

Keynotes for Children Youth & Families December 2009



Workshops & Conferences

Parenting Piece by Piece:

A curriculum for educators working with families involved in the criminal justice system.

*8:30 am – 2:00 pm
January 8, 2010
Initiative Foundation*

This Interactive Workshop Will Cover:

- Basic information about the curriculum including background, content and target audiences.
- Delivery strategies and considerations.
- Tips for recruitment and planning.
- Demonstrations of activities and exercises.

Who Should Attend: Parent educators who are working with families affected by incarceration. This may include early childhood professionals, teachers or other human service providers.

For more information about the curriculum visit: <http://www.cfs.purdue.edu>.

Cost is \$55/person & \$65/curriculum kit. For more information [download the workshop flyer](#) or contact Jolene Howard at jhoward@ifound.org, 320-632-9255. To register, [download the registration form](#) (deadline: Monday, December 21).

We Agree: Creating a Parenting Plan:

A webinar for parents raising their children in separate homes

*December 10, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00*



When families change – through separation, divorce, re-marriage or a paternity action, a whole new set of challenges arises for parents and their children. Decisions need to be made about where children will live, how parents will share parenting time, rules, activities, education and many other elements of daily care.

For more information [download the flyer](#) or contact the Working Family Resource Center 651-293-5330 or registration@wfrc.us.



Earn It! Keep It! Save it! Financial Stability Resources

December 16, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

St. Cloud Public Library, 1300 W. St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN

This session will share current information on Earned Income Tax Credit, individual and family credits, local free tax preparation sites and other tax/financial resources available year round for lower income* individuals and families. Register today by calling United Way of Central MN at (320) 252-0227.

Strong Foundations and Fatherhood Summit: “Engaging Fathers, Strengthening Families”

January 13-15, 2010

Arrowhead Resort, Alexandria, MN

Join the many professionals supporting infants, toddlers, fathers and their families who return year after year to these unique multidisciplinary conferences for best-practice strategies and peer networking opportunities. Key note presenters include: Kyle D. Pruett, Dr. James McHale and Vicki Turetsky. For more information, visit: <http://www.regonline.com/strongfoundations2010>

Save the Date:

March 7 – 10, 2010 - The 23rd Annual Children’s Mental Health Research & Policy Conference seeks to enhance the effectiveness of services and systems for children and youth with mental health challenges and their families. Participants will learn, inform, network and discuss issues related to research policy and practice in children's mental health; discuss children's mental health from a systems and community perspective; and engage in spirited and cutting-edge discussions about new research and policy ideas that are family-driven and youth-guided.

For more information, visit: <http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/e-news/23rdCall.html>

Funding Opportunities

Youth-focused boating and fishing education grants

Deadline: 1/4/10

Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation

Youth-focused boating, fishing and conservation organizations are encouraged to apply by the January 4, 2010 deadline. Key requirements of RBFF’s grant application guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. Special consideration is given to programs that:

- * Offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities
- * Encourage long-term involvement of participants
- * Provide training for instructors
- * Promote conservation
- * Support existing RBFF partnerships

The Grant Guidelines & Application, Score Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are available for download from their website: <http://www.rbff.org/page.cfm?pageID=380>. Questions can be directed to Reese Teasley, ateasley@rbff.org, (703) 778-5162.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Implementation Funds Program

Deadline: 1/29/10

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Implementation Funds Program, offered by the American Academy of Pediatrics, supports pediatricians in the initial and/or pilot stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative.

The program is designed to help increase children's access to a medical home or specific health services not otherwise available. Grants up to \$12,000 each are awarded.

Editor's note: The 2010 Call for Proposals won't be posted until Nov. 2 on the AAP website, but potential applicants can take a look at last year's guidance to get an early start on the upcoming submission.

For more on the CATCH funding opportunity, please visit <http://www.aap.org/catch/implementgrants.htm>

Support for organizations working with immigrant youth

Deadline: 2/1/10

The Leah Kayless Ingber Designated Fund, a designated endowment fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, is seeking grant proposals from Minnesota nonprofits to fund projects, programs and/or services for children in immigrant families having difficulty adjusting and integrating into American society. The Fund's focus is on the psychological concerns facing Minnesota youth with immigrant backgrounds which inhibit their adjustment to a new life. Grants may range to \$7,500. Requests for multi-year funding may be considered.

Send applications to: Leah Kayless Ingber Designated Fund
c/o Jewish Community Foundation of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation
13100 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 200
Minnetonka, MN 55305

For further information, contact Ann Kaner-Roth, Associate Foundation Director, at 952-417-2343 or akaner-roth@mplsfd.org.

Things to Know

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)

In January, the Initiative Foundation, in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), will be seeking organizations interested in hosting an AmeriCorps*VISTA (VISTA) member for the 2010-2011 service year. VISTAs serve full-time for a year in nonprofits or government agencies to build their capacity to fight poverty. The Initiative Foundation VISTA Program will identify and support up to 25 VISTA projects across the Initiative Foundation's 14-county service area.

Interested sites are encouraged to continue checking the Initiative Foundation website www.ifound.org for further details or contact Chris Fastner at 320-632-9255 or cfastner@ifound.org with questions.

Resources for Children, Youth & Families

Basic Facts About Low-Income Children Under Age 3

(recently released by the National Center for Children in Poverty and updated with 2008 data)

New research shows that 41% of all children live in low-income families and just about one in five children live in poor families. The findings are particularly bleak for infants and toddlers, with 44% living in low-income families and 22% living in poor families. The report shows that parental employment, parental education, family structure, region, area and home ownership each impact the probability that a child will endure economic hardship. http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub_892.html

Mental Health Needs of Low-Income Children with Special Health Care Needs

A report by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. <http://www.ahrq.gov>

Partnering with Parents and Families to Support Immigrant and Refugee Children at School

A report by the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools. <http://www.healthinschools.org/>

General Resources:

- [Getting School Ready in Minnesota Brochure](#)
- [Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative \(MECI\) Fact Sheet](#)
- [THRIVE Fact Sheet](#)

This newsletter is designed to share funding opportunities, resources, and conferences or training events of common interest for program participants and supporters of the Initiative Foundation. For more information about these and other training opportunities, contact Linda Kaufmann, Sr. Program Manager for Children, Youth & Families at lkaufmann@ifound.org.

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