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Headlines

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Launches Pathways to Construction Employment Initiative in Louisiana and Mississippi. The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration launched the *Pathways to Construction Employment Initiative* to support economic revitalization in Louisiana and Mississippi in the aftermath of recent hurricanes. A partnership between each state's workforce agency and community college system will use their respective \$5 million grants to establish and operate two construction career pathways. For full article visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20052160.htm>.

Funding Opportunities

Taller Awards to Honor Arts and Humanities. Each year the *Coming Up Taller Awards* recognize and reward outstanding after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. Award recipients receive \$10,000 each, an individualized plaque, and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community Service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities are encouraged to participate. For complete program guidelines and/or a nomination application form, visit the program's Web site. RFP Link: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002196/cominguptaller>.

Deadline: January 30, 2006

National School and Business Partnership Awards Program Accepting Applications. The National School and Business Partnerships Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between schools and businesses around the United States. Partnerships involving kindergarten through 12th-grade public schools and/or school districts and businesses are eligible to apply. The council presents six awards per year of \$10,000 each. Visit the Council for Corporate & School Partnerships Web site for complete program information and application Procedures: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/10000116/corpschool>.

Deadline: January 30, 2006

National Fellows Program seeks to recruit new talent for non-profits. New Voices is a national leadership development program that helps nonprofit organizations recruit or retain new talent. It awards salary-support grants to small nonprofits demonstrating a commitment to cultivating and strengthening the leadership potential of creative and diverse "new voices" in the field. Eligible organizations are US-based, and address key issues in fields related to justice and peace. For additional information, visit: <http://newvoices.aed.org/home.html>.

Deadline: February 13, 2006

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Herb Block Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Pathways Out of Poverty Program.

The Herb Block Foundation invites nonprofit organizations serving the Greater Washington, D.C. region to apply for its *Pathways Out of Poverty* program. The Pathways Out of Poverty program focuses on helping needy young people and adults gain a quality education. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in and/or providing services in the greater Washington, D.C., region. Grants for one year in the range of \$10,000 to \$25,000 will be considered. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete grant guidelines and application procedures: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002435/herbblock>.

Deadline: February 14, 2006

Women's Sports Foundation Invites Applications for GoGirlGo! Grant Program. The GoGirlGo! Grant and Educational Program provides financial assistance to sports and physical activity programs seeking to add new or expanded program participation opportunities for an under-served population of girls, particularly economically disadvantaged girls and/or girls from populations with high incidences of health-risk behaviors. Applicants must be a non-profit 501(c)(3); demonstrate the ability to deliver girls' sport/physical activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade; deliver a minimum eight-week sports/physical activity program, and demonstrate a commitment to the GoGirlGo! educational curriculum, including completion of a post-project attitudinal survey. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded. Visit the Women's Sports Foundation Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002444/womenssports>.

Deadline: March 15, 2006

Music Television (MTV) and Youth Venture Offers Grants for Programs to Aid Hurricane Victims. Music Television (MTV) and Youth Venture are offering Hope Venture Grants up to \$1,000 each to support young people who want to launch a project that will aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina. These funds will be offered every week for the next six months to groups of two or more young people (ages 13-20) with the most compelling ideas to assist the people and communities affected. Applications for one-time projects will not be considered. Visit the MTV Web site for complete program information and entry rules, go to:

http://www.mtv.com/thinkmtv/features/take_action/disaster_relief/help4.jhtml.

Deadline: March 17, 2006 (Rolling)

Opportunities for Youth, Young Adults, and Teachers

Outcome Evaluations of Violence Prevention Programs. The National Institute of Justice is accepting proposals to conduct comprehensive evaluations of promising violence prevention programs with the objective of expanding the list of effective interventions to prevent violence to and by youth. The submission deadline is February 24, 2006. For a complete proposal request description please visit: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000732.pdf>.

Publications

In Demand—Connecting Today's Students with the Careers of Tomorrow. The first issue of *In Demand—Connecting Today's Students with the Careers of Tomorrow* explores careers in a different high growth industry. It will provide students as well as guidance counselors, parents and teachers with interesting and relevant information about career opportunities, education and the skills needed for various jobs. It offers resources to explore careers and tips about how to help students build successful futures. For a copy of the magazine, visit: <http://www.careervoyages.org/indemandmagazine-main.cfm>.

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GAO publishes report about Youth Opportunity Grants. The Youth Opportunity Grant program (YO) sought to improve education and employment opportunities for at-risk youth by targeting resources in high poverty areas and incorporating strategies that experts have identified as effective for serving this population. The Department of Labor awarded 36 grants in 2000, and the program continued for 5 years. In order to understand what can be learned from the Youth Opportunity Grant program, GAO examined the grantees' implementation of the program, challenges they faced, and what is known about the program's outcomes and impact in its report *Youth Opportunity Grants: Lessons Can Be Learned from Program, but Labor Needs to Make Data Available*. To view the report, visit: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-53>.

Report addressing Girls' Opportunities in High School Technical Education Programs. *Tools of the Trade*, a report released today by the National Women's Law Center, examines girls' participation in career and technical education (CTE) programs that are nontraditional for their gender. For a copy of the report, visit: <http://www.nwlc.org/details.cfm?id=2462§ion=education>.

Good Jobs and Careers: What Communities Need to do to Train and Move Low-Income, Low-Skilled People into Good Jobs and Careers. A new brochure wheel developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation summarizes the key components necessary to implement a successful workforce initiative. It identifies what communities need to do to train and move low-income, low-skilled people into good jobs and careers. For more information please visit: <http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/fes/goodjobs/index.htm>.

NAM/Manufacturing Institute/Deloitte Consulting Survey: Skill Gaps Report. The serious shortage of qualified employees that a vast majority of U.S. manufacturers are now experiencing is taking an increasingly negative toll on America's ability to compete in the global economy, according to a survey report released today by the National Association of Manufacturers, the Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte Consulting LLP. The 2005 Skills Gap Report is based on responses from more than 800 manufacturers of all sizes nationwide and is the first new comprehensive survey about the American manufacturing workforce in five years. The report is available at: www.nam.org/2005skillsgap.

Street Gangs and Interventions: Innovative Problem Solving with Network Analysis. This COPS Innovations piece reviews prevention, intervention, suppression, and comprehensive strategies to address this issue of gangs and provides examples of each. It also offers a case study of problem analysis in Newark, New Jersey through the Greater Newark Safer Cities Initiative. This paper discusses the unique utility of network analysis in the resultant problem analysis and emphasizes the important role of an academic research partner. To view full report complete visit: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1616>.

Program Resources

National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS). The National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS) is the national repository of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. It provides data on nonprofit organizations and their activities for use in research on the relationships between the nonprofit sector, government, the commercial sector, and the broader civil society. For more information, visit: <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/>.

Websites

Work4Women. *Work4Women* provides tools, strategies and a virtual community to help increase women and girls integration and retention in high-wage jobs that are considered nontraditional for women. For more information, visit:
<http://www.work4women.org/aboutw4w/aboutw4w.cfm>.

Calendar of Events

February 5-8, 2006. Washington, DC. National Network for Youth Symposium: Express Yourself will explore new information and discover sound skills to strengthen our practice and professional development. For registration information please visit: www.nn4youth.org.

February 19-22, 2006. Myrtle Beach, SC. The 18th Annual At-Risk Youth National Forum: *Increasing the Graduation Rate for All Students* will offer various workshops and seminars that address the causes, prevention, and other issues impacting school drop-outs and retention. For registration information please visit:
<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm>.

March 13-15, 2006. Denver, CO. Blueprints Conference 2006: *Sharing in the Mission to Help Youth and Their Families* will disseminate science-based information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention programs that are effective. For registration information please visit: <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/about.html>.

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.

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: Office of Youth Services at (202) 693-3030 or e-mail youth.services@dol.gov.

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