

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao Provides Opening Remarks for the 2005 Workforce Innovations Conference. Secretary Chao opened the Department of Labor's annual Workforce Innovations Conference held July 11-13, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference featured more than 300 national, state, and local leaders, showcased over 100 exhibit booths, included 70 workshops, interactive displays in the Career Voyages showcase, and town hall meetings with national workforce investment leaders. To view Secretary Chao remarks visit: http://www.dol.gov/_sec/media/speeches/20050711_Workforce.htm. For more information on Workforce Innovations 2005 features visit: <http://www.workforceinnovations.org/>.

Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao Announces Grant Awards to Prepare Youth Offenders for Entry into Workforce. Secretary Chao awarded \$15.6 million to 16 organizations to prepare youth offenders for successful entry into the workforce. The grants will fund training opportunities such as on-the-job training in apprenticeship skills, internships and other work-based learning to help former offenders. These training activities are intended to help offenders gain the skills for which high growth industries have strong demand. For additional information visit: http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/whatsnew/eta_default.cfm?id=1229.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Presents Second Recognition of Excellence Honors. Assistant Secretary of Labor at ETA presented the Second Annual Recognition of Excellence (ROE) honors at Workforce Innovations 2005. The honors recognized job training programs from around the nation that have achieved outstanding success. For more information and to obtain a list of the honorees visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20051307.htm>.

The U.S. Department of Labor Launches Nationwide Campaign Focusing on Youth Working in Construction. A new initiative was launched under the YouthRules! to increase awareness about youth employment laws in construction. To download the "Youth Working in Construction" electronic seminar on CD-ROM and the Public Service Announcement visit: <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>. Copies of the CD-ROM are available from the department's Wage and Hour Division's on-line ordering system at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/>. For additional information on jobs youth may perform, call the department's toll-free help line at: 1-866-4USWAGE.

Federal Agencies Launch Collaborative Website to Support Youth Regional Forums. The Department of Labor hosts a collaborative website in conjunction with the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Justice. The website was established to support follow up activities of the federal/state teams created at the "Youth Regional Forums." It also serves as a repository for each agency to post & update their progress and work efforts for implementing the "Shared Youth Vision." For additional information visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/ryf/>.

Funding Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Education (DOEd) Announces Funding Opportunity for School Dropout Prevention and Reentry Program. The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) within DOEd is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2005 School Dropout Prevention (SDP) program. Funds are available for state education agencies to develop and implement effective school dropout prevention programs. Additionally, education agencies are encouraged to create collaborations to assist schools in drop out and reentry activities. For additional information visit: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-13578.pdf>. **Deadline: August 17.**

Staples Foundation for Learning Offers Educational Grants. Staples Foundation for Learning is accepting applications for grants for fiscal year 2005. The grants will fund programs that provide job skills and education training for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. For more information visit: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org>. **Deadline: September 27.**

The Starbucks Foundation Fund Literacy Grants. The Starbucks Foundation will fund programs for youth, ages 6-18 that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The foundation invites letters of inquiry from non-profit organizations that work with underserved youth in two areas: 1) Arts and Literacy and 2) Environmental Literacy. For more information visit: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp?cookie%5Ftest=1>. **Deadline: September 1.**

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Invites Applications for Library Books Awards. The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education invites applications for the Read Across America Library Books Awards. The awards will help public schools serving economically disadvantaged students purchase books for school libraries. Additionally, at least 40 percent of the students in an applicant's school must be eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program. Applicants must be a current pre K-12 teacher or an education support professional in a U.S. public school, and a member of the National Education Association. The foundation will award approximately 36 grants in the amount of \$5,000 each. For more information visit: <http://www.nfie.org/>. **Deadline: September 15.**

The Verizon Foundation Invites Applications for South Carolina Literacy Grants. The Verizon Foundation invites applications from nonprofit organizations in South Carolina for financial grants to support literacy. The foundation seeks proposals that focus on basic literacy programs in the areas of family, adult, early childhood, or K-12 literacy, including programs that address English as a second language or basic computer literacy skills. The foundation is also particularly interested in proposals that deliver literacy training via e-Learning methods and use technology to enhance literacy training, such as computer and Web-based training programs. Grants will range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 and be distributed to nonprofit organizations in Verizon serving territory in 2005. For additional information and to obtain an application visit:
http://foundation.verizon.com/rfp/2005_rfp_sc.shtml. **Deadline: August 31.**

The Public Welfare Foundation Makes Grants Available for Organizations that Serve Youth. The Public Welfare Foundation funds programs that support organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations. The primary focus of the grants is employment, training and alternative education, early intervention, youth leadership development, violence prevention, advocacy and policy development. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply and must submit a letter of inquiry in order to receive these funds. For more information visit:
<http://www.publicwelfare.org/index.asp>. **Deadline: Open.**

Microsoft Announces Funding for Community Technology Centers (CTLCs). The Microsoft Corporation is accepting applications for in-kind support to create community-based technology and learning centers. Funds are provided to help bridge the "digital divide" and eliminate technology illiteracy. For more information and to obtain an application visit:
<http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/citizenship/giving/apply/>. **Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

Opportunities for Youth, Young Adults, and Teachers

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation Accepts Applications for Senate Youth Program. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation in partnership with the United States Senate is accepting applications for the 44th Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). The 2006 program will be held May 4-11, 2006. The USSYP is designed to bring high school students to Washington, D.C., for a brief on-site introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular the United States Senate. Two students from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity will be selected as delegates. To be eligible, students must: a) be a high school juniors and seniors currently serving in an elected capacity in a student government, civic or educational office during the 2005/2006 school year; b) be a permanent resident of the United States; and c) enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state in which either his/her parents or guardians reside. Award recipients will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. For more information visit:
<http://www.ussenateyouth.org>. **Deadline: Dates vary at state level depending on the selection process.**

Fall 2005 "Do Something" Grant Awards Now Available. The Do Something organization will award \$500 grants to 10 young people ages 18 and younger who submit creative proposals for solving local problems. A youth may apply on their own, as part of a group or as a member of a team. For additional information and to obtain a grant application visit:
<http://www.dosomething.org/awards/grants/index.php>. **Deadline: September 2.**

Publications

The Road to Good Employment report presents evidence-based best practices designed to support unemployed or underemployed individuals in their transition to the workplace. The profiles cover topics such as case manager flexibility, developing relationships with employers not previously connected to workforce development, skills assessment, job placement and follow up. To access a copy of the report visit:

http://www.aecf.org/publications/data/employment_retention.pdf.

The Sustainability Planning and Resource Development of Youth Mentoring Programs guide outlines the various phases of customizing a resource development plan. Subjects include planning strategies, corporate giving, foundations, government grants, individual giving, local events, the ethics of funding, and board involvement. To download the guide visit:

<http://www.nwrel.org/mentoring/pdf/sustainability.pdf>.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Model Programs Guide (MPG) is designed to assist practitioners in implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. The MPG is an easy-to-use tool that offers the first and only database of scientifically proven youth service programs. To access the MPG go to,

http://www.dsgonline.com/mpg_non_flash/mpg_index.htm.

Creating Change: How Organizations Connect with Youth, Build Communities, and Strengthen Themselves. This report was created by the Innovative Center to explore the complex links between youth development, community engagement, and social justice. The stories in the booklet highlight youth development work of the Innovation Center's partners, which include local and national organizations, universities, foundations and businesses. In addition, the report attempts to address the differences in community needs as they relate to urban cities, small towns and rural areas. To access the report visit:

<http://www.theinnovationcenter.org/documents/C4-CreatingChange.pdf>.

Program Resources

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Announces Availability of "Highlights of the 2002-2003 National Youth Gang Surveys." This 2-page Fact Sheet summarizes findings from the National Youth Gang Surveys for 2002 – 2003. It provides detailed information on the number of gangs, gang members, and gang-related homicides in urban, suburban, and rural areas. To download a copy visit:

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=12184>.

Youth Who Run Away from Substitute Care developed by the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago reports on the plight of adolescents who run away from out-of-home care. This report includes an analysis of government administrative data on more than 14,000 youths who ran away from out-of-home care in a 10 year period between 1993 and 2003. To view the report visit: http://www.chapinhall.org/article_abstract.aspx?ar=1382&L2=61&L3=130.

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability launches a new online resource section: Technical Assistance Tools. These tools are designed to provide guidance on the design and implementation of programs in the field of workforce disability and youth. The first installment of resources focuses on developing and supporting programs for youth in transition. For more information visit: http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/technicalassistance.php.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator. This on-line resource is used for locating drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs. The locator also includes a complete listing of state-licensed private and public facilities. To access the locator visit: <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/about.htm>.

Websites

Youthhood.org website developed by the University of Minnesota is an interactive site which offers resources and planning tools for teachers, community service providers, parents, guardians, youth with and without disabilities and anyone else planning for the transition from high school to adult life. Interactive modules cover topics such as the high school experience, community involvement, independent living, health and hygiene, life skills civil rights and more. To access the site go to: <http://www.youthhood.org>.

Join Together Online website contains directories of news articles, funding, policy, and a national directory of substance abuse prevention contacts. For additional information visit: <http://www.jointogether.org/home/>.

Calendar of Events

August 4-6. Washington, DC. Points of Light Foundation. National Conference on Volunteering and Service. For more information contact: (202) 729-8000 or visit: <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org>.

August 10-12. Chicago, IL. National Gang Crime Research Center Training Conference. For more information contact: (708) 258-9111 or visit: <http://www.ngcrc.com/>.

August 12-14. Highlands, NC. National Training and Information Center. Youth Leadership Summit. For more information contact: (312) 243-3035 or visit: <http://www.ntic-us.org>.

August 14-17. Washington, DC. The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) 2005 National Conference. For more information visit: <http://www.osdfsnationalconference.org/>.

August 23-26. Austin, TX. Texas Network of Youth Services Conference. For more information contact: (512) 328-6860 or visit: <http://www.tnoys.org>.

August 25-28. Hollywood, CA. National Association of Counsel for Children. National Children's Law Conference. For more information contact (888) 828-6222 or visit: <http://www.naccchildlaw.org>.

August 26-28. Glorieta, NM. National Resource Center for Youth Services. National Youth Leadership Conference. For more information contact: (918) 660-3707 or visit: <http://www.nrcys.ou.edu>.

August 31. Palmyra, VA. Family and Corrections Network Training by Telephone, "Ages and Stages – Session 2. School-Aged: Pre-Teen Children of Incarcerated Parents, Themes and Variations" Audioconference. For more information contact: (434) 589-3036 or visit: <http://www.fcnetwork.org/>.

September 11-14. Philadelphia, PA. The Hamilton Fish Institute Presents: Persistently Safe Schools 2005. For more information visit: <http://hamfish.org/conference/2005/>.

September 13-15. New Orleans, LA. National Resource Center for Youth Services. Residential Child and Youth Care Professional Trainer Certification. For more information contact: (918) 660-3707 or visit: <http://www.nrcys.ou.edu>.

September 21-24. Atlanta, GA. Daniel Memorial Institute. 18th Annual National Independent Living Conference. For more information contact: (800) 226-7612 or visit: <http://www.danielkids.org>.

September 25-28. San Antonio, TX. National League of Cities. Institute for Youth, Education, and Families. For more information contact: (202) 626-3000 or visit: <http://www.nlc.org>.

September 28 – October 1. Minneapolis, MN. Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Fifth Annual Conference, "Conflict Resolution in a Changing World: Building the Practice and Fostering Hope". For more information contact: (202) 464-9700 or visit: <http://www.acrnet.org/>.

NOTICE:

The Office of Youth Services 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 Office of Youth Services at youth.services@dol.gov.

Thank you.

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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: Office of Youth Services at (202) 693-3037 or e-mail youth.services@dol.gov .

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