Assessment*
- *Key Measures*

The toolkit and its components may be accessed online or ordered as print copies at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/courttoolkit.html>.

Mentoring Formerly Incarcerated Adults: Insights from the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative

This newly released report from Public/Private Ventures examines the implementation and effect of mentoring as a component of comprehensive social services, along with housing

assistance, drug rehabilitation, and job placement and training, in assisting released prisoners' successful reentry into society. The report concerns adults, aged 18 to 34 years old, but draws lessons from, and has implications for, youth mentoring efforts. It should prove to be of great interest to programs utilizing mentoring as a strategy for working with youth involved with the juvenile justice system. To read the report, go to http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/265_publication.pdf.

OJJDP Bulletin Describes Protective Factors in Girls' Delinquency

OJJDP has published *Resilient Girls—Factors That Protect Against Delinquency*. Part of OJJDP's Girls Study Group series, the bulletin describes how four factors (the presence of a caring adult, school connectedness, school success, and religiosity) influence girls' propensity for delinquent behavior. The bulletin is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=241923>.

Strategic Sharing—Telling Your Story in a Way That is Effective, Meaningful, and Safe

Strategic sharing helps people who have been involved with the child welfare system to tell the story of their experiences. When told strategically, these stories can inspire and motivate others to make change on behalf of children in foster care. Published by Casey Family Programs and Foster Care Alumni of America, this booklet is for those who want to learn more about sharing strategically while at the same time protecting their own well-being. For more information, go to <http://www.casey.org/Resources/Publications/StrategicSharing.htm>.

Using Family Group Conferencing to Assist Immigrant Children and Families in the Child Welfare System

Published by American Humane, this issue brief highlights the key factors for consideration when using family group conferencing (FGC) as an approach with children whose families traverse national borders. The brief illustrates FGC's benefits through a case study from Casey Family Programs' San Diego office. To read the brief, go to <http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/protecting-children/using-family-group.pdf>.

Report Provides Juvenile Court Statistics

The National Center for Juvenile Justice has published *Juvenile Court Statistics 2005*. The report, developed with funding from OJJDP, describes delinquency cases between 1985 and 2005 and petitioned status offense cases between 1995 and 2005 handled by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction. The report is available online, via OJJDP's Statistical Briefing Book, at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/publications/StatBBAbstract.asp?BibID=246588>.



Date: April 16–17, 2009

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Title: Summer Changes Everything Conference sponsored by National Center for Summer Learning

Sponsor: National Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University

Description: Research shows that what children do over the summer reverberates for years to come, and more and more school districts are taking a look at how to implement or improve

summer programming. The upcoming Summer Changes Everything conference will feature 48 workshops on how to build, strengthen, or expand summer programs, with optional, in-depth preconference sessions on April 15 from which to choose including Emerging Leaders: Core Concepts for Successful Summer Programs and Making Summer Funding a Priority.

Web site:

http://www.summerlearning.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=105&Itemid=427

Date: June 12–18, 2009

Location: Washington, D.C.

Title: Cross-Systems Certificate Programs for Individuals

Sponsor: Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute

Description: The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute has announced its 2009 Certificate Programs. The programs focus on advancing cross-systems activities to enhance outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Financial support is available to help subsidize the cost of travel, lodging, and tuition. The programs are designed for public agency leaders and senior-level management at the tribal, state, and local levels within the juvenile justice, child welfare, and related systems of care interested in cross-systems efforts.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2009

Web site: <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certificate.html>

Date: July 24,–29, 2009

Location: Washington, D.C.

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Application Deadline: March 23, 2009

Web site: <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certificate.html>



Web Site Turns Users' Clicks Into Money for Charities

The Web site of a new company called Everywun allows people to support charities without spending any money of their own. The Everywun Web site lets users click on and embed a charity badge in a blog or social-networking site, and subsequent clicks on the badge by others generate income from a corporate sponsor that has entered into an agreement with Everywun to support that charity. To learn more about the Web site, go to

http://philanthropy.com/news/?id=6478&pth&utm_source=pt&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_content=leftbottom.

This grant opportunity may be applicable to you or partner organizations.

Title: OJJDP FY 2009 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Funder: Office of Justice Programs

Description: Youth gangs continue to have a significant adverse impact on youth, families, and communities across America. A growing number of communities have adopted OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model, a multi-strategy, multidisciplinary approach that has proven to be effective in reducing gang activity. The OJJDP FY 2009 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program provides funding for localities to enhance coordination of Federal, state, and local resources in support of community partnerships implementing the following anti-gang strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and targeted gang enforcement. This program is authorized by statutes appropriating funds for FY 2009.

Award: Up to \$200,000

Eligibility: State governments, county governments; city or township governments; special district governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

Deadline: March 04, 2009

For more information:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=44550>