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OREGON MENTORS NEWS

In case you missed Oregon Mentors' events in April... Wow!

Oregon Mentors' Annual Conference was April 2nd and 3rd, and the results are glowing. The standout experience for all was Michael Meade, a truly inspiring advocate for mentoring. Conference attendees rated Michael a nearly perfect 4.9*. Howard White of Nike was also extremely well-received, with a score of 4.25*. The 18 breakout sessions, many led by registered mentoring program providers, resonated well with participants, receiving an average score of 4.05*. (*Scale was 1 to 5, with 5 being exceptional).

Oregon Mentors held a second successful event just a week later, our Day in the Capitol. Fourteen mentoring programs joined Oregon Mentors for tours of the capitol, a special educational session with two Representatives, lunch and forty-six individual meetings with legislators. Participating programs asked legislators to support mentoring in his or her district. Representative Brad Witt wrote a glowing recommendation of the CADY Program, and sent it out to all constituents in his district. Program participants' comments from the day include: "The day went great and was a huge success for our program! Thanks for all your efforts and the great coordination!" and, "Thank you for organizing this event. It was so cool! I would love to bring students and mentors for the next one."

Our last bit of news: Oregon Mentors is pleased to welcome Jennifer Dressen, our newest VISTA team member. Jennifer will be organizing the Youth Development Network in Multnomah County. You can read more about our VISTA project at <http://oregonmentors.org/formentoringprograms/ydn/> and you can email Jennifer at ydn-multnomah@oregonmentors.org.

EVENTS

Application Deadline - MAY 8th -- PSU's Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring

Portland State University's 2009 Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring will be held July 20 to July 24, 2009. Applications and scholarship requests are due May 8, 2009. New this year is the Oregon Leaders Program, funded by Oregon Community Foundation. Mentoring professionals from the state of Oregon (that's you!) that apply for the institute are automatically considered for the Oregon Leaders Program. This special opportunity provides full tuition (minus \$100 deposit) for up to five Oregon participants. Oregon Leaders will each be paired with a research fellow. The pairs will develop an hour-long presentation sharing research with fellow practitioners. Oregon Leaders will join research fellows in giving their presentations at the Summer Institute Community Symposium. Oregon Leaders will present the presentations at two additional conferences/symposia in Oregon during the course of the year.

About the Summer Institute: Participants attend an intensive week-long seminar presenting the latest developments in theory and research on youth mentoring. Sessions are led by prominent, nationally recognized research fellows. These are highly interactive discussions that provide an in-depth view of the research and examine its implications for program policies and practices. Sessions include ample time for participants to think critically and creatively about their own program issues and explore opportunities for innovation. The institute fosters a sustained dialogue between experienced professionals and researchers to stimulate research with relevance to the field and enhance its translation to practical application. The theme for the 2009 Summer Institute explores the base of evidence for recommended mentoring program policies and practices.

Applications: Prospective participants complete a short application and provide a current resume. Space is limited to 25 participants, 5 from Oregon. Participants are expected to attend the entire week-long seminar. Application information is available at: <http://www.youthmentoring.ssw.pdx.edu>. Ideal participants have several years of experience in the field of youth development and seek an advanced level of professional development. They are experienced professionals in leadership roles that influence the training and supervision of staff, the development of program models, and the implementation of service delivery changes based on the latest advances in the field.

May 6th Webinar -- Fostering Effective Relationships between Mentors and Mentees

Looking for free, high-quality training about the newest research for mentoring? The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota has developed a series of ten monthly webinars, each month focused on one Research in Action topic. The three upcoming webinars are:

Wednesday, May 6, 10 am to 11 am: Fostering Close and Effective Relationships in Youth Mentoring Programs with Dr. Jean Rhodes

Wednesday, June 3, 10 to 11 am: Why Youth Mentoring Relationships End

Wednesday, July 1, 10 to 11 am: School-Based Mentoring with Dr. Michael Karcher

To register for a session, visit http://www.mentoringworks.org/Login_Information.html. Programs are also welcome to sit in on the webinar with Oregon Mentors staff at our Portland office.

Executive Directors' Summit on Mentoring

Oregon Mentors' second annual Executive Directors Summit is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, May 27th. Executive Directors of registered programs in

the Multnomah County are invited to attend. Look for your invitation in the mail.

RESOURCES

Tabling opportunities

We have been contacted about three tabling opportunities for programs this summer. Any registered member is invited to table for all or part of the day. Interested programs should contact Kartika@oregonmentors.org.

- Mt. Hood Jazz Fest and Run on Sunday, August 16, 2009 (at Mt. Hood Community College)
- Gresham Jazz Fest and Run on Sunday, October 11, 2009 (at Gresham Main City Park)
- Kicking Hunger Festival. 30 straight hours from 10 am June 19th to 8:00 pm on June 20th (at Overlook Park in Portland)

Thank you/Greeting Cards

Oregon Mentors recently received 2,000 greeting cards from Portland-based Stonehenge Designs. We would like to share these beautiful cards with registered mentoring programs. The cards would work well for donors, youth, or mentors. To preview cards, visit <http://www.stonehengedesigns.com/cards.html> and find Q143, Q095, Q107, Q146 and Q147. For free assorted cards, email kartika@oregonmentors.org.

Toolkit on Mentoring Immigrant Youth

MENTOR has released a tool kit titled Mentoring Immigrant Youth: A Toolkit for Program Coordinators. For a free toolkit, email celeste@oregonmentors.org.

Free Kaiser Insurance for Multnomah County public school students

Here is a great resource for kids in Multnomah County public schools. Kaiser is offering free insurance -- there is no premium -- but families must pay a small co-pay for office visits and prescriptions. Once enrolled, children are covered through age 19 if they remain in school.

To qualify, children must meet three main requirements:

- Attend school - Children must attend a public school in Multnomah County. Charter schools and publicly funded alternative programs also qualify.
- Grades K-6 - To enroll, children must be in grades K-6. Siblings can also be covered if they are age 3 or older (through 12th grade).
- Income - Families must earn 250 percent or less of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, this is about \$4,600 per month, or \$53,000 per year.

Kaiser offers the insurance as part of its community benefit program, which, among other goals, seeks to expand access to medical care for the uninsured. About 4,000 children already are covered through this no-premium plan; Kaiser and MESD want to double enrollment by the end of the year.

For questions about the Kaiser program or the Oregon Health Plan, or to enroll, contact MESD: 503-277-1732, speterso@mesd.k12.or.us.

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/p/pulse_April09.html#s06

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

JELD-WEN 2009 Tradition Charity Ticket Program

The JELD-WEN Tradition is an official PGA Tour event and one of five Major Champions played annually. This year, JELD-WEN has graciously invited Oregon 501(c) tax-exempt organizations with a youth-oriented mission to become financial recipients of ticket sales. Here is how it works: each participating nonprofit is responsible for generating ticket sales on behalf of JELD-WEN Tradition, and then organization may keep 100% of their sales dollars. Organizations must sign up with JELD-WEN Tradition by August 1st. The Tournament is August 17-23, 2009, in Sunriver. Tickets are \$20 (daily) or \$40 for a week. JELD-WEN Tradition staff will assist in account and supplying materials. To register for the Charity Ticket Program, email christina@oregonmentors.org.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline: May 15

Grant: Brower Youth Awards - To honor and support six young leaders in environmental and social justice advocacy.

Funder: Earth Island Institute.

Eligibility: North American young people ranging in age from 13 to 22.

Amount: \$3,000 per award.

Contact: www.broweryouthawards.org/article.php?list=type&type=12.

Deadline: May 21

Grant: Offender re-entry - To expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and re-entry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration.

Funder: U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits.

Amount: \$8.2 million for grants of up to \$400,000 per year. Up to 10 grants will be awarded for juvenile offenders.

Contact: www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_005.aspx.

Deadline: May 26

Grant: Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) - To prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth.

Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit grantees under the Drug-Free Communities program.

Amount: \$1 million for about 20 awards of \$50,000 each.

Contact: www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sp_09_007.aspx.

Deadline: May 26

Grant: Field-initiated demonstrations in juvenile justice - To foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice-related practice at the local, state and tribal government levels. Funder: U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.

Eligibility: Public agencies and private organizations.

Amount: Individual grants total up to \$300,000 but the total number of awards planned is not listed.

Contact: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/FIDO.pdf>.

Deadline: May 28

Grant: Tribal youth program - For tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian and Alaska native youth.

Funder: U.S. Department of Justice.
Eligibility: Federally recognized Indian tribes.
Amount: Up to \$450,000.
Contact: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/TYP.pdf>.

Deadline: May 28

Grant: Community economic development - For job creation and business development in low-income communities that are part of a broader strategy to arrest tendencies toward financial dependency, chronic unemployment and community deterioration in urban and rural areas. Education and training for at-risk youth is allowed.

Funder: U.S. Administration for Children and Families.
Eligibility: Community development corporations.
Amount: \$29.1 million for 47 grants averaging \$800,000 each.
Contact: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-EE-0034.html.

Deadline: May 31

Grant: Early childhood reading - For programs, such as weekend book clubs and after-school reading, that foster a love of reading and encourage children from birth through age 9 to read with their families. Funder: Target. Eligibility: Schools, libraries and nonprofits.

Amount: \$1,000 and \$3,000 each.

Due date: June 2

Mentoring Research Program

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is seeking applications for funding under the OJJDP FY 09 Mentoring Research Program. OJJDP seeks proposals to evaluate the effectiveness of paid versus volunteer mentors within an existing mentoring program (ideally a volunteer program that will incorporate a paid-mentor component). The evaluator will conduct both a process and an outcome evaluation measuring the success of both paid and volunteer mentor programs in preventing delinquency.

Award duration: 5-year project period

Award amount: \$3.5 million (1 grant awarded)

Search on www.grants.gov using this funding opportunity number: OJJDP-2009-2192

Due date: June 19

Mentoring Children of Prisoners

A new round of grants for the mentoring Children of Prisoners program has been announced. This RFP comes from the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), and is designed to "support the creation and maintenance of one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents and caring, supportive adult volunteer mentors.

Award duration: 3-year grants

Award amount: The average award is \$211,163 per year. (Note the 1 million award ceiling. They have allocated 9 million total for this cohort.)

Search on www.grants.gov using this funding opportunity number: HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CV-0022

Deadline: June 11

Grant: Youth arts and learning - For participatory learning and student engagement with artists, teachers and excellent art in these categories: Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants and Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth.

Funder: National Endowment for the Arts.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, units of state or local government or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

Amount: A total of 600 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

Contact: www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/LITA.html.

Deadline: July 15

Grant: Child welfare - Projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth.

Funder: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Amount: Last year the foundation awarded \$639,875 to 18 nonprofits.

Contact: www.legion.org/cwf/?section=grantseekers.

Deadline: July 17

Grant: GoGirlGo! - Recognizing high school teams that show community leadership by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activities.

Funder: Women's Sports Foundation administers the program, which is sponsored by The Gatorade Company.

Eligibility: School-, amateur-, community- and/or nonprofit-affiliated teams whose members are female, enrolled in 9th- to 12th-grade and residents of the United States, its territories or protectorates.

Amount: 20 grants of \$2,500 each.

Contact: www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Grants-And-Scholarships/Grants/GoGirlGo-Ambassador-Team-Awards.aspx.

Deadline: Sept. 18

Grant: Wal-Mart state giving program - For projects in education, health and wellness, job training and the environment.

Funder: Wal-Mart.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Amount: Minimum grants are \$25,000.

Contact: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979>.



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