

# Youth Resource Connections

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## HEADLINES

**U.S. Department of Labor Launches new Youth Connections Community of Practice on Workforce3One.** On July 7, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration launched the Youth Connections Community of Practice (CoP) on Workforce<sup>3</sup> One. This online community is a shared electronic space where youth practitioners can learn from one another, share successful approaches and models, advance youth workforce development efforts, and foster continued collaboration, problem solving and partnerships. To join the Youth Connections CoP, visit: <http://youth.workforce3one.org/page/home>.

**U.S. Departments of Labor, Interior and Agriculture Jointly Announce New Federal Partnership to Provide Support for Youth to Work in the Great Outdoors.** Leaders from the U.S. Departments of Labor, Interior and Agriculture joined in New York City at the Outdoor Nation Youth Summit on June 20 to announce the launch of a \$20 million federal grant opportunity and implementation of an initiative designed to help disadvantaged youth prepare for jobs in the outdoors. Through a national grant competition, funds will be awarded to enable ex-offenders ages 18 to 24 to give back to their communities through service and conservation work, while simultaneously acquiring solid employment skills. The grant competition is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100865.htm>.

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces Stiffer Penalties for Illegal Employment of Children.** The U.S. Department of Labor announced the implementation of tougher penalties against employers that illegally employ child workers. Under the Labor Department's new, tougher penalty structure, employers who illegally employ individuals ages 12 or 13 will face a penalty of at least \$6,000 per violation. If a worker is under 12 years of age and illegally employed, the penalty will be at least \$8,000. Penalties for illegally employing workers under age 14 could be raised to \$11,000 under certain conditions. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/WHD/WHD20100843.htm>.

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces \$1.8 Million in Grants to Support Women in Non-Traditional Occupations.** The U.S. Department of Labor announced a total of \$1.8 million in funding to six organizations in California, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania as part of the Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations Grants program. The awards will support partnerships between the grantees and currently existing Registered Apprenticeship programs to ensure that women have training opportunities and career support to succeed in non-traditional occupations in growing sectors of the economy. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/wb/wb20100817.htm>.

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces Career Videos Challenge.** The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the kickoff of the first phase of the Career Videos for America's Job Seekers Challenge. This initiative invites members of the public to produce and submit one to three minute videos focusing on the daily activities of one of 15 high-wage and in-demand occupations. The video challenge is intended to result in greater visibility for selected occupations and increased numbers of workers seeking training and placement in these areas. The creators of the top video in each category will win a \$1,000 cash prize. To review the list of occupations and rules for the video challenge, visit the career videos website at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/videochallenge.htm>. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100635.htm>. **Video Submission Deadline: August 20.**

**U.S. Department of Education Releases Videos Highlighting Important Role of Community Colleges for Non-Traditional Students in Tough Economic Times.** To highlight the vital role that community colleges play in preparing adults for success in the workplace, the U.S. Department of Education is posting video profiles on its Web site of three "non-traditional" students attending these institutions. Titled the "Path to Opportunity," these videos profile three adult students, Claudia Rodriguez, Tia Marie Gwynn and Eric Patrick, each facing different challenges such as balancing work schedules and family responsibilities, or transitioning into a new field of work. The videos narrate how community colleges are helping them attain their educational dreams and showcase the various types of support — financial and otherwise — available to help adult students succeed. President Obama has set a goal for America to once again lead the world in its college completion rate by the end of the decade. To reach that goal, 8 million more Americans will need to earn two or four-year degrees. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-videos-highlighting-important-role-community-co>.

## ***FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**U.S. Department of Labor Announces More than \$14 Million in Health Care Career Grants.** The U.S. Department of Labor announced \$14.7 million in health care career grants authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Four grants were awarded to the American Association of Community Colleges, Goodwill Industries International, the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services and SER-Jobs for Progress National Inc. These grants will support projects designed to provide health care training and virtual service-delivery models (i.e., web-based services) to promote career opportunities in the health care sector. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100831.htm>.

**U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis Announces \$20 Million in Grants to Prepare High School Dropouts and Young Adult Offenders for Future Employment.** On June 18, in Washington, D.C., U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced the release of two national grants in the amounts of \$10 million each to serve at-risk youth. The awards were issued to YouthBuild USA and the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps to support training opportunities for high school dropouts and young adult offenders (ages 18 to 24) nationwide. The two grantees will work in partnership with federal and state correctional agencies, local workforce investment boards and community-based service providers to offer a proven array of academic, employment and other re-entry-focused strategies designed to transform the lives of program participants. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100849.htm>.

**U.S. Department of Labor Awards \$125 Million in Final Round of Community-Based Job Training Grants.** The U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$125 million in grants to 41 community colleges and organizations. This round is the fifth and final of Community-Based Job Training Grant awards. Awardees were chosen from among 323 applications. Of the full amount, nearly \$74 million is dedicated to applicants that have never received a Community-Based Job Training Grant. Community-Based Job Training Grants improve the ability of community colleges to train and prepare workers for employment in high growth and other emerging industries. This last round of competitive awards will focus primarily on providing services to workers who are unemployed (can include the long-term unemployed, such as individuals who have been unemployed for six months or more), dislocated and incumbent. For more information on the Department of Labor's employment and training programs and the Community-Based Job Training Grants, visit:

<http://www.doleta.gov/business/Community-BasedJobTrainingGrants.cfm>.

Audio from press teleconference calls during which Secretary Solis announced these grants is available at: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20100629-Conferencecalls/>.

To view the press release, visit:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100883.htm>.

## ***FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES***

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Invites Applications for its Street Outreach Program.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families' Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). The program is designed to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth. Public and non-profit private agencies are eligible to apply. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-YO-0042>. **Deadline: July 19.**

**Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation Invites Applications for its Youth Program Evaluation Grants.** The Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation is accepting applications for its Youth Program Evaluation Grants. The program is designed to fund the evaluation of innovative youth programs or services with the purpose of identifying which programs and services are most effective. The foundation seeks to support programs that are innovative and have a potentially replicable service concept; are offered by small or medium nonprofit organizations (operating budget of less than \$5 million); promote scholastic, professional, athletic, and/or other excellence in youth; and provide youth with new opportunities for health, personal growth, and success in the greater metropolitan areas of Baltimore, Boston, Madison, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Grant awards will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.rmyf.org/>. **Deadline: July 28.**

**Youth Service America Invites Applications for Global Disney Friends for Change Grants.** The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America (YSA) are inviting applications for this year's second round of Disney Friends for Change Grants. The Friends for Change program funds youth-led fall service projects that focus on making environmentally friendly changes and engaging youth between the ages of 5 and 18 as leaders in their community. The goal of the grant program is to inspire children to join their friends and families, schools, and communities to address critical environmental needs as "friends for change" at the local, national, and/or global levels. The program will award seventy-five grants of \$500 each to youth-led service initiatives around the world that demonstrate youth leadership and a commitment to making a positive impact on the environment. Eligible applicants will be asked to implement their projects between September and November and to connect their projects to International Coastal Cleanup Day or National Public Lands Day, both on September 25, or on other environmentally-focused days of service. Schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects are eligible to apply. YSA will host webinars on June 29 and July 6, for potential applicants to learn more about the application process. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/announcements/disneys-friends-change-grants-deadline-july-15>. **Deadline: July 15.**

### ***OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND TEACHERS***

**Do Something Invites Applications for its Change for the Children Grants.** [DoSomething.org](http://DoSomething.org) in partnership with the [Jonas Brothers Change for the Children Foundation](http://JonasBrothersChange.org) is accepting applications for its Change for the Children Grant. The grant is designed for individuals (age 25 or younger) who are taking action in their communities across the United States and Canada. Grants are available for sustainable community action projects, programs, or ideas. While projects that cover any cause are eligible to apply, special attention will be given to projects that focus on one of three causes — Special Olympics, diabetes awareness, and volunteerism. Ten awardees will each receive a grant of \$1,500. All winners will be featured on [DoSomething.org](http://DoSomething.org) and [ChangefortheChildren.org](http://ChangefortheChildren.org), and celebrated through various marketing platforms. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/changeforthechildren>. **Deadline: July 15.**

**National Geographic Society Offers Young Explorer Grants.** The [National Geographic Society](http://www.nationalgeographic.com) is accepting applications for its Young Explorers Grant program. This program offers opportunities to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 to pursue research, exploration, and conservation-related projects consistent with National Geographic's existing grant programs. The existing grant programs are the Committee for Research and Exploration, the Expeditions Council, and the Conservation Trust. Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees. However, a record of prior experience in the fields of research, conservation, or exploration should be submitted as it pertains to the proposed project. Grant awards will range between \$2,000 and \$5,000. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/field/grants-programs/yeg-application.html>. **Deadline: Open.**

## ***PUBLICATIONS***

**Building Effective Green Energy Programs in Community Colleges.** This new report developed by Maureen R. Bozell and Cynthia D. Liston with the Workforce Strategy Center released, tackles the question of the reality behind the promise of "green jobs" -- the challenges and the benefits of the millions of dollars of stimulus money being spent on creating "green job" training. The report also highlights the role community colleges will need to play training low-income/low-skilled individuals to become part of this emerging workforce. To view the report, visit: [http://www.workforcestrategy.org/images/pdfs/publications/green\\_energy\\_programs\\_2010-05.pdf](http://www.workforcestrategy.org/images/pdfs/publications/green_energy_programs_2010-05.pdf).

**Ensuring Youth Transitioning from Foster Care are Connected by 25: Lessons Learned from the Foster Care Work Group.** This publication developed by Margaret Flynn-Khan, Katherine Gaughen, and Barbara Hanson Langford, offers a look back at the unique evolution of work in each of the Connected by 25 sites, proceeding from the Connected by 25 blueprint. It also offers rich lessons for funders, advocates, policymakers, and program developers interested in continuing to build the field of initiatives supporting young people transitioning from foster care. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.financeproject.org/publications/EnsuringYouthTransitioningCby25.pdf>.

**Complete Guide to Service Learning: Proven, Practical Ways to Engage Students in Civic Responsibility, Academic Curriculum, & Social Action: Second Edition.** This guide developed by Cathryn Berger Kaye, contains a blueprint for service-learning, integration of K-12 service-learning standards for quality practice, it includes 13 thematic chapters with correlating curriculum webs, ideas for incorporating global literacy and creating a school-wide culture of service, an annotated bibliography with over 350 entries. Also, a CD-ROM with customizable forms, expert essays, and author interviews are part of the guide. To view the guide, visit: <http://servicelearning.org/library/resource/8980>.

**Enriched and Inspired: Service Pathways to College Success.** This report developed by Lynn Barnett, Carol Jeandron, and Madeline Patton, describes the students who participated in Project Reach, which worked to introduce, strengthen, or expand programs to provide service-learning and service opportunities for students with disabilities. The strategies used to engage students, particularly those out of the mainstream, are discussed. Students who participated in the program experienced opportunities to learn life skills that would assist them with employment, careers, and personal development, as well as meaningful life changes. To view the report, visit: <http://www.servicelearning.org/library/resource/8986>.

## **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

On June 24, the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau held the third teleconference in a series of seven on women and green jobs training and employment. Titled "**Women's Entrepreneurship in Green Industries**," the teleconferences for workforce practitioners, are designed to offer information and an exchange of ideas to better connect women with green jobs training and green employment. This area of workforce development is an important part of preparing our nation to be competitive in the new economy. To listen to this presentation and future teleconferences, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/wb/>.

### **Forum Brief**

**Building a Portfolio of Options to Ensure All Students Graduate.** On June 11, the American Youth Policy Forum hosted a forum brief entitled "Building a Portfolio of Options to Ensure All Students Graduate". This forum will highlight the work of the Association for High School Innovation (AHSI), a collaboration of education providers and advocates that works to create pathways and expand options to future success for all youth. To listen to this and or view future briefs, visit: <http://www.aypf.org/forumbriefs/2010/fb061110.htm>.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July 12- 15.** Boston, MA. National Institute on Out-of-School Time. Summer Seminars. To obtain additional information, contact: (781) 283-2547, via e-mail: [NIOST@wellesley.edu](mailto:NIOST@wellesley.edu), or visit: <http://www.niost.org/content/view/1646/282>.

**July 13-16.** Rensselaer, NY. KIDS Consortium Service-Learning Summer Institute for Educators. To obtain additional information contact: Joe Brooks via e-mail at: [jbrooks@communityworksonline.org](mailto:jbrooks@communityworksonline.org), or visit: <http://www.servicelearning.org/event/community-works-institute-service-learning>.

**July 19-23.** Shelburne, VT. Community Works' Institute on Service-Learning. To obtain additional information contact: (207) 784-0956, via e-mail: [kap@kidsconsortium.org](mailto:kap@kidsconsortium.org), or visit: <http://www.servicelearning.org/event/kids-consortium-service-learning-summer-institute-educators-0>.

**July 29-31.** Center for Afterschool Innovations, Inc. Teaching and Learning in Extended Learning Environments. Fee information TBA. To obtain additional information, contact: Claiborne Taylor at (856) 533-2704 or via e-mail: [ctaylor@foundationsinc.org](mailto:ctaylor@foundationsinc.org).

**July 29-31.** Raleigh, NC. The National Youth Leadership Network. Reap what You Sow: Harvesting Support Systems. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.nyln.org/upcoming-conference/>.

### **NOTICE:**

#### ***Youth Resource Connections***

Technical Assistance Update for June 2010

**The Employment and Training Administration is interested in hearing about new and innovative approaches which bring employers, educators and workforce systems professionals together to serve our communities' youth. If you would like to share projects or programs in your area please e-mail your information to the Division of Youth Services at [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov).**

Thank you.

***Youth Resource Connections (YRC).*** The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) does not take responsibility for non endorsed DOL/ETA resources included in the YRC.

***We welcome your input.*** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have comments contact the: Division of Youth Services at (202) 693-3030 or e-mail [youth.services@dol.gov](mailto:youth.services@dol.gov) .

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