



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 who 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 all.

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*



Activity List for Mentor/Mentee Pairs

The following list contains some ideas for activities for mentoring pairs to do together. We have gathered the ideas from various mentoring sources, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Friends for Youth Mentoring Institute, National Mentoring Center, AIM, and Bridge the Gap.

Mentor and Mentee Joint Activities

- *Attend a sporting or community event together:*
 - Professional or college-level sporting event.
 - Local fair or festival.
- *Play a sport one on one:*
 - Shoot hoops together.
 - Throw around a football.
 - Play tennis.
- *Visit a place the mentee shows personal interest in:*
 - See a specific exhibit at a science or art museum.
 - See a planetarium show.
 - Take a tour of a university or college campus that has programs that the mentee may be interested in pursuing in the future.
- *Address the possibility of having a "bring your mentee to work/school" day.*
- *Have mentors and mentees participate in group presentations to organizations, businesses, churches, and colleges where they discuss their experiences with potential mentors.*
- *Involve current mentors and mentees in preparing media coverage, brochures, and other flyers:*
 - Public service announcements on radio and TV.
 - Local newspaper stories or ads.
- *Hold recognition ceremonies for the mentors and mentees:*
 - Throw a kick-off party for all participants.
 - Recognize achievements made by each pair as well as by the entire team.
 - Hold a closure ceremony when the relationship comes to an end.

Mentor Only Activities:

- *Encourage current mentors to make regular presentations to college campuses and include their stories or input in informational postings, newsletter articles, and periodic mailings.*
- *Conduct ongoing mentor training sessions where the mentors can:*
 - Collaborate with one another.
 - Discuss problems as they arise in mentoring relationships.
 - Utilize case histories for role play.
- *Initiate ongoing mentor support groups, thereby allowing mentors to*:*
 - Relay positive advancements.
 - Share challenges and ways to overcome them.
 - Offer experiential advice to one another and encourage each other through the stages of the mentoring relationship.

*Mentors can benefit greatly from idea exchange and feedback in a group setting such as this.



Developmental Characteristics of Adolescents

The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota has created two fact sheets on the developmental characteristics of adolescents ages 12–18. These tools may be useful in training your mentors on adolescents' social, emotional, and physical development. Please click on the following link to access these fact sheets: http://www.mentoringworks.org/sites/a234b4c8-ec92-4a0c-8351-434a90b6c1cc/uploads/TMA_8-Developmental_Characteristics_12-14_Year_Olds.pdf

and

http://www.mentoringworks.org/sites/a234b4c8-ec92-4a0c-8351-434a90b6c1cc/uploads/TMA_9-Developmental_Characteristics_of_15-18_Year_Olds.pdf.

Psychiatric Disorders of Youth in Detention

This OJJDP publication examines the prevalence of alcohol, other drugs, and mental disorders among youth at the Cook County (Illinois) Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. It further details these issues in the categories of gender, race, ethnicity, and age. This research shows that nearly two-thirds of the males and three-quarters of the females in the study met the diagnostic criteria for one or more psychiatric disorders. It presents information that can help the juvenile justice system detect youth psychiatric disorders and respond with an integrated system of services. Some suggestions include an immediate screening process upon admission to the juvenile facility and linking youth to mental health treatment in their returning community. To view the full bulletin, please click on <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/Publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=210331>.

On the Right Track to Safer Communities:

Steering California's Juvenile Offenders Away from Lives of Crime

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids *California* has published a report that discusses the need for strong intervention programs for juvenile offenders. The report outlines the importance of mental health considerations for youth in the justice system. It describes successful mental health interventions, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST), both of which cut re-arrests in half among repeat offenders. The report also highlights California's early and community-based intervention programs, including the Repeat Offender Prevention Program, which targets young offenders who are identified as being at high risk for repeat offending. A list for funding ideas for organizations working with juvenile offenders is also provided. To view the full report, please click on <http://www.fightcrime.org/ca/cajjreport.pdf>.

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report

This report presents a comprehensive overview of juvenile crime, violence, and victimization in the juvenile justice system. It brings together the latest available statistics from a variety of sources and

includes numerous tables, graphs, and maps, accompanied by analyses in clear, non-technical language. To view the full report, please click on <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/nr2006/downloads/NR2006.pdf>.

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Date: June 20, 2007 1– 2 pm EDT

Location: Online

Title: Ready to Work? Partners in Youth Workforce Development

Sponsor: Chapin Hall Center for Children

Description: Many employers are reluctant to hire at-risk youth or lack the resources to train them. While program providers support the idea of engaging employers in youth workforce preparation activities, a Chapin Hall study shows that program providers, employers, and schools often work at cross purposes, despite sharing the same fundamental goal. This web conference will discuss how policymakers, community groups, and employers can better prepare youth for success in the workforce. It will include a review of the research that explores the effect of misalignments between employers and youth program providers on expanding employer involvement. Speakers will also discuss state and federal initiatives that address youth workforce development.

Web site: [Please click here](#)

Date: July 16–20, 2007

Location: Portland, Oregon

Title: Portland State Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring

Sponsor: Portland State University

Description: Participants attend an intensive week long seminar presenting the latest developments in theory and research on youth mentoring. Each day long session is led by a prominent, nationally recognized research fellow. The series aims to be a string of highly interactive discussions that provide an in-depth view of the research and examine its implications for program policies and practices. Sessions include ample time for participants to think critically and creatively about their own program issues and explore opportunities for innovation. A fundamental premise of the institute is that a sustained dialogue between experienced professionals and researchers stimulates research with relevance to the field and enhances its translation to practical application.

Web site: www.nwrel.org/mentoring/docs/institute_announcement.doc

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

Title: National Juvenile Justice Programs

Funder: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Description: The purpose of this award is to provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system and that support OJJDP's mission to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization.

Award: \$500,000 – \$3,000,000

Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, and Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments).

Deadline: June 8, 2007

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/NJJPrograms.pdf>

Title: High-Risk Youth Offender Reentry and Family Strengthening Initiatives

Funder: OJJDP

Description: This award is designed to support innovations and enhancements of juvenile justice-related practice at the local, state, and tribal government levels. Under this initiative, OJJDP will fund (1) high-risk youth offender reentry strategies and programs designed to promote collaboration among Departments of Juvenile Corrections, faith-based and community-based organizations, and providers committed to providing opportunities, resources, and services for youth offenders who are returning to their families and communities, school systems, and/or workforce environments following a period of confinement in a juvenile residential facility; and (2) family strengthening strategies and programs that focus on improving family economic success, family support systems, and building thriving and nurturing communities in which healthy families can pursue long-term goals.

Award: \$250,000–\$1,000,000

Eligibility: County governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); city or township governments; state governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

Deadline: June 8, 2007

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/Reentry.pdf>

Title: Support for Mentoring Initiatives

Funder: OJJDP

Description: This solicitation invites applicants to propose the implementation of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to populations that are underserved due to locations, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other such situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

Award: \$400,000–\$2,000,000

Eligibility: Applications are limited to private organizations, including faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: June 8, 2007

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/mentoring.pdf>

Title: Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants Program

Funder: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Description: The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program helps local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and provides for national support efforts, including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. Funds can be used for demonstration, replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance programs.

Award: \$300,000–\$1,500,000

Eligibility: For-profit and non-profit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government.

Deadline: June 25, 2007

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07ByrneDiscSol.pdf>

Title: Demonstration Grant Program-Mentoring Children of Prisoners-Vouchers

Funder: Administration for Children and Families

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), is accepting applications for a Service Delivery Demonstration Project Cooperative Agreement. The Service Delivery Demonstration Project is a cooperative agreement with an agency to ensure the national distribution of mentoring service vouchers to families and caregivers of children whose parent(s) are incarcerated.

Award: \$5,000,000

Eligibility: For-profit organizations other than small businesses; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; county governments; nonprofits; independent school districts; Native American tribal organizations; private institutions of higher education; city or township governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; small businesses; and state governments.

Deadline: June 26, 2007

For more information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0030.html>

Title: Child Welfare Foundation

Funder: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Description: The [American Legion Child Welfare Foundation](#) accepts funding proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that meet one of the foundation's two basic purposes: (1) to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and (2) to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Award: \$1,500–\$70,000

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations

Deadline: July 1, 2007

For more information: <http://www.cwf-inc.org/docs/?section=grantseekers>

Title: Youth-Build Grants

Funder: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration

Description: YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses several core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. Grantees will work with disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low-income individuals and families.

Award: \$700,000–\$1,100,000 (100 awards)

Eligibility: Community-based organizations; faith-based organizations; an entity carrying out activities under this WIA, such as a local workforce investment board or One-Stop Career Center; a community action agency; a state or local housing development agency; an Indian tribe or other agency primarily serving Indians; a community development corporation; a state or local youth service conservation corps; or any other relevant public or private non-profit entity that provides education or employment training and can meet the required elements of the grant.

Deadline: July 3, 2007

For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga.cfm>