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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**DYCD's Rename "Afterschool" Contest

A competition to rename DYCD's Out-of-School Time (OST), the largest network of municipally-funded afterschool programs in the country. Submit in writing the NEW NAME (and, if you're feeling creative, feel free to send us some artwork, too!) that you think best describes New York City's afterschool programs. One entry per person, and please keep it to five words or less. After downloading and completing [participation form](#), email your entry no later than Wednesday, May 7, 2014 to: youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov OR snail mail to **Youth Connect c/o DYCD 156 William Street, NY NY 10038**. Include name, age and phone number with your written entry, which must be postmarked by May 7. One grand prize winner will receive an iPad Air and keyboard/cover! Open to all NYC school children aged 10 to 18. For complete rules and instructions, visit the [DYCD website](#).

**DYCD Program Participants Visit Colleges Courtesy of Southwest Airlines®

On April 14, high schoolers from DYCD-funded provider Global Kids Academy Health and Career Professionals boarded a Southwest Airlines® flight at LaGuardia Airport bound for North Carolina, where they toured campuses at Duke University and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Earlier that morning, participants from Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) headed to Georgia, where they spent the week at Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, Clayton State University, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology. In February, young people from CityKids visited Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Barry University and the University of Miami. Southwest Airlines® generously provided roundtrip flights so these young people can get a jump start on their post-high school education. Global Kids and Sports & Arts are part of the Transition to High School program, an initiative designed to help young people stay on track to high school and college.



**Out-of-School Time Middle School Expansion RFP

The Out-of-School Time (OST) Middle School Expansion Request for Proposals (RFP) was released through the City's HHS Accelerator system. **DYCD has issued its first addendum to the RFP, including several changes and clarifications, and an extension of the deadline to May 9, 2014 at 2:00 pm.** The free programs funded through the RFP will expand afterschool to "eligible middle schools," defined as public schools serving students in grades 6-8 that currently lack comprehensive afterschool services. In the case of charter schools, the school must have a regular dismissal time of 3:00 pm to be eligible. The new afterschool programs for middle school youth will

operate for 15 hours per week during the school year for a total of 540 hours annually. For more information on the RFP, go to the [DYCD website](#).

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Application Deadline is Fast Approaching!**

The Summer Youth Employment Program provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August. The application period ends **Friday, April 25, 2014**. For more information and to apply, call DYCD Youth Connect at 1-800-246-4646 or visit the [DYCD website](#).

****DYCD Screening of *Rio 2* for Soccer for Success Participants**

On April 9, as part of the partnership between DYCD and the US Soccer Foundation, and in collaboration with 21st Century Fox, participants of the DYCD Soccer for Success program attended a private screening for the hit movie *Rio 2*. The opportunity reflects the larger goal of the US Soccer Foundation to provide enriched opportunities for young people in NYC. More than 250 participants attended the screening at the Regal Court Street Theater in Brooklyn, and received keepsakes from 21st Century Fox commemorating the event. The Soccer for Success program provides over 2,000 participants in DYCD Beacon, Cornerstone and OST programs structured soccer-based activities and nutritional workshops to promote healthy living.

****Community Action Board Member Announcements**

On April 3, the Community Action Board (CAB) of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program held its elections for new officers for three-year terms. The Board chose Greg Hambric, senior management of Modell's Sporting Goods, as its Chair, deepening the supportive relationship DYCD enjoys with this major city retailer. Hambric had earlier been successful in bringing in Modell's to lend support to such initiatives as Dad's Take Your Child to School Day and Ladders for Leaders. The Board also chose Joseph Pierre of NHS of Staten Island as 1st Vice Chair; Melissa del Valle Ortiz, community activist, as 2nd Vice Chair; Sandy Myers, of UJA Federation, as 3rd Vice Chair; and community activists Clerry Phillip and Jason Price as Secretary and Parliamentarian, respectively.

****8th Annual NYS Community Action Association (NYSCAA) Symposium**

On April 2, the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)/Community Action Board Liaison Unit hosted a bus trip to Albany for the 8th Annual NYS Community Action Association (NYSCAA) Symposium on Poverty & Economic Security, which included addresses by NYS Secretary of State Cesar Peralles and NYS Assemblymember Phillip Steck. In addition to staff, 15 NAB and CAB members attended the all-day conference, which included such presentations as "Food Insecurity," "Health and Poverty" and "Veterans and Poverty."



UPCOMING EVENTS

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April marks [Sexual Assault Awareness Month \(SAAM\)](#) in the United States, a time to raise awareness about sexual violence and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent it. DYCD will participate in events on [Denim Day](#) (April 23), which was sparked by a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction on the grounds that the victim was wearing tight jeans. Jeans are now donned worldwide on the third Wednesday of April in solidarity with Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

April 19 – El Museo del Barrio

Free family programming every [third Saturday of the Month](#) presents gallery tours and art workshops centered around a different theme each month. Enter the magical world of "libros" at a book fair this April. El Museo del Barrio, 1230 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street, New York, NY 10029.

April 20 – Battery Park Easter Egg Hunt

Stop by the [Ritz-Carlton](#) for a hunt happening on the hotel's plaza. Search for more than 500 eggs scattered throughout the lobby and outdoor plaza. They all have treasures tucked inside, and one dozen golden eggs can be redeemed for an additional prize. You can also meet the Easter Bunny from 12:00 noon –1:00 pm. Ages 3–12.

April 24 - May 20 – Building Bridges: Accessing Nonprofit Resources

DYCD, the Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NAB), the NonProfit HelpDesk and Foundation Center are hosting a series of free events in all five boroughs for anyone looking for resources to strengthen their nonprofit organization. Topics include fresh fundraising ideas, grant proposals, managing grants and finding low-cost space. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet other community partners and receive free resource guides. All events are 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Call 212-442-5880 or register [here](#).

April 28 – NYPD Youth Summits

The [New York Police Department Community Affairs Bureau's Juvenile Justice Division](#) presents Youth Summits in various NYC communities to inform the public about the potential dangers and consequences of social media. The summits also address other topics and trends of interest to youth in each neighborhood. Teenagers, community leaders, representatives of community-based youth organizations, teachers, administrators, clergy and concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the final two free events in [Queens and Staten Island](#).

May - October – Carousel for All Children

At Willowbrook Park in Staten Island, the carousel contains 51 hand-carved, colorfully painted figures of traditional wooden carousel horses, mythical beasts and endangered species such as zebras, giraffes, gorillas, a spotted leopard, a mandrill and panda bears. [The Carousel For All Children](#) is accessible to all people, including those who have physical challenges.

Through May 4 – Human Plus: Real Lives + Real Engineering

This interactive exhibition at the New York Hall of Science in Queens tells stories of engineers and users who design technologies to help themselves and others achieve their goals – from everyday routines to lifelong dreams. [Visitors can explore](#) and create a range of low tech and high tech tools that extend human abilities. Children aged 2 – 17: \$8; College students with ID: \$8.

Mommy Poppins Online Guide to NYC Neighborhoods

Within each of the five boroughs you'll find a diverse array of neighborhoods, all with their own distinctive family attractions, ma-and-pa shops, kid-friendly restaurants and hidden gems. This concise [guide](#) will give you the inside scoop on the best things to do, see and experience with kids in each area.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Scholarship Fund

The mission of [Children's Scholarship Fund - New York City \(CSF-NYC\)](#) is to increase educational opportunity by offering partial tuition assistance for children in low-income families. The average scholarship amount is \$1,926.

ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

For more than 15 years, and with nearly \$4 million in awarded grants, ING Unsung Heroes has proven to be an A+ program with educators. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Applicants must be: employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States; full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning. [Apply](#) by April 30.

World We Want Foundation

[Applications](#) are being accepted from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Eligible partner organizations must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, must have a project team of one or more youths, a partner organization that supports and sponsors the team, and a project mentor to guide and advise the team. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects and social ventures. There is a rolling deadline.

GTECH's After School Advantage Program

Provides nonprofit community agencies and public schools with up to \$15,000 in computers, online technology, computer software and volunteer hours to afterschool programs in inner-city communities. [Applicants](#) must be a nonprofit organization, community agency or school with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; have an existing afterschool program in need of a computer lab; serve disadvantaged youth between the ages of five and 15; and have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab. The application date is rolling.

FOR COMMUNITIES

William T. Grant Scholars Program

Supports promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise. Candidates are nominated by a supporting institution and must [submit](#) five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor and a commitment to continued professional development. Every year, four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected and each receives \$350,000 distributed over a five-year period.

Korean Cultural Service NY

To apply for the 2014 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration Event Grant, please [download](#) the guideline and application form, and send all correspondence and signed application form to the Korean Cultural Service.

J.M Kaplan Fund

The Fund's Migration program supports a variety of efforts to integrate the 40 million foreign born individuals who call the United States home so they can thrive and contribute fully to the country's civic, cultural and economic life. The Fund normally makes grants to organizations in the United States which have tax-exempt status. Due to its narrow funding focus, the Fund makes grants by invitation only. After familiarizing yourself with the Fund's program areas and [guidelines](#), if you feel that your project falls within this focus, you may submit a brief letter of inquiry.

"Champion Creatively Alive Children" Creative Leadership Grants

The 2014 program provides [grants](#) for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools. Apply now for the opportunity to receive a grant for building your school's creative capacity. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will be accepted until midnight ET, Monday, June 23.

New York Community Trust

The New York Community Trust makes [grants](#) primarily to nonprofit organizations located in the five boroughs of New York City, with funding in four broad areas: Children, Youth, and Families; Community Development and the Environment; Education, Arts, and Human Justice; and Health and People with Special Needs. They are committed to significant issues that don't lend themselves to quick or easy solutions, and look for projects that take fresh approaches to long-standing issues and that tackle emerging problems and opportunities. Deadline is June 13 for decision on or before December 31.

School Innovation Fund Grant (SIF) Round 3

The purpose of the [School Innovation Fund](#) is to increase high school graduation, college and career readiness of high school graduates, college persistence and college graduation rates by expanding the availability of new high quality seats for students at most risk for dropout, disengagement and poor academic performance. Through this grant application, NYSED seeks to identify Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and key partner organizations that are jointly committed to the rigorous work required to redesign and turnaround schools into high performing, high quality organizations.

MINI-GRANTS

National Art Education Grants

Funds given to art educators whose proposals seek art equipment and/or instructional curriculum resources used to focus on student learning specifically related to the National Visual Arts Standards. Annual [awards](#) up to \$500 each will be awarded to selected art educators whose proposals meet these guidelines. Grants are also given to projects that promote the teaching of art. Teaching of art includes, but is not limited to, the instructional process, curriculum, student learning, student assessment, classroom behavior, management, or other practices relating to

instructional interaction and the achievement of student learning. Proposals are limited to a maximum of \$2,500 per grant.

Kids in Need Foundation

The Kids In Need Foundation, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free school supplies to economically disadvantaged school children and underfunded teachers, is accepting [applications](#) from K-12 teachers for grants to support classroom projects. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to educators for projects that strengthen creativity, critical thinking skills and/or core knowledge by engaging students in the learning process. Grant awards are based on the creativity of the projects being proposed. Typically, 300 to 600 grants are awarded each year. All certified K-12 teachers in the United States are eligible. Grant applications are available online each year from July 15 until September 30.



GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

NEW YORK CITY

New York City Government

Visit nyc.gov for a complete [list of resources](#).

An Important Message from the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

Under New York City's Earned Sick Time Act (Paid Sick Leave Law), which went into effect on April 1, certain employers must give their employees sick leave that employees can use for the care and treatment of themselves or a family member. The [Department of Consumer Affairs \(DCA\)](#) is coordinating the City's public education and outreach campaign to help employers and employees understand their responsibilities and rights.

New York City Pre-K Programs: Deadline is April 23

Families with children born in 2010 are invited to apply to free public school and community-based [pre-kindergarten \(pre-K\) programs](#) for the 2014-15 school year. The [NYC Department of Education's Pre-K Directory](#) is available online, at [Enrollment Offices](#), and at public elementary schools with pre-K programs. The application deadline for public school pre-K programs is April 23; families may apply [online](#) or at an Enrollment Office. Community-based organization (CBO) pre-K programs have ongoing application processes, and families should contact CBOs directly to inquire about admissions policies and to apply. For more information, call 718-935-2009.

Apply Online for School Meals

ACCESS NYC offers the online application for School Meals. You can now [apply online](#) for the school meals program. It is simple, secure, and convenient. Additionally, you can submit one School Meals application for all your children even if they attend different schools.

DigitalWork NYC

DigitalWork NYC is a program offered through [NYC Parks](#) where you can receive free computer training with an opportunity to "earn while you learn" by completing online tasks and getting paid for it immediately. If you are between the ages of 16 and 26, you can gain valuable work and educational experience and get a head start on jobs in the business, entrepreneurship and technology sectors.

College Line

CUNY and the NYC Department of Education (DOE) have collaborated to create the [NYC College Line](#), an Internet directory of NYC-based college access and support programs that help New Yorkers prepare for, get into and complete college. Whether you are a high school student seeking tips and tools to guide your college search, a college student on the hunt for internships, a caregiver looking to help a student, or an advising professional looking for upcoming workshops in your area, NYC College Line is designed to help parents, students and student advisors alike access the right resources quickly.

NEW YORK STATE

Resources for Working Families

New York State agencies and departments have many [resources](#) available to help working families make ends meet.

Need Help Paying for Child Care?

Low-income families are eligible for [financial assistance](#) if they need childcare to work, look for work, or attend employment training. There are three different types of offices or agencies that can help you with your child care needs. Each type is further explained within the specific topic they cover.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of Education Discretionary Grant Competitions

[List](#) of currently available grant competitions; topics range from Special Education to Charter School Enhancement.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies provide [grants, benefit programs for individuals and families, loans, and contracting opportunities](#).

Special Notice to Federal Grant Seekers

All Federal grant seekers must register their organization in the new System for Acquisition Management (SAM), which has replaced the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). If you are looking to apply for a Federal grant, [double check your organization's record in SAM](#) to confirm that all of its information was correctly migrated into the new system. To register in SAM, you will need to have your organization's Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number. If you already have a DUNS number, the full registration process in SAM can take 3-5 days. If you don't have a DUNS number, you can obtain one at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Assistance with the SAM system is available via the [Federal Service Desk](#) at or via phone at 866-606-8220.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Advocates for Children of New York LGBTQ Guide

Advocates for Children of New York has published the [LGBTQ Education Guide: Your Rights as an LGBTQ Student](#) for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning (LGBTQ) students in NYC public schools and their allies. It lays out LGBTQ students' rights and what to do if these rights have been violated. The guide also answers common questions about LGBTQ youth in public schools and provides youth with tips for speaking up for themselves and others.

Annie E. Casey Foundation

In a new policy report, [Race for Results: Building a Path to Opportunity for All Children](#), the Annie E. Casey Foundation explores the intersection of kids, race, and opportunity. The report features the new Race for Results index, which compares how children are progressing on key milestones across racial and ethnic groups at the national and state level. The index is based on 12 indicators that measure a child's success in each stage of life, from birth to adulthood, in the areas of early childhood, education and early work, family supports, and neighborhood context. The report also makes four policy recommendations to help ensure that all children and their families achieve their full potential. [Download the full report](#), or view data for the 12 indicators by state and racial group in the [KIDS COUNT Data Center](#).

USA.GOV

Remember when you made that promise to yourself to get a better handle on your finances this year? Well, April is the perfect time to reassess your progress on your money goals as part of Financial Literacy Month. Order the [FREE Financial Foundations Toolkit](#) to get the advice and confidence you need to make sound money decisions.

This toolkit will teach you: how to save for college or retirement when money is tight; what you should do right after a job loss; your insurance rights in serious medical situations; and how to avoid financial scams and identity theft.

RECYouth: REEL Education for Youth

Have a story to tell? How about expressing your thoughts through a movie, song or animation of your own creation? [RECYouth](#) is a multimedia extracurricular program where you'll learn video and audio production, photography, and graphic design while encouraging your creative expression. RECYouth is free and open to all New York City teens who meet the following criteria: Age 14-17 at start of program; Recreation Center member (membership is free to youth 17 and under); committed to length of program; interested in multimedia, arts or digital technology; able to work independently and in a group. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, however early registration is encouraged. Please email recyouth@parks.nyc.gov or call (212) 255-3066 for a current RECYouth class schedule and to request an application.

Free Arts NYC Teen Arts Program/Internships

High school students (grades 9-12) complete [internships](#) at Free Arts NYC's office. Mentored by a dedicated staff supervisor, they learn basic office skills and gain work experience supporting programs, fundraising and materials coordination in the art room. Summer Internship (August): the deadline to apply is July 15.

National Girls Collaborative Project

Works to strengthen the capacity of girl-serving STEM programs to effectively reach and serve underrepresented girls in STEM. To assist programs to reach girls with disabilities, the NGCP website now includes a [comprehensive listing of disability resources](#) including: links to publications, resources and organizations focused on including, advocating for and serving youth with disabilities. This resource is organized into three groups: K-12 Education, Higher Education and Career Information.

Centers for Disease Control Immunization Schedules for Infants and Children

In easy-to-read formats, [check the schedule](#) for the age or age range when each vaccine or series of shots is recommended. Or create a personalized schedule that shows the recommended dates for your child.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Summer Youth Police Academy 2014

The New York City Police Department seeks to provide innovative and effective programs for the City's young people, including the Community Affairs Bureau's Youth Police Academy, designed to establish a positive relationship between the NYPD and the City's youth. New York City residents attending school and between the ages of 10 and 16 are eligible to attend. The Youth Police Academy will provide those participating in the program with lunch and uniform shirts. The 2014 Youth Police Academy is a six-week program that will hold sessions five days a week. The Academy will run from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, during which students will attend classroom sessions with lectures, role-plays and topical demonstrations by police officers in the areas of law, behavioral science, drug prevention and gang resistance. Field trips are also part of the curriculum. Transportation to and from the field trips will be provided. Each site is accessible by public transportation. The Academy will begin on Monday, July 7 and end on Friday, August 15. Please note: NO application will be accepted before Friday, April 18, 2014, and no application will be accepted after Friday, June 27, 2014. [Click here](#) to download the application.

Harlem Educational Activities Fund

Attention middle school and high school students in Harlem who want to go to college: to [apply](#) to this afterschool program, you must currently attend a NYC public or parochial school; have a strong desire to attend a four-year college or university; and have a minimum GPA of 80% (see website for full details). The program accepts applications from current students in grades five through 10 (students may only apply to the program between the final semester of the fifth grade year and the final semester of the tenth grade year). HEAF, 2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10027.

NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students benefit from financial programs administered by HESC.

[Grants, scholarships and awards](#) come from several sources, including the college, New York State and the Federal government. Other sources include funding from corporations, unions, trust funds, religious and fraternal organizations, and other associations.