



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:

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

~ Maya Angelou

Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth Highlights

Announcement from the Technical Assistance Team

We are busy interviewing candidates for the TA and Training Program's Project Director and Research Assistant positions. As soon as the positions are filled, we'll be in touch with each grantee to introduce the new staff and enable them to learn about the exciting work you are doing.

Useful Resources

America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline

This new report from the Children's Defense Fund discusses factors that put youth at risk for juvenile delinquency and argues that children who are the subject of intervention by a teacher, mentor, or other adult are less likely to fall into or remain in the criminal justice pipeline. It also offers recommendations to help both policymakers and youth-serving organizations create alternative solutions to this problem. To view the publication, please see

http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/DocServer/ CPP_report_2007_lowres.pdf?docID=5222

Youth in Foster Care With Adult Mentors During Adolescence Have Improved Adult Outcomes

Ahrens, K. R., DuBois, D. L., Richardson, L. P., Fan M., Lozano, P. (2008). *Pediatrics*, 121(2).

The goal of this study was to determine whether youth in foster care with natural mentors during adolescence have improved young adult outcomes. The authors used data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (1994–2002). Results showed that mentored youth were more likely to report favorable overall health and were less likely to report suicidal ideation, having received a diagnosis of a

sexually transmitted infection, and having hurt someone in a fight in the past year. There was also a borderline significant trend toward more participation in higher education among mentored youth. Overall, mentored youth had, on average, a significantly greater number of positive outcomes than non-mentored youth. To read the study, please visit

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/peds.2007-0508v1.pdf>

Foundations Seek Changes in Juvenile Justice System

Grantmakers, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Open Society Institute, are among the charities leading the charge to reform the U.S. juvenile justice system. These foundations are currently funding programs and research to learn more about the major factors leading up to juvenile delinquency, as well as what can be done to help youth already involved in the system. To learn more, please see

<http://members.jointogether.org/ct/t7wkTk41s4rF/>



Date: July 21–23, 2008

Location: Arlington, Virginia

Title: National Institute of Justice Annual Conference

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice

Description: This conference will bring together criminal justice scholars, policymakers, and practitioners at the local, state, and federal levels to share the latest research findings and technology. This year's conference includes a panel on youth gang research and best practices organized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Other panel topics of interest include commercial sexual exploitation of children, school-based prevention programs, and bullying.

Web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/redirects/welcome-resources.htm>

Date: June 26–27, 2008; August 5, 2008; August 29, 2008

Location: Washington, D.C.; Sacramento, California; Dallas, Texas

Title: Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conferences

Sponsor: White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Description: This series of 2008 conferences is designed to connect effective social service organizations with resources that can strengthen and expand the services they offer. The conferences will provide an understanding of the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative and information about the Federal grants process, funding opportunities, and the responsibilities that come with Federal funding.

Web site: <http://www.dtiassociates.com/fbci/index.cfm>



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

Title: Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative: Neighborhood Builders

Funder: The Bank of America Charitable Foundation

Description: The Neighborhood Builders program is providing two-year grants for operating support and leadership training to two nonprofit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. The program

seeks organizations whose focus closely reflects local neighborhood priorities such as health and human services, education, community development, or arts and culture. Applicants should demonstrate how they have affected their community and how grant funding and leadership development opportunities will help their organization further its work in the community.

Award: \$200,000

Deadline: June 27, 2008

Eligibility: Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in a Bank of America community can apply. Please see the eligibility section of the Web site for details.

For more information: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15012342/bankofamerica>

Title: Mattel Children's Foundation Grants

Funder: Mattel Children's Foundation

Description: The Mattel Children's Foundation will award grants under the Mattel Domestic Grantmaking Program, which benefits youth-serving organizations. Funding is aimed at programs that "directly and effectively impact children with demonstrated needs (physical, financial, emotional, and health-related)." Foundation priorities include learning and literacy, health (with an emphasis on promoting healthy, active lifestyles), and empowerment of girls up to age 12.

Award: \$5,000–\$25,000

Deadline: July 15, 2008

Eligibility: 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations with nondiscriminatory policies are eligible to apply. Preference is given to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million.

For more information:

http://www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

Title: OJJDP FY 2008 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Funder: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Description: This program assists localities with existing anti-gang strategies to enhance coordination of Federal, state, and local anti-gang resources. It supports community-based anti-gang strategies, including primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and gang enforcement.

Award: Up to \$200,000 for a two year project.

Deadline: June 13, 2008

Eligibility: OJJDP invites applications from public agencies and private organizations (including faith- and community-based organizations). Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant and the others indicated as co-applicants.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2008/Gang.pdf>

Title: Public Welfare Foundation Grants

Funder: Public Welfare Foundation

Description: The Public Welfare Foundation is currently accepting letters of inquiry for grants focusing on criminal and juvenile justice, health reform, and workers' rights. Criminal and juvenile justice grants support groups working to reduce the incarceration rate and inequitable treatment of African American and Hispanic/Latino populations or establish more effective and fairer criminal and juvenile justice policies and institutions throughout the nation. Applicants may receive funds for general operating support under this grant program.

Award: \$75,000–\$155,000

Deadline: The deadline for letters of intent is June 19, 2008. A letter of intent must be submitted in order to apply for a grant.

Eligibility: 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations can apply for these grants.

For more information: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>