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NEWS / RESOURCES**National Award Goes to Open Meadow STEP UP**

This year The Pew Partnership's 2007 Civic Change Award honors Portland's own Open Meadow's STEP UP program, a dropout prevention program with tangible results. The Pew Partnership awards this honor to individuals and organizations that are changing communities in profound ways.

“The STEP UP Program epitomizes what communities can do when they come together to support young people. Because of this program, eighth-graders in Portland, Oregon, have a much better chance of getting to the first rung of lifetime success—a high school diploma,” said Dr. Suzanne W. Morse, president of the Pew Partnership. “We think STEP UP is a national model for change.”

Read Open Meadow's blog re: the award: <http://www.openmeadow.org/open/meadow/blog/C111/>

Read the Pew Partnership's announcement of the award: http://www.pew-partnership.org/civic_award.html

Time-sensitive Resources!**FREE Movie — Oregon Food Bank's Cans Film Festival — September 27**

The Oregon Food Bank's Cans Film Festival is Thursday September 27th. Three cans or boxes of non-perishable food will get you free admission and a free small popcorn at Regal Cinemas in Oregon & SW Washington.

Click the link for participating theaters and more information:

http://www.oregonfoodbank.org/news/news_releases/view.html?id=162

***School-based Mediation — two-day seminar for only \$25**

Friday September 28, 2007 from 1—5pm and Saturday September 29, 9am-4pm

Course will cover:

- The basics of school-based mediation
- Extensive practice in mediation role plays
- Coaching role plays
- Advanced listening and communication skills
- Bullying and harassment prevention and bystander skills

Cost: \$25 (waived if needed)

Contact Larry Soll, 770-2468 ext 311, larrys@mediation-works.org

Location: Oregon Education Association Building across from Bear Creek Corporation, Highway 99, Medford, Oregon.

***National Writer and Speaker Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison to Speak Saturday October 6**

An Unquiet Mind: Personal & Professional Reflections on Mental Illness

Join Dr. Jamison, author, professor of psychiatry and mental health advocate for a conversation on her nationally recognized book, and an informal question and answer session.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Holy Names Heritage Center, 17425 Holy Names Drive, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

This is a Free event. For more information, call ChristieCare at 503.635.3416.

***FREE Half-Day Training — Poverty and the Education of our Children — October 27**

The University of Portland is hosting a half-day symposium on Saturday October 27 (9am to 12:30pm) that is open to community members interested in how generational poverty impacts children and those who work with them. Panel participants and break out sessions will look at the strengths and limitations of Ruby Payne's framework for understanding poverty. There is no cost to participants, but please RSVP to Chris Olinger (503) 943-7107 or olinger@up.edu by October 16. Space is limited so please reserve your seat early.

***Grant Writing Fundamentals Course**

PSU instructor Patti Haack teaches how to do effective research, write to a funder, and evaluate your program. Final product will be a completed Letter of Inquiry written to the funder of your choice. Meets from Tuesday October 2 to Tuesday, October 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave., Gladstone OR. Tuition: \$69, Lab Fee \$30 (includes book), Call (503) 650-2570, Gladstone Community School for more information.

Portland State Continuing Education announces new programming on Service-Learning

- An online certificate of completion in Service-Learning. This Fall, PSU launches the certificate with a course "Service-Learning Design and Practice" course, taught by Kate McPherson, a national expert on service-learning. This course offers teachers, administrators, and nonprofit staff a strong theoretical and practical foundation for implementing service-learning in the classroom or community. For more information on the course, see: http://sesweb.ses.pdx.edu/ceed_cat/detail_large.cfm?id=45V6.

- A robust website is under construction for sharing resources. In the coming months, this website will offer lesson plans, a calendar of service-learning events, and a discussion area to share best practices around the country. Please visit the site at www.ceed.pdx.edu/service-learning.

Mentoring Curriculum

Research proves the importance of ongoing mentoring training. The Mentoring Resource Center has a new publication for programs looking to develop online training. They have created 12 trainings, with ready-made activities and resources on topics such as maintaining boundaries, money matters, activity planning, goal setting, experiencing a crisis, etc. You can access the resource with this link:

http://www.edmentoring.org/pubs/ongoing_training.pdf

And don't forget about all the great resources you can access on the MRC website:
<http://www.edmentoring.org/publications.html>

Achieve Results -- Form Public-Private Partnerships

A public-private partnership exists when the public sector—federal, tribal, state, or local officials and agencies—joins with the private sector—families, employers, citizens philanthropies, the media, civic groups, service providers, and community-based organizations—to pursue a common goal. Across the nation, innovative efforts are under way to form public-private partnerships to improve supports, services, and opportunities for youth. The following link is the full article from the "Finance Project," which seeks to provide information about fundraising to youth nonprofits.

<http://www.americaspromise.org/apapage.aspx?id=8310>

FUNDING

Nationwide — State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants — Application deadline: October 16.
State Farm Companies Foundation, Youth Service America is offering the annual State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant for youth across the United States and Canada (select provinces). These grants of up to \$1,000 support youth (ages 5-25), teachers, or school-based service-learning coordinators in implementing service-learning projects for Global Youth Service Day 2008. To learn more, download an application and grant guidelines at <http://www.YSA.org/awards> or email Goodneighbor@ysa.org.

Portland – Irwin Foundation – Proposal due: November 1, Contact Karri Kostur, US Bank of Oregon (503) 275-4879.

Oregon & Clark County WA – Meyer Memorial Trust — Grassroots Grants — Proposals Due: November 15.
Historically, 70% of small grants have gone to organizations with budgets of \$250,000 or less. Grants of \$1,000 to \$25,000 are awarded for projects with budgets of up to \$150,000. Grassroots Grants fund programs, outreach, equipment, facility expansions or repairs, strategic planning, website development, and more. Decisions on grants are made by trustees at the program meeting in February. www.mmt.org, (503) 228-5512.

11 NW Oregon Counties — Spirit Mountain Community Fund – Application deadline: November 15.
SMCF supports aspirations of youth. Applications for requests of \$25,000 or less are accepted any time during the year. Go to: www.thecommunityfund.com for details. Contact: (503) 879-1400, communityfund@grandronde.org.

Oregon and Clark County, WA (Portland preference) – Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation – Proposal deadline: November 30.

Makes grants to programs that assist in treating and alleviating physical, emotional, social and educational impairments particularly affecting youth and the elderly. Contact: Barbara Hall, (503) 973-0286 for proposal requirements.

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