

## Keynotes for Children Youth & Families January 2009



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### Workshops & Conferences

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#### **Maintaining Momentum: Planning for Your Early Childhood Coalition's Sustainability**

*January 27, 2009*

*9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration at 8:30)*

*Initiative Foundation, Little Falls*

As your early childhood coalition matures and financial stability becomes more of a local responsibility, it's imperative that you have manageable, realistic goals in place to sustain future success.

No charge for teams of up to 5 coalition members. Breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP required. Must attend as part of a team. Visit [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org) for more information.

#### **Inside-Out Connections: Building Support for the Children of Incarcerated Parents**

*February 17, 2009*

*9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration at 8:30)*

*Initiative Foundation, Little Falls*

Cost: Team fee of \$125.

Who should attend: County-wide teams made up of early childhood coalition team members, parents and grandparents, Early Childhood Family Education and Head Start professionals, county employees, faith community representatives, social service and jail staff. Anyone with a vested interest in learning more about how to best reach and support incarcerated parents and their children.

Teams will:

- ~ Better understand how incarceration impacts children & their families,
- ~ Gain skills for conducting parent education in a county jail setting,
- ~ Become aware of existing resources for incarcerated parents,
- ~ Learn how to work within a jail setting and
- ~ Leave with a toolkit and connections to a larger support network.

Presenters: Jana Shogren and Linda Kaufmann, Initiative Foundation; Dr. Glen Palm, Child & Family Studies, St. Cloud State University; Karin Ihnen, Child Development, St. Cloud Technical College, and Judy Jeub, retired parent educator working with Morrison County inmates.

To learn more information about this opportunity, contact Jana Shogren ([jshogren@ifound.org](mailto:jshogren@ifound.org)) or Tiffany Spoor ([tspoor@ifound.org](mailto:tspoor@ifound.org)).

- [Download program fact sheet](#)

## **Minnesota Fatherhood Summit: Annual Winter Training**

*January 12-13, 2009*

*St. Cloud Civic Center*

Join MFFN for the 6th annual winter conference for professionals working in fatherhood programs, early childhood settings, public health, government agencies, family courts, public policy, violence prevention, and related family/social service organizations.

For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.mnfathers.org/summit.html>

### **Save the dates:**

3/10/09 – Early Childhood Session 2 Training (for Staples-Motley and Long Prairie Grey Eagle communities)

3/19/08 – Voices for Children Advocacy Day. For more info, visit [www.voicesforchildrenmn.org](http://www.voicesforchildrenmn.org) or call (651) 644-8138 or (866) 644-8138.

3/27/09 – Youth As Resources Celebration - Details forthcoming.

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## **Funding Opportunities**

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### **Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Call for Proposals Released**

*Application Deadline: Feb. 3, 2009*

*Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities* is a new national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), which aims to implement healthy eating and active living initiatives for children, families and communities across the United States. The program places special emphasis on reaching children who are at highest risk for obesity on the basis of race/ethnicity, income and/or geographic location.

Through the program, RWJF seeks to catalyze and support communities' efforts to address the root causes of childhood obesity through integrated changes in policies, practices, social supports and the physical environment. This initiative will advance RWJF's goal to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015.

RWJF will award approximately 60 grants through this call for proposals (CFP) to help local community partnerships nationwide increase opportunities for physical activity and improve access to affordable healthy foods for children and families. Special consideration will be given to communities in 15 states with the greatest incidence of or risk for childhood obesity (Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia).

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20603&c=EMC-FA138>

## **Best Buy Children's Foundation**

*Deadline: February 1, 2009*

The Best Buy Children's Foundation, the giving arm of the Richfield, MN-based electronics retailer, has reopened its community giving program awards. The awards of \$2,500 each support school programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum.

In 2005, \$3 million was awarded to 1,200 schools. Children's Foundation is offering grants to support schools and educators who use technology that makes "learning fun."

Applications must be completed by full-time teachers who have been teaching at the school for at least one full academic year.

Info: [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com), go to bottom of page and click on URL link: "Community Relations" or 888/237-8289

## **2009 Champions for Healthy Kids Grant Program**

*Deadline: January 15, 2009*

The General Mills Foundation, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year since inception, the General Mills Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

More info is available at: <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

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## **Things to Know**

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### **Inside-Out Connections Fact Sheet: Building Support for the Children of Incarcerated Parents**

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### **Getting your Child Ready for Kindergarten Television and Video Production Flyer**

Viewers will learn how to enroll children into kindergarten in Minnesota, the many different ways parents can help their child get ready for kindergarten, and how to help children stay healthy so they can learn better in school. For more information about getting children ready for kindergarten, go to

[www.mnparentsknow.info](http://www.mnparentsknow.info).

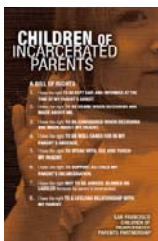
### **Getting School Ready in Minnesota Brochure**

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## **Resources for Children, Youth & Families**

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### **Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights**

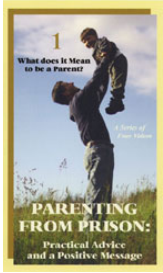
A booklet by the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

<http://www.sfcipp.org/index.html>



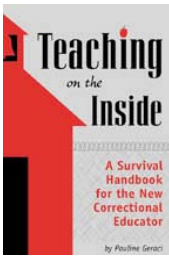
### **All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated**

Author: Neil Bernstein



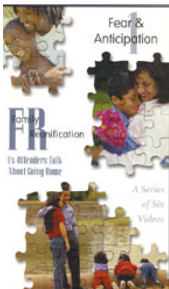
### **PARENTING FROM PRISON, Practical Advice & a Positive Message; 4 part DVD**

<http://www.greystoneeducationalmaterials.com/index.htm>



### **TEACHING ON THE INSIDE, A Survival Handbook for the New Correctional Educator**

<http://www.greystoneeducationalmaterials.com/index.htm>



### **VOLUNTEERING IN JAILS AND PRISONS, A Guide to Safety and Effective Service**

<http://www.greystoneeducationalmaterials.com/index.htm>

### **FAMILY REUNIFICATION, Ex-Offenders Talk About Going Home, 6 part DVD series**

<http://www.greystoneeducationalmaterials.com/index.htm>

### **How to explain Jails and Prisons to Children: A Caregivers Guide.**

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### *San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership Bill of Rights*

1. I have the right to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent's arrest.
2. I have the right to be heard when decision are made about me.

3. I have the right **to be considered when decisions are made about my parent.**
4. I have the right **to be well cared for in my parent's absence.**
5. I have the right **to speak with, see and touch my parent.**
6. I have the right **to support as I face my parent's incarceration.**
7. I have the right **to not be judged, blamed or labeled because my parent is incarcerated.**
8. I have the right **to a lifelong relationship with my parent.**

<http://www.sfcipp.org/index.html>

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*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](mailto:lkaufmann@ifound.org).*

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