

Keynotes for Children, Youth & Families October 2009



Workshops & Conferences

We Can Parent Together: Professional Training Workshops on Co-parenting

October 30, 2009

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Initiative Foundation, Little Falls

When parents are consistent and support each other in the task of parenting, children benefit. This workshop presents the basics and benefits of co-parenting and offers strategies and best practices to utilize in supporting any family working to raise children in a healthy, safe environment. Specific focus will be given to the unique challenges of divorcing and never-married parents, adolescent parents or those with substance-abuse/dependence-related concerns. The 2009 Fall Regional Workshops are being presented by Minnesota Fathers & Families Network; Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota; the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center; the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting; University of Minnesota Extension; and the Department of Human Services Children's Trust Fund.

Register by visiting: www.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/16592_5292381/71146/.

Session objectives are available at: www.mnfathers.org/fall2009.html.

Additional Workshop Dates and Locations:

Wednesday, October 14, Hermantown (Duluth area)

Thursday, October 22, Owatonna

Tuesday, October 27, West St. Paul

Thursday, November 5, Redwood Falls

YIPA Thrive Conference for Youth

October 27 – 28, 2009

University of MN Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul.

Cost: Both Days: \$90 with YIPA Member, \$100 without YIPA Member; One Day Only: \$45 with YIPA Member, \$50 without YIPA Member

YIPA is excited to announce the first conference exclusively for youth attendees. [The THRIVE! Conference for Youth](#) will be held on October 27-28, 2009 at the University of MN Continuing Education and Conference Center in St. Paul, MN. Click here for a [Full Schedule \(including all breakout sessions\) for the THRIVE! Conference for Youth](#).

The conference is held in the same venue as the [2009 Youth Intervention Conference](#) for ease of transportation and accommodations, but is designed exclusively for youth attendees. Providers, please encourage the youth you work with to attend by helping them secure local sponsorships or donations, transportation and accommodations for the THRIVE! Conference.

Keynote speakers include:

- Jerry Tello - *Breaking Cycles, Creating Circles: Learning Lessons of the Past to Create Your Own Future*
- Nathan Eklund - *Finding Your Sparks in Chaos*
- Dr. Verna Cornelia Price - *The Power of People: Four Kinds of People Who Can Change Your Life*
- Jonathan Mooney - *We're Not Broken: Empowering Labeled Students.*

Breakout Sessions will cover Youth Leadership, Safety & Violence Prevention, Technology & Achieving Goals and Dreams. [Register Online.](#)

A Time to be Bold: Engaging Volunteers in a Shifting Environment

October 28, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

St. Cloud Public Library (Mississippi Room), 1300 W St. Germain St., St. Cloud

Cost: No charge for SCAVC members; \$10 MAVA members; \$20 general public

Attendees will:

- Hear what changes your peers are experiencing within their organizations and strategies that are working to respond to the current economic crisis.
- Learn the results of recent Minnesota and national research conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Services.
- Gain insights on taking advantage of opportunities created in these changing times.
- Find out what bold strategies local business professionals are using to take advantage of the changing times.

Panelists include:

- Brian Meyers, Director of Sales at ING
- Gail Peterson, Senior Director of Volunteer Services at the Courage Center
- Lisa Braun, Director at Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
- Mary Krippner, Community Volunteer Coordinator at the United Way
- Janene Riedeman, Director of Volunteer Services at the St. Cloud Hospital
- Duane Rasmusson, Vice President of Human Resources at CentraCare Health System.

With the economic downturn, budget cuts and the national call for service, leaders of volunteers are facing a changing environment. This interactive half-day symposium will explore what is changing and how to respond. For more information & to register visit: <http://www.mavanetwork.org>.

Emerging Research for Abuse Prevention Statewide Video Conference Sites

November 17, 2009

1:30 – 4:00pm

"Social Norms and Child Abuse Prevention" with Dr. Jeffery Linkenbach from Most of Us; "Connecting the Protective Factors to New Research about Fatherhood" with Paul Masiarchin and Melissa Froehle from Minnesota Fathers and Families Network; "Prevention Messaging Research Update" with Becky Dale of PCAMN.

The final in a series of four videoconference events broadcast simultaneously to 20 locations around the state designed to stimulate conversation, encourage collaboration, and engage all communities in the protective factors to prevent child abuse and neglect.

To register, visit www.pcamn.org. If you have any questions about these training events, please contact Ka Youa Vue, Prevention Program Coordinator, by emailing kvue@pcamn.org or calling (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322. This videoconference is presented by Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Save the Dates:

Friday, January 8th - Parenting Piece by Piece: *"Parent education curriculum for justice involved families"*
Initiative Foundation, Little Falls

Presenter: Judith A. Myers-Walls, Ph.D., CFLE, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist
Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University Time and registration fee to be determined.
More information to come...

January 13-15, 2010 – Strong Foundations and Fatherhood Summit: *"Engaging Fathers, Strengthening Families. Alexandria, MN, Arrowhead Resort.* Watch this page for registration information (coming soon): <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=741981>

Funding Opportunities

Enhance Elementary School Lunches: Love Your Veggies Grant Program

Deadline: Nov 6, 2009

The Love Your Veggies Grant Program, sponsored by the makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings, supports elementary school programs nationwide that increase student access to, and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom. The initiative will award \$10,000 grants to ten elementary schools in order to help them develop a program offering fresh produce. The selected programs may be implemented as early as April 2010 and should last through the 2010-2011 school year. Funds may be used for any of the following: the purchase of fresh produce, a vegetable station (such as a salad bar), kitchen equipment, program staffing, nutrition education supplies, or food safety training. Online applications must be submitted by November 6, 2009. Detailed application guidelines are available on the Love Your Veggies website: http://loveyourveggies.com/school_grants.php

Mary Byron Project

Deadline: Nov 17, 2009

The Celebrating Solutions Awards, offered by the Mary Byron Project, honor local innovations helping break the cycle of domestic violence that can serve as models for the nation.

Government agencies and 501 (c)(3) nonprofits addressing the issue of domestic violence are eligible for funding. Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three years. The program should be replicable or, if it is national in scope, have applications for individual communities, regardless of their size or ethnic population.

The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 each. For more information, visit: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html> or phone: (866) 264-6684.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Implementation Funds Program

Deadline: Jan 29, 2010

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.

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

Nike Inc. Cash Grants

Deadline: Eligible proposals are reviewed throughout the year.

Nike Inc. envisions a world where the power of sport builds valuable skills: leadership, conflict resolution, equity and trauma relief. The corporation works with experienced partners in youth and education to address needs of vulnerable populations by linking experts with low-income youth, minorities, young women, and youth living in conflict situations. Nike is also interested in seeing excluded youth have greater access to sports programs that are designed to unleash human potential.

Grants are made to nonprofit organizations or collaborations among organizations. A minimum of \$315 million in grants, product donations, and in-kind support through 2011 will be made to give excluded youth greater access to sport programs designed to unleash human potential. Info:

http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/downloads/HTA_Cash.pdf

Adolescent Family Life: Demonstration Projects

Eligibility: City, county, regional, and state governments, organizations and private, nonprofit organizations.

Health & Human Services Dept.: Funds can be used for: 1) projects that provide care and/or prevention services; 2) projects that coordinate, integrate, and provide linkages among providers of care, prevention, and other services; 3) projects that provide supplemental services (where existing services are inadequate or not available) and are essential to the care of pregnant adolescents and/or to the prevention of adolescent sexual activity and adolescent pregnancy; 4) projects that plan for the administration, evaluation, and coordination of pregnancy prevention service and programs of care required for grant approval. Youth initiatives can provide direct services with project funds or partner with other organizations to provide care and services for adolescents.

Matching Requirements: Programs must provide at least 30% of the total project costs for the first and second years. This percentage increases with each subsequent year of funding.

Potential Partners: community-based organizations; public health departments; local educational agencies. Average Grant Size: \$200,000. More information is available at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

Things to Know

Cultural Proficiency Workshops: Introduction to Somali, Latino and Hmong Cultures

Are you serving more Hmong, Somalis or Latinos in your business or organization? Do Hmong, Somalis or Latinos make up a significant part of your workforce? Does your organization need to learn how to interact with individuals from these cultures? Learn about each culture, including important aspects of family life. Sessions range from 2-hour to day-long trainings, offered by Neighborhood House in St. Paul. Details

here: <http://www.neighb.org/culturalproficiency.aspx>

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network Seeks New Board Candidates

MFFN is now accepting self-nominations from individuals interested in serving on our statewide leadership team. Self-nominations are due Nov. 3, 2009. Board members are MFFN's leadership team – providing oversight of the organization's fiscal management, strategic planning, and other leadership duties. Board members serve 3-year terms (2010 – 2012) and will be asked to attend 4 daylong meetings annually (held around the state on the second Mondays of March, June, September, and December; mileage is reimbursable). For 2010, MFFN has a small number of openings. All interested candidates are encouraged to apply. We are most interested in individuals who fit one or more of the following populations:

- individuals working in corporate settings;
- individuals in a prevention field (violence prevention; pregnancy prevention, etc);
- individuals in health-related fields;
- attorneys;
- persons of color.

Candidates may self-nominate by visiting: <http://www.mnfathers.org/board.html>

Resources for Children, Youth & Families

Early Childhood Advisory Council Web-Based Forum Ready

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) was formed in fall of 2008 through Governor Tim Pawlenty's Executive Order. The Council's goal is that by 2020, all Minnesota children are school-ready as they enter kindergarten. The Council will provide recommendations to the Governor and Minnesota Legislature toward this outcome. The Council has 13 state and federal charges that have been grouped into related themes and are being addressed by four committees: Accountability, Access and Finance, Professional Development and Early Learning Standards.

An interactive Web-based forum or bulletin board has been created to provide an opportunity for public comment on strategies suggested by ECAC committees that will support children in their readiness to enter kindergarten. The Council is interested in hearing ideas and strategies that have worked in various communities throughout Minnesota. The public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration as the committees develop their recommendations to present to the Council.

Please take the time to visit the new Early Childhood Advisory Council forum and add your ideas.

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDEPubForum/MDEPubForum/listthreads?forum=1>

MinnPost.com: Help for Struggling Toddlers Promises Higher Payoff Than Risky Development Schemes - Article featuring Nancy Jost, MAIECMH Advisory Board member & Policy Chair, on the importance of very early intervention.

http://www.minnpost.com/community/voices/2009/08/10/10756/help_for_struggling_toddlers_promises_higher_payoff_than_risky_development_schemes

“Struggling To Make Ends Meet”

New data and tools you can use in your work to reduce poverty and build sustainable prosperity through the 2009 Northwest Area Foundation National Poll “Struggling to Make Ends Meet” (Findings for USA, and for Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon) -- A recent survey asked 4,000 adults how they see the struggle to make ends meet at home and within their communities. The findings reveal losses and the sacrifices, actions taken, and what they expect their elected officials to do to help. Commissioned by the Northwest Area Foundation, the 2009 “Struggling to Make Ends Meet” survey was conducted from mid-June to mid-July. Visit www.nwaf.org for survey findings and tools.

Incarcerated Fathers' Library: The Family and Corrections Network has launched a re-vamped website, the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated. View a broad range of resources for fathers behind bars and for those working with them:

<http://fcnetwork.org/resources/library/incarcerated-fathers-library>

Supporting Parent Involvement for Second Language Families - The Verizon Foundation has developed three resources to help teachers identify ways to encourage and facilitate second language family involvement in the classroom. Although each resource can be used individually, they have been designed to reference and complement one another. Download all three; online here:

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/content/supporting-parent-involvement-second-language-families>

"What Works? A Study of Effective Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Programs" -

Released by The Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development. Authors are Frances Duran, M.P.P.; Kathy Hepburn, M.S.; Marisa Irvine, M.P.P.; Roxane Kaufmann, M.A.; Bruno Anthony, Ph.D.; Neal Horen, Ph.D.; and Deborah Perry, Ph.D.

Through in-depth site visits to six consultation programs demonstrating positive child, family, staff and/or program outcomes, this study explores the following key questions:

- What are the essential components of effective mental health consultation programs?
- What are the skills, competencies, and credentials of effective consultants?
- What are the training, supervision and support needs of consultants?
- What level of intervention intensity (i.e., frequency and duration) is needed to produce good outcomes?
- Which outcomes should be targeted and how should they be measured?

The report, along with an Executive Summary and Study Fact Sheet, can be downloaded from <http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/78358.html>. For more information or to request a hard copy of the Executive Summary or Study Fact Sheet, contact Frances Duran at bazazf@georgetown.edu.

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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