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RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY: Oprah promotes your mentoring program this month!

Oprah Winfrey and the publisher of ESSENCE magazine have joined in an initiative (ESSENCE CARES) to engage millions of adults to mentor young people. During a late May telecast of her show (that will repeat in June), Oprah will ask viewers to become mentors and refer them to an online database powered by MENTOR's National Mentoring Database (NMD) to learn about mentoring opportunities in their area. For those without Internet access, ESSENCE CARES and Verizon will provide a telephone number that viewers can call to obtain information about local mentoring programs in their community. This number will be active on the day that the Oprah show airs and for three subsequent days. To be sure that your program can capitalize on this opportunity to connect more young people with mentors, please register or update your information in the program records of the National Mentoring Database. You can access those listings directly at [www.mentoring.org/update](http://www.mentoring.org/update) and [www.mentoring.org/register](http://www.mentoring.org/register). If you have questions about your listing, contact James Politte at MENTOR ( [jpollitte@mentoring.org](mailto:jpollitte@mentoring.org) or 703-224-2263).

Save the Date(s)

September 18-19, 2007 – Annual Mentoring Conference hosted by Oregon Mentors and the National Mentoring Center

October 3, 2007 – Oregon Mentors Annual Luncheon: Join us as we honor the programs, volunteers and organizations that work to advance youth mentoring in our state

Scholarship for three college-bound high school seniors who “Beat the Odds”

Stand for Children is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarship applications for Oregon public school students who:

- \* Have succeeded academically despite hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy
- \* Plan to graduate in June 2008 and enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college

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This fall, Stand for Children will award three \$2,500 renewable scholarships to college-bound Oregon public high school seniors who have "Beat the Odds" by succeeding in school despite daunting obstacles. Application materials and instructions are available now at [www.standleadershipcenter.org](http://www.standleadershipcenter.org). The deadline to apply is September 10, 2007.

### Seeking Pilot Programs for High School Students

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council is soliciting proposals to develop pilot programs that will improve the transition of high school students to the building, construction and manufacturing trades.

The goal of this project is to engage state-approved high school Career and Technical Education programs in the building, construction and manufacturing trades. Pilot projects will work closely with a local Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee to ensure that the pilot project's objectives are in line with the entry standards of the JATC. For more information about this project, please review the attached Request for Proposals or contact: Stephen Simms, [steve.simms@state.or.us](mailto:steve.simms@state.or.us)

To access the Request for Proposals in electronic format, please follow this link:

[http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/ATD/docs/Current\\_Topics/RFP\\_Apprenticeship\\_Preparation.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/ATD/docs/Current_Topics/RFP_Apprenticeship_Preparation.pdf)

All proposals are due by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday May 29.

## TRAININGS/EVENTS

### Online forum about mentoring immigrant youth, May 29 – June 1

Join MENTOR for a free, online community forum May 29 - June 1, to discuss "Mentoring Immigrant and Refugee Youth." Discuss best practices, resources, and strategies to strengthen services to immigrant and refugee youth populations. This online forum will address topics important to such programs, including:

- \* Research on the unique needs and strengths of immigrant and refugee populations
- \* Shared best practices from social service and mentoring agencies that serve these populations
- \* Innovative recruitment strategies for mentors of immigrant and refugee youth
- \* Ideas for working with families of immigrant and refugee children

PSU's Daniel Van Lehman, Co-Director of the National Somali Bantu Project, will participate in the host panel. On June 1, 2007, MENTOR will also offer a Spanish language online forum for bilingual programs, staff, and agencies who seek to discuss best practices and effective strategies for working with immigrant and refugee youth in their native language. Visit MENTOR's Online Community at [www.mentoring.org/community](http://www.mentoring.org/community). This event is an online conversation that takes place over the course of four days. You don't have to be anywhere at a specific time--just visit the online community at your convenience to post questions and responses, read postings, network and learn from other programs.

### Mentoring children of prisoners meeting, May 31

Does your mentoring program serve youth whose parents or caregivers are in prison? Several Oregon mentoring programs who serve this youth population gather periodically to discuss relevant issues that affect their programs. The group will meet in Salem on May 31 and welcome any mentoring program that formally or informally serves children of prisoners.

When: May 31 from 10 a.m.

Where: Marion County Correctional Facility, 400 Aumsville Hwy. SE, Salem, OR 97301

Agenda is scheduled to cover: Program updates; Statewide media efforts- a discussion about how to promote mentoring children of prisoner programs at a state wide level; What has been going on at the federal level with MCP programs; Funding updates; Mentor recruitment- problems and solutions; Fingerprint based background checks - problems and solutions to getting this done in a timely matter. Contact Bob Moore, 541-388-6651, [bobm@deschutes.org](mailto:bobm@deschutes.org) with questions.

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Statewide training — Positive Youth Development, June through Sept.

OregonASK (after school for kids) and OSU's Extension 4-H Youth Development are hosting a full day of training for school-age providers and youth professionals on "positive youth development." The training will be provided in 12 cities throughout the state. Participants will gain an understanding of the following four core competencies: Child and youth development; building relationships and partnerships with youth, families, and communities; curriculum and activities; and safety, health, and nutrition

Each day will introduce local and statewide resources, personnel, and organizations that are readily available to assist practitioners, providers, educators, parents, and staff in exploring the world of afterschool. Workshops will be interactive and experiential. Lunchtime will be spent in round-table discussions.

Pre registration is \$10 and includes coffee, snacks and a toolkit of curriculum, activities and resources.

Participants need to provide brown bag lunches. Registration on the day of the event is \$15. To register contact: Joan Engeldinger, joan.engeldinger@oregonstate.edu, 503-260-4053

Most of the trainings are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (if your city has an asterisk confirm your time).

JUNE – 20th - Coos Bay, 22nd - Medford, 23rd - \*Klamath Falls

JULY– 26th - \*Pendleton, 27th - \*Hood River, 28th - \*Bend

AUGUST– 23rd - Astoria, 24th - Newport, 25th - Eugene

SEPTEMBER – 13th - Salem, 14th - Clackamas, 15th - Beaverton

## GRANT DEADLINES

Robert D. & Marcia H Randall Charitable Trust – Pre-application deadline: June 15

General Charitable distributions with preference given to the Pacific Northwest. Must complete pre-application form prior to submission of proposal. Applications now available. Contact: Marcia Randall, (503) 293-6210.

PacificCorp Foundation – Civic and Community Organizations proposal deadline: June 15

Application form available via Web site at: [www.pacificcorpfoundation.org](http://www.pacificcorpfoundation.org), contact: Laurie Simmons, (503) 813-7257. Foundation breaks up application dates by category and suggests organizations contact them to verify correct classifications.

The Jackson Foundation – Proposal Deadline: June 30

A broad, charitable purpose fund that supports organizations with missions that promote the welfare of the public. The foundation considers projects located outside the Portland metropolitan area only if the project has statewide appeal. Prefers special project requests over general operating expense support. Contact: Mr. Robert Depew, P.O. Box 3168, Portland OR 97208, 503.275.6564.

Juan Young Trust – Application deadline: June 30

Restricted to programs serving youth under 21 years of age. The trust operates two divisions (Western and Eastern) Visit its Web site for details: [www.gosw.org/juanyoungtrust](http://www.gosw.org/juanyoungtrust). Western contact (west of the Willamette river and west of the Cascade Range from McKenzie Pass to southern boarder of Oregon): Antoinette Arenz, (503) 735-9831. Eastern contact (east of the Willamette River and east of the Cascade Range from McKenzie Pass to the southern Oregon border): Scott Klusmann, (503) 722-7080.

Hoover Family Foundation – Proposal deadline: July 1

Preference for programs targeted for direct social services and/or education. Receive information online at [www.gosw.org/hff](http://www.gosw.org/hff). Contact: Glen Friedman, (503) 699-1363.

Swindells – Proposal deadline: July 1

Broad charitable fund. Receive information online at [www.swindellstrust.org](http://www.swindellstrust.org).