

# NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

### [Rock Your Block](#)

'Tis the season to hire local teens. Post a job today (like snow shoveling) to hire a teen in your neighborhood.

### **National Institutes of Justice (NIJ) Requests Assistance with Teen Dating Study**

This study will explore the ways that youth and adults think about adolescent dating relationships. It is anticipated that the results of this project will be used to improve interventions and responses to teen dating violence. Organizations that work with youth ages 14-22 are eligible to participate in online sorting and rating activities. Youth that complete sorting and rating activities will receive a \$15 gift card to Starbucks, iTunes or Target. Youth that complete either the sorting or rating activity will receive a \$10 gift card. To obtain additional information on how to participate in the study, organizations need to e-mail Alyssa at: [AGoldman@conceptsystems.com](mailto:AGoldman@conceptsystems.com)

### **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Invites Entries from Creative Teens**

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers is accepting entries for its 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards designed to recognize the most talented teen artists and writers in the U.S. and Canada. Creative teens are invited to submit work in 28 categories of art and writing, including film and animation, video game design, sculpture, photography, fashion design, poetry, journalism, humor, dramatic script, and science fiction. 15 graduating high school seniors will be awarded with Portfolio Gold Medals, which include a \$10,000 scholarship. Additional scholarships are made available to Portfolio Silver Medalists and through sponsored awards and stipends to summer arts programs. High school senior award winners are also eligible for nearly \$4 million in scholarships through a network of more than sixty colleges and universities. For students in grades 7-12 in a public, private, parochial, home-school, or out of school program. Deadlines for submitting work vary by region. [Find more info here.](#)

## EVENTS

### **VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

Jan. 3, 6-7:30PM, 4119 DUPONT AVE N  
For Youth, ages 8-18 ~ PARENTS ARE WELCOME  
PIZZA AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Join us for a preview of a seminar for children and adults with an emphasis on communication, self-empowerment and bullying prevention. Vision for the Future is a Pilot Project sponsored by the MPD, Police Activities League, (PAL). For more info, contact Officer Leila Kasso at 612-673-3953. Please RSVP, so that PAL will know how many youth to plan for.

### **Southside Youth Worker Engagement Group Meeting**

January 9th, 12-1:30pm, Pillsbury House  
Mentoring best practices and how mentoring relates to youth development  
Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota - Jen Lindwall  
MIGIZI - Graham Hartley  
Kinship of Greater Minneapolis - Gennae Falconer

### **Children & Youth Issues Briefing**

Jan. 9, 2014, 8:30AM-12:00PM, Crowne Plaza, St. Paul  
Learn about innovative initiatives and emerging legislative issues that are expected to significantly impact MN children and youth.

[Register early, seating is limited.](#)

### **Winter Health Forum XIII**

Jan. 28, PREP Center, District 287, Plymouth, MN  
Registration: 7:45AM, Workshop: 8AM -3PM  
For: Anyone who works with adolescents  
6 CEUs: State of MN Board of Social Work  
\$35 Registration includes light breakfast and lunch  
Sponsors: Intermediate District 287, the County School Shared Social Work Project and Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative  
[Info and registration info.](#)

### **Healthy Youth-Healthy Communities Annual Conference**

Feb. 23, 12:45-5PM, Temple Israel, Minneapolis  
This free conference is for anyone interested in the health and well-being of youth and families. Questions: Contact Brittany Beck @952-542-4835 or [bbeck@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:bbeck@jfcsmpls.org)  
[Learn more here.](#)