



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:

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

~Winston Churchill



Announcement from the Technical Assistance Team

We're thrilled to introduce everyone to our new TATP Project Director Ivy Jones Turner and new Research Assistant Kristen Roney.

Ivy has worked with nonprofit organizations focusing on youth development for more than 15 years. She has provided training and technical assistance (TA) and led agency efforts on evaluation, mentoring, and organizational development. Most recently Ivy provided TA at the National TenPoint Leadership Foundation and the Ella J. Baker House in Boston on law enforcement-clergy collaborations and programs for youth involved with the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems. Ivy can be contacted via email at ijonesturner@edc.org or by telephone at 617-618-2346.

Kristen Roney has been a Research Assistant at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) for the past four years. Kristen's professional interests are criminal justice and mental health, particularly as these issues affect youth. Kristen has worked on youth mental health and substance abuse issues, created TA Web sites and online newsletters, and organized large-scale national conferences. In addition, Kristen has served as an advocate for sexual assault survivors and has worked on health, community organization, and youth empowerment projects in Bolivia and Honduras. Kristen will begin at EDC on July 1. You can reach Kristen via email at kroney@edc.org or by telephone at 617-618-2334.

We'll be calling each of the MISY grantees over the next few weeks to introduce you to Ivy and Kristen and to help them learn about the exciting work you are engaged in.



OJJDP Bulletin Examines Violence by Teenage Girls

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published *Violence by Teenage Girls: Trends and Context*. The first in a series of publications from OJJDP's Girls Study Group, the bulletin assesses trends of juvenile arrest rates for violent crimes, focusing on simple and aggravated assault. It also examines the context in which girls and boys offend, including the type of victims targeted and environments where offenses commonly occur. To view the bulletin, please see <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=240649>.

For further information about OJJDP's Girls Study Group, visit <http://girlsstudygroup.rti.org/>.

Providing Quality Youth Mentoring in Schools & Communities Series

The National Mentoring Center has recently updated and revised several of its publications. These resources offer practitioners a research-based model for designing and implementing a successful youth mentoring program. The series offers information on topics such as creating program policies, training mentors, building mentor/mentee relationships, and planning for sustainability. To view the publications, please click on http://www.nwrel.org/mentoring/nmc_pubs.php.

Senators Introduce Juvenile Justice Reauthorization Bill

On Wednesday, June 18th, senior members of the Senate Judiciary Committee introduced legislation to extend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), which authorizes key grant programs designed to reduce crime among youth and recidivism in the juvenile justice system.

The proposed legislation would increase federal funding for prevention, intervention, and treatment programs designed to reduce juvenile crime. It urges states to make key improvements to juvenile justice systems, and addresses concerns about pretrial detention of youth in adult jails and the detention of children who commit status offenses like truancy by establishing meaningful guidelines, procedural protections, and restrictions. The legislation also prioritizes and funds mental health and drug treatment for juvenile offenders and encourages states to further address the overrepresentation of minorities in the juvenile justice system. Finally, the bill supports the efforts of states that attempt to comply with the core requirements of the JJDPA by making funds available through improvement grants.

"Despite the nationwide recognition of the importance that role models and mentoring play in youth development, there remains an unfortunate shortage of programs devoted to stemming youth delinquency," said Senator Arlen Specter, a cosponsor of the bill. "Through mentoring and other programs, this Act will help to prevent delinquency and promote rehabilitation, so that young offenders are less likely to become stuck in the criminal justice system."

To read the entire press release from Senator Leahy's office, click on <http://leahy.senate.gov/press/200806/061808b.html>.

To read more about the JJDPA, please see <http://www.buildingblocksfor youth.org/issues/jjdpa/factsheet.html>.



Date: July 16–18, 2008

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

Title: G.R.E.A.T. National Training Conference 2008: Building Bridges to a G.R.E.A.T. Future

Sponsor: Gang Resistance Education and Training Program

Description: This conference will provide strategies for preventing youth crime, violence, and gang involvement in order to create safe communities; developing positive relationships with youth, parents, school staff, community partners, and others; and improving the delivery of G.R.E.A.T. programs.

Web site: <http://www.great-online.org/Conference2008/>

Date: August 17–20, 2008

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Title: OJJDP/State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD) National Conference

Sponsor: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Description: This conference will focus on four themes: 3-year planning, special interests, compliance monitoring, and disproportionate minority contact (DMC). There will be one day of preconference sessions followed by two days of training and information sessions.

Web site: http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/news_at_glance/223021/sf_5.html



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

Title: Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation

Funder: The Drucker Institute

Description: This award will be granted to a nonprofit organization that demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation: "change that creates a new dimension of performance." The program submitted for consideration must have specific and measurable outcomes; exemplify innovation by demonstrating a new dimension or standard of performance; have made a difference in the lives of the people it serves; and serve as a model that can be replicated or adopted by other organizations.

Award: The winner will receive the \$35,000 first prize, with \$7,500 awarded for second place and \$5,000 for third place.

Deadline: First Round Applications must be received by July 15, although judging will consist of multiple rounds. Semifinalist organizations may be asked for supplemental information.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

For more information:

<http://www.druckerinstitute.com/whatsnew/2008%20Drucker%20Nonprofit%20Award%20App.pdf>

Title: Collaboration Prize

Funder: Lodestar Foundation

Description: This prize will recognize collaborations among two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services and compete for clients, financial resources, and staff. The prize program also seeks to build an information base of effective practice models that can be studied and used by academics, nonprofit leaders, and grantmakers to inspire and advance their work. For the purposes of the prize, collaboration means joint programming, administrative consolidations, or mergers among two or more organizations that would otherwise compete.

Award: \$250,000

Deadline: Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. (EDT) on July 21, 2008.

Eligibility: A collaboration must involve two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services; have a structure that is evidenced by a formal agreement that uses the resources of each party in a more effective way; and have begun operation at least 18 months prior to nomination and have been in existence no longer than eight years prior to the date of nomination. The collaboration or each participant must be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For more information: <http://www.thecollaborationprize.org/About-the-Prize.aspx>