

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

The Department of Labor's Secretary Chao Announces Grant for the Automotive Youth Education System (AYES). AYES were awarded a \$2.2 million grant to recruit and train young people for careers in automotive industry. The grant is part of a \$6.3 million auto industry worker development effort under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. For more information visit: http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/whatsnew/eta_default.cfm?id=1070.

The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor Releases Three New "Occasional Papers". ETA recently announced the release of three "Occasional Papers" through the issuance of respective Training Employment Notices (TENs). To view the TENs, click on the item of your choice: [TEN 7-04: The Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration: Initial Post-Intervention Impacts](#); [TEN 6-04: Business as Partner and Customer under WIA: A Study of Innovative Practices](#) and [TEN 5-04: The Workforce Investment Act after Five Years: Results from the National Evaluation of the Implementation of WIA](#). To obtain a copy of the TENs noted above visit: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/>.

The White House and the National Urban League Launches An Urban Entrepreneurship Partnership. The Urban Entrepreneurship program sponsored by the National Urban League mobilizes the resources of corporate America, major service organizations, the non-profit sector, and Federal, state, and local governments to expand economic empowerment and ownership for minority entrepreneurs. Pilot sites are located in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Jacksonville, and Kansas City. The Partnerships will establish one stop economic empowerment and ownership for minority entrepreneurs. For more information visit: http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/awn-news/eta_defa.cfm?id+457.

U.S. Department of Education Awards Funds No Child Left Behind Grants. Thirty-two education agencies will share more than \$90 million in three year Early Reading First grants to improve the language and pre-reading skills of youth. For more information visit: <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2004/10/10052004.html>.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Launches Website to Help the Homeless. DOL has launched a website targeted for homeless program service providers and advocates. The website contains information about employment and training programs and other initiatives that are crucial components to addressing the needs of the homeless. For more information visit: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-homeless.htm>.

Funding Opportunities

Education and Professional Development Graduate internships Available at the Getty Center. The Getty Foundation sponsors internships for students who intend to pursue careers in fields related to the visual arts. Programs and department throughout the Getty Foundation provide training and work experience in areas such as curating, education, conservation, research, information management, public programs, and grant making. Internships are full-time beginning September 19, 2005. The grants range from \$17,300 for eight months and \$25,000 for twelve months. For additional information visit: http://www.getty.edu/grants/education/grad_interns.html. **Deadline: December 15.**

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Announces Request for Proposals to Attract and Retain Teachers. The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education Association's Teacher Quality Department seeks proposals to establish the teaching and learning conditions necessary to attract and retain accomplished teachers in high-need schools. Three to six grants will be awarded ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a grant period of eighteen months. Eligibility is limited to partnerships comprising an NEA state affiliate, one or more local NEA affiliates, and one or more public school districts. For complete program information visit: <http://www.nfie.org/grants.htm>. **Deadline: November 1.**

The Nestle' Corporation Invites Nominations for the Very Best in Youth Reading Program. The Nestle' Corporation and Reading is Fundamental sponsors the Very Best Reading Program, which honors young people who have made reading a priority and provided tangible contributions to the quality of life in their communities. At least 25 youths will be selected as winners. Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who are legal residents of the 50 U.S. and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. Applicants should have strong background in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. For more information visit: <http://www.rif.org/what/eventscontestsverybestinyouth/default.aspx>. **Deadline: November 1.**

Youth Service America Announces Funds for National Youth Services Day. Youth Service America announced the availability of DisneyHand Minnie Grants to help youth, teachers, and organizations implement service projects for National Youth Service Day scheduled for April 15-17, 2005. The program offers grants of \$500 each to engage young people between the ages of 5 and 14 to plan and carry out service projects. Youth ages 5 through 14, teachers or organizations that engages youth between the ages 5 and 14 are eligible to apply. For additional information visit: <http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/>. **Deadline: December 20.**

Character Education Partnership (CEP) to Present National Schools of Character Awards. The Character Education Partnership annually presents the National School of Character awards to recognize K-12 schools and districts demonstrating outstanding character education initiatives that yield positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. To be eligible schools must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2001 for the 2005 awards. Selected schools and districts will receive a cash award of \$2,000, national recognition, and a featured position of CEP's National Schools of Character publication. For more information visit: <http://www.character.org/eventsawards/nsoc/>. **December 6.**

Intel Corporation, Scholastic Inc. Announces Awards. Intel Corporation and Scholastic Inc. are conducting a search for elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate excellence categories ranging from Academic Achievements to Technology Excellence. The Awards program is open to K-12 public, private, charter, parochial, Department of Defense, and Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools (home schools are not eligible). Winning schools will receive \$10,000. For additional information visit: <http://www.schoolsofdistinction.com>. **Deadline: December 1.**

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Technical Assistance Update for September 2004

Youth Service America is Accepting Nominations for the Harris Wofford Awards. The Harris Wofford Awards recognizes extraordinary achievements of an individual, institution, and media member that actively contributes to making service and service-learning the common expectations and common experience of every young person in America. There are three award categories, institutions, media, and individual. For information about the eligibility criteria visit: http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm. **Deadline: November 22.**

Applications invited for the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship. The William Hearst Scholarship is based on academic excellence and need. Scholarships are open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. Individuals selected for scholarships serve in a summer internship and must be able to intern for ten to twelve weeks full-time during the summer at the Washington D.C. office of Aspen Institute. All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student. For additional information visit: <http://nonprofitresearch.org/>. **Deadline: December 1.**

Publications

Building Bridges: From Conviction to Employment published by the Council of State Governments, explains ways to reinvest funds for corrections services to provide employment services to ex-offenders. For more information visit: <http://www.cga.state.ct.us/hdo/094/report-2-28.pdf>.

Alive at 25: Reducing Youth Violence through Monitoring and Support. This report, published by Public/Private Ventures, explains a project developed by several Philadelphia agencies and organizations to reduce violence and increase performance outcomes for the high-risk youth population. For more information visit: <http://www.ppv.org/>.

National Training Curriculum for Educators of Youth in Confinement. This training curriculum is designed to assist and train teachers involved with educational programs in juvenile detention and corrections facilities. The 40-hour curriculum includes modules on current trends in the juvenile justice system, institutional culture, student assessment, teaching and learning styles, behavior management, and transition of youth back into their communities. To order, contact: National Juvenile Detention Association Center for Research and Professional Development, MSU Suite 350, 1407 South Harrison, East Lansing, MI 48823; call (517) 432-1242; or email: njda@ssc.msu.edu.

Websites

Distance Education Clearinghouse website provides distance education information from Wisconsin, national and international sources. For more information visit: <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/home.html>.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities maintains website contains a series resource pages on topics of high interest and concern to the well-being of children with disabilities. To view the various topics visit: <http://www.nichcy.org/resources/ld1.asp>

School Grants! website provides grant information for PK-12 educators which include online tips, and a listing of a variety of opportunities available to public and private non profit elementary and secondary schools and districts across the United States. For more information visit: <http://www.schoolgrants.org/>.

SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1964 as a project to address employment and economic concerns and inequities among Hispanics in America. In 2003, SER National was awarded a grant for \$320,000 from Work Source of Dallas County to provide pre-apprenticeship construction training program for youth offenders. For more information visit: <http://ser.masterlink.com/>.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides resources about mentoring. Mentoring programs are highly-effective for serving youth offenders and court-involved youth. For more information visit: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/mentoring/resources.html>.

Calendar of Events

November 1-4. Tulsa, OK. National Resource Center for Youth Services Behavior Crisis Management Training Trainer Certification. For more information contact: (800) 274-2687 or visit: <http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/>.

November 3-5. Harrisburg, PA. Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. For more information contact: (717) 477-1188 or e-mail: mmccalpin@state.pa.us.

November 11. Location - TBA. Youth Service America. The Working Group on National and Community Service: "What Are the Effective Practices Youth Voice Around the World". For more information contact (202) 296-2992 or visit: <http://www.ysa.org/>.

November 17-19. Los Angeles, CA. Youth Build. Program Conditions for a Transformational Youth Program: Strategies for High Attendance and Retention. For more information contact: (617) 741-1256 or visit: <http://www.youthbuild.org/academy/>.

November 18-20. Tempe, AZ. Teacher Educators for Children with Behavior Disorders (TECBD) 28th National Conference on Severe Behavior Disorders of Children & Youth. For more information contact Helen Griller at (480) 998-2817 or visit: <http://www.tecbd.org/>.

November 20. National Family Volunteer Day. For more information contact: (202) 789-2000 or visit: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nfvd/>.

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