

NEWS for Youth Work Professionals

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for Participating

More than 75 Minneapolis youth work professionals participated in four December conversations, bringing their expertise and professional perspectives to the table for discussions about Shaping a Framework for Quality Afterschool. Many thanks to all for your valued input - from your city-wide and state-wide Afterschool Networks:

- [Ignite Afterschool](#), state-wide, FFI: [Kari Denissen Cunnien](#)
- YCB Minneapolis Afterschool Network, city-wide, FFI: [Fatima Muhammad](#), Afterschool Network Director, 612-673-2131

“State of Using” Documentary Mini Grants Available

Schools and organizations may apply for up to \$500 to host viewing parties of the documentary to pay for supplies, food, printing, transportation and space. State of Using tells the stories of Minnesota young people impacted by substance abuse. It was created and filmed by youth, and was a collaboration of the MN Youth Council, MN Alliance With Youth, Youthprise and Intermedia Arts. Apply [here](#) by January 29. The documentary is always available for free viewing on the Minnesota Alliance with Youth [website](#).

[Delta Dental “Serve a Smile” Mini Grants](#)

\$1,000 mini-grants to youth-led service/service-learning projects that address oral health or health issues

AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Applications

Applications to serve as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, or host a Promise Fellow(s) in 2015-16 are [online](#).

Seeking Summer Reads VISTA Partner Sites

Seeking programs to host Summer Reads VISTA members to help fight the “summer slide”. Find more info [here](#).

BEST NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

The legislative session starts January 6, 2015.

Ignite Afterschool is mobilizing stakeholders in support of high-quality after-school and summer learning opportunities for young people. Sign-on as a supporter of increasing afterschool funding! Sign-on as an individual ... and ask your organization to sign-on also! Get involved. Here’s how:

1. [Read Ignite Afterschool’s Policy Platform](#)
2. Sign the Statement of Support, [individual](#) or [organization](#).
3. Write a [Letter of Support](#).

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Minneapolis PARTNERS with Youth Conference

Friday, February 13, 2015

Colin Powell Center

2924 Fourth Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota

More information to come!

[Community Events Calendar](#)

Native Youth Workers Circle January Meeting

Jan. 8, 10:30-noon, Div. of Indian Work, 1001 E. Lake St.
Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

Southside Youth Workers January Meeting

Jan. 8, noon-1:30pm, Pillsbury House, 3501 Chicago Ave.
Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

Kick-off of [Ignite Afterschool’s](#) Monthly Meetings

Jan. 13, 12:30-2pm, PUC Waite House. RSVP and details at [Eventbrite](#). Tell anyone you think would be interested. *It doesn’t matter if you’ve done advocacy work before; you just need to be passionate about the power of afterschool programs and the young people that participate in them.* Learn advocacy skills, hear about opportunities to get involved, and participate in calls-to-action with fellow afterschool advocates. Brandon Tice, Communications & Policy Associate, Ignite Afterschool, 612-692-5517, Twitter: @IgniteMN | FB: IgniteAfterschool,

Northside Youth Work Collaborative January Meeting

Jan. 13, 4-5:30pm, Farview Park, 621 North 29th Ave.
Speaker: Ed Irwin, Oak Park Community Ctr. – Family Engagement curriculum using social-emotional learning principles and positive youth development concepts.

Eastside Youth Work Practitioners January Meeting

Jan. 21, 11am – noon, ESNS, 1700 Second Street NE
Open Conversation with Michael Walker – MPS Office of Black Male Student Achievement

[Fix-It Tech Event](#)

Friday, January 30, 10am 2pm, Takoda Institute – AIOIC
If your computer or laptop is slow, not working, or seems to have a virus, bring it in for free tech support!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

2015 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

This contest is open to all students who attend schools in Minneapolis who are in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. The deadline for the essays is January 19, 2015.

Contest topic: "Jokes or comments are commonly made, both accidentally and intentionally, at the expense of certain groups of people. Some individuals and organized groups actively work to stop hurtful speech. What could you do to stop these hurtful comments?"

The contest winners will receive a gift card to be awarded at a ceremony before the Minneapolis City Council in the spring of 2015. First Place: \$300, Second Place: \$200, Third Place: \$100. There will be a reception after the award ceremony to honor the winners.

If you are a teacher you can request a member of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights visit your classroom to assist students with the essay topic.

Find more info including a parent consent form [here](#).



STEP-UP Application Available December 15!

The application will be [online](#) until Feb. 18, 2015. Youth that live in Minneapolis and that will be age 14-21 on June 1, 2015, are encouraged to apply. The application takes about 15 minutes and includes a short essay on why they want to participate in STEP-UP. Youth will need to know the following to complete the application:

- If they are eligible for free or reduced school lunch.
- Their family's total income for the last 6 months.
- If they or their family receives any of the following: Food stamps, MFIP/TANF, General Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance or Foster Child Allowance.

All applicants need a unique email address to apply.

Minneapolis Teen Job Fair
Saturday, April 25, 2015
Noon – 3:00 pm
Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall

ADULT TRAINING

[Prime Digital Academy](#)

An 18 to 30 week program on industry-led experiential learning and apprenticeship with some of the metro's leading IT employers. Classes begin March 3, 2015. Funding is available for qualifying students.

[Free IT READY Training](#)

Feb. 9 - April 3, 2015. Accepting applications through Jan. 21. IT-Ready helps unemployed/under-employed persons interested in the IT field. Employers, like the City of Mpls, commit to considering the resumes of CompTIA A+ certified IT-Ready grads and interviewing qualified candidates for entry-level IT positions typically help desk and desktop support roles. Alumni receive access to additional online certification courses at no cost towards Network+, Server+ and Security+.

[Helping Gifted Children on the Autism Spectrum Succeed](#)

Jan. 12, 2015, 7-9pm, Center for Engaging Autism, Hopkins CEUs & childcare available! Visit [Eventbrite](#) for tix and info.

[Youth Work Matters Online Course: U of M Extension](#)

Jan. 12 - Feb. 15, 2015. An in-depth exploration of foundational research and theories of positive youth development.

[Leadership Matters Online Course: U of M Extension](#)

Feb. 9 - March 3, 2015. Explore the key issues in supervision and leadership of youth work organizations.

[Dilemmas in Youth Work Online: U of M Extension](#)

Feb.16, - March 20, 2015. Examine the various ways to respond to real-life dilemmas of everyday practice

[Challenging Behaviors in Youth - Strategies for Intervention](#)

April 9, 2015, 9am-4pm, Minneapolis Sheraton Midtown
Learn how to structure interactions for positive outcomes with youth who exhibit challenging behaviors. Register before the end of the year and get a 15% discount.

ADULT EMPLOYMENT

[Urban 4-H Seeks FT Program Coordinator in Hennepin Co.](#)

On-Call Afterschool Group Leader: Mpls. Community Ed.
See attached job description.

[Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota Program Coordinator](#)

Minneapolis Community Education Seeking Youthworker
See attached job description.

[Youth and Family Liaison & More Jobs at ESNS](#)

[City of Minneapolis Job Seeker Bulletin](#)