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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****NYC Denim Day Marked with Workshop for Dads**

On April 23, DYCD and the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence observed NYC Denim Day with fathers and men gathered at the Family Justice Center in Manhattan to learn more about sexual violence awareness and advocacy (photo, right). Denim Day grew out of a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. The judges reasoned the victim's tight jeans meant that she had to have helped her assailant remove them, implying consent. After worldwide outrage, wearing jeans became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes and myths surrounding sexual assault.



****DYCD "Green Thumbs" Join MillionTreesNYC Spring Planting Day**



For the past two years, DYCD's Young Men's Initiative (YMI) Cornerstone mentoring programs, along with DYCD staff and mentors, have been a part of MillionTreesNYC's spring planting day (photo, left). More than 130 volunteered at Marine Park (Brooklyn), Alley Pond Park (Queens) and Conference House Park (Staten Island).

****Volunteers Participate in Day of Service Event**

A Day of Service event at the Bronx River Community Center, sponsored by Neuberger Berman and coordinated through NY Cares and Children's Arts & Science Workshop, Inc., included flower planting, indoor mural creation, painting and bookshelf painting.

****DYCD Staff, Students Provide Essentials for Young People**

DYCD staff, in collaboration with students from the Children First Club of Brooklyn College, visited SCO Family of Services - Brooklyn Drop-in Center and delivered boxes of toiletries containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, lotion and shower gels. The Children's First Club was thanked by the youth and the staff for their donation, and was provided with a tour of the site and an overview of services delivered to homeless and at-risk young people.

****DYCD Youth Enjoy *In the Heights* at LaGuardia College**

More than 500 DYCD Beacon, Cornerstone, In-School Youth (ISY) and Service Learning participants attended a special performance by the LaGuardia College Performing Arts Center (LPAC) of the Tony Award-winning musical, *In the Heights* (photo, right).



****Rename "Afterschool" Contest Judging Underway**

A competition to rename the largest network of municipally-funded afterschool programs in the country has received nearly 400 submissions. DYCD is in the process of voting on the best submission, and the winner of an iPad Air will be notified in early June. If you submitted an entry and do not hear from DYCD, we thank you for your participation in the contest. Only the winning entry will be contacted.

****Summer Youth Employment Program Applications Closed**

The [Summer Youth Employment Program](#) (SYEP) 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 deadline for applying to SYEP was May 2. This year, nearly 130,000 applications were received, and DYCD is moving forward with the lottery process.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16 – FAB Fridays

On the second Friday of each month this summer, the [FAB Alliance hosts](#) themed outdoor activities for kids in public plazas for music, art and more. On May 16, you and your family can taste farmer's market foods and engage in a paper-cutting craft project under the theme of *Nikki McClure's To Market, To Market!* at Putnam Triangle in the morning. In the afternoon, kids can get in the spirit of Dan Stuart's *Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by drawing their own imaginary friends and receive cool stickers and other giveaways at Fowler Square. Ages 4 and up. Putnam Triangle Plaza Fulton Street, Brooklyn 11238. FREE.

May 17 – Spring Kids Fest at Madison Square Park

Families will enjoy [kid-friendly performances](#) by Apple Seeds' Songs for Seeds (10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm); the animatronic creatures of Field Station: Dinosaurs (11am); improv pros Story Pirates (12pm); and multi-genre artist Mil's Trills (1pm). In between main stage performances, dance along to tunes from DJ Brunch Baby, Brunch. Tents throughout the park will offer book readings, a behind-the-scenes look at some favorite kids' films and arts-and-crafts sessions, courtesy of some of our favorite NYC museums and institutions. FREE.

May 21 – PASE Foundational Series for Line Staff: Promoting Physically Safe Spaces

In this [workshop](#), participants will learn how to spot safety hazards and make appropriate changes to keep youth safe; understand safety procedures for indoor and outdoor environments, such as fire drills, evacuations, field trips and travel, and inter-agency communication; and gain a better understanding of effective communication and emergency response systems with program stakeholders, including parents, agency headquarters, and if school-based, designated building administrators. 10:00am – 1:00pm, PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230, New York, NY. FREE.

May 21 – Getting Started with Foundation Grants to Individuals Online

Learn effective strategies for finding funders that support individuals with the Foundation Center's online funding database. This [hands-on class](#) is especially for individual grantseekers — students, artists, academic researchers, libraries, and financial aid officers. It will teach you how to search through detailed descriptions of more than 8,500 foundation programs in *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, the only online resource devoted exclusively to foundations that support the needs of individuals. Space is limited. The Foundation Center-New York, 79 Fifth Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets, Second Floor. FREE.

May 24 - September 28 – Governors Island Opens Seven Days a Week in 2014!

Some great news for [Governors Island fans!](#) The green oasis will be open seven days a week for the 2014 season, which runs from May 24 to September 28. In addition to 30 new acres of park space, the island will also now be home to a day spa, and the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Art Center at Governors Island will also expand their presence with more building space. One thing to keep in mind, though, is that the ferry will now cost \$2 round-trip for adults (children will continue to ride for free and senior citizens will pay half price). The morning ferries (exact times TBD) on Saturday and Sunday will remain free to everyone.

Through May 26 – The 5th Annual Kings County Fair

Older kids can enjoy stomach-churning roller coasters, while little ones have fun on tamer rides. Other classic [carnival treats include a Ferris wheel](#), cotton candy and funnel cakes. All ages. \$5 general admission; prices vary per ride.

June 10 – Youth Board and WIB Youth Council Meeting

The NYC Youth Board and WIB Youth Council will hold their joint quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 10th from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), 156 William Street, New York, NY 10038, 2nd Floor Auditorium. Both the NYC Youth Board and the WIB Youth Council are advisory bodies concerned with the youth development and youth employment programs and policies of New York City. Membership on these advisory bodies is by appointment; however meetings are open to the public.

Through Jul 12 – “From Shore to Shore: Boat Builders and Boat Yards”

Kiddos can climb aboard the 100-year-old barge at [Red Hook’s Waterfront Museum](#) and explore New York’s history of boat building. They’ll learn how early settlers worked and lived in relationship to the seas, and how maritime culture still lives on today. Ages five and up. Waterfront Museum and Showboat Barge, 290 Conover St, at Pier 44. Suggested donation: \$5.

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 amazing and concise [guide](#) will give you the inside scoop on the best things to do, see and experience with kids in each area.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Lowe’s Toolbox for Education® Grants

Through our support for public education, we’re closing the funding gap facing many schools today. Each year, Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grants program contributes more than \$5 million to fund improvements at public schools in the United States. Projects should fall into one of the following categories: technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations and safety improvements. Grant requests can range from \$2,000 to \$100,000. A large majority of grants will be given in the \$2,000 to \$5,000 range. Most larger projects fall between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Critical need projects over \$25,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The [fall application](#) cycle will run August 1 – October 15, 2014.

The Tony Hawk Foundation

Provides grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of high-quality public skateparks serving at-risk youth in low-income areas across the United States. The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States, and to support International programs that enrich the lives of youth through skateboarding. Only organizations seeking to build free, public skateparks in low-income communities in the United States may [apply for a grant](#) from the Tony Hawk Foundation. International projects are considered on an invitation-only basis. Deadline is June 18, 2014.

The Heckscher Foundation for Children

Heckscher Foundation for Children was founded in 1921 to promote the welfare of children, primarily in New York City. We fund organizations serving youth in the fields of education and academic support, arts education, health, recreation and social services, capacity building and technical assistance, and workforce development. The Foundation does not participate in annual appeals, endowments, fundraising events or political efforts. The Heckscher Foundation for Children seeks to “level the playing field” for underserved youth. In all of our giving activities, we stress the achievement of positive, measurable, clear outcomes and are particularly interested in programs that are prepared to critically evaluate their work. [Applications](#) for Foundation funding are accepted only by invitation. You should review our grant guidelines to determine if your organization qualifies for consideration.

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 and the average private school tuition is \$3,507.

World We Want Foundation

The Foundation is accepting [applications](#) 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

The 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 5 and 15; and have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab. The application date is rolling.

FOR COMMUNITIES

The 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.

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 2014

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 12:00 Midnight ET Monday, June 23.

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.

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.

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 Government Resources

Visit nyc.gov for a complete [list of resources](#) available through the City of New York.

DigitalWork NYC

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 today!

Paid Sick Leave Outreach Campaign

Under New York City’s Earned Sick Time Act (Paid Sick Leave Law), certain employers must give their employees sick leave, which employees can use for the care and treatment of themselves or a family member. Employers must comply with the law starting April 1, 2014. 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. Visit [here for information](#), including one-page overviews for employers and employees, FAQs, and required Notice of Employee Rights.

Sign-up for New York City Pre-K Programs at a Community-Based Early Childhood Center

The pre-kindergarten application period for public schools is closed, but you can still sign up for free pre-k in a Community-Based Early Childhood Center in your neighborhood. Complete [this survey](#) and the NYC DOE will send you more information about how to apply. For families that applied for public school pre-k programs, decision letters will be mailed in early June. If you missed the application period for public schools, but are still interested in public school pre-k programs, you may contact schools directly for seat availability information, starting June 16. 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.

NYC 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.

School Innovation Fund Grant (SIF) Round 3: Announcement of Funding Opportunity

The purposes of the [School Innovation Fund](#) are to increase high school graduation, college and career readiness of high school graduates, college persistence and college graduation rates by increasing 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.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of Education Discretionary Grant Competitions

[List](#) of currently open 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 federal 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

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.

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.

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

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.

Summer Youth Police Academy 2014

The New York City Police Department seeks to provide innovative and effective programs for the City's young people. The Community Affairs Bureau's, Youth Police Academy, is such a program. It is designed to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and the City's youth. New York City residents, attending school, 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 (6) week program that will hold sessions five (5) days a week. The Academy will open at 8:30 am in the morning and dismissal will be 2:00 pm in the afternoon. 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 7th and end on Friday August 15th. Please note: NO [application](#) will be accepted AFTER: Friday, June 27, 2014.

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).