



## New Ways News

Building Community Connections that Prepare Youth for Success

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**New Ways News**  
**February, 2007**

Welcome to the New Ways' News, a timely and informative news and resource portal. New Ways has several important announcements that we wish to highlight and share with our networks across the country. Scroll down past the contents listing to read details, or use the content links to navigate the text.

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### **1) Intermediary Network Spring Institute - Austin, TX!**

The 2007 Intermediary Network (INet) Spring Institute will be held in Austin, TX on April 25-27, 2007. Make sure you mark your calendar and plan to attend what is expected to be the largest and most exciting Spring Institute to date! This year's Spring Institute will focus on the following:

#### **Intermediary Practice Priorities**

- Deepening Practice in Connecting Schools, Workforce, and Community Partners
- Deepening Practice to Serve Out-of-School Youth
- Deepening Practice to Serve Youth After-School and in Out-of-School Time

#### **Intermediary Network Priorities**

- Creating a Policy Agenda for Disconnecting and Disconnected Youth
- Supporting and Encouraging Diversity in Intermediary Leadership
- Expanding Data & Evaluation Efforts

**Questions:** For more information about the Intermediary Network visit our website at [www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/inet.html](http://www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/inet.html). For questions or comments contact Brenda Gray, Project Manager, at [bgray@newwaystowork.org](mailto:bgray@newwaystowork.org) or call (707) 824-4000 x 32. For questions or comments about

New Ways events contact Shannon Wesley, Event Coordinator, at [swesley@newwaystowork.org](mailto:swesley@newwaystowork.org) or call (707) 824-4000 x 28.

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## 2) Chicago Workforce Board - Read About Our New Project!

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New Ways to Work, Strumpf Associates: Center for Strategic Change, and the Human Investment Institute, LLC were selected to assist the Chicago Workforce Board in the transition of WIA youth programs from the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development to Children and Youth Services. New Ways to Work and its partners will support the development of a coordinated system to ensure effective transition of WIA services, and will provide training and technical assistance for CYS and contractors to improve the quality of services delivered to youth.

**Questions:** For more information, questions, or comments regarding our Chicago Workforce Board project contact Charlene Mouille, Project Manager at [cmouille@newwaystowork.org](mailto:cmouille@newwaystowork.org).

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## 3) Sonoma County Work Readiness Certificate - Become Involved!

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Sonoma County's Work Ready Certificate was featured in the Press Democrat on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. New Ways to Work provided technical assistance to the Sonoma County Office of Education and local business leaders to assist them in developing the Work Ready Certification. The Sonoma County Office of Education worked in partnership with the Workforce Investment Board and the local chamber of commerce to implement the Work Ready program. As many as 400 students will be certified this year based upon demonstrated skills that employers say they value. Through work-readiness certificates, many communities across the country have created successful tools and materials that support student achievement and preparation for the world of work.

To view the entire article, visit this link: [Santa Rosa Press Democrat Article](#).

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## 4) National Conversation on Disconnecting & Disconnected Youth - Stay Tuned!

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New Ways is planning a national gathering this summer (Mid-August) of 100-150 thought leaders, partners, and practitioners to spend time together sharing thoughts about, envisioning and crafting a national strategy to address the crisis facing our nation's youth. We plan to engage leaders, partners and practitioners from our current and past initiatives, key State legislators, philanthropy, and others in this two day dialogue to take place in Sonoma County, California.

The event will also celebrate New Ways' 35th anniversary and include a winery reception for corporate and civic leaders from Sonoma County and the greater Bay Area.

**Stay tuned for more details!!**

**Questions:** For more information about our upcoming events, contact Shannon Wesley at [swesley@newwaystowork.org](mailto:swesley@newwaystowork.org) or (707) 824-4000 ext. 28.

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## 5) Minimum Wage Increase and Youth Programs Survey - Read Now!

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On behalf of New Ways to Work and Youth Today, we'd like to thank all who participated in the Minimum Wage Increase and Youth Programs Survey. A total of 160 responses were received and the results may be viewed by clicking this link [Minimum Wage Increase and Youth Programs Survey Results](#) (PDF 100 kb)

For more information about Youth Today, visit their website at [www.youthtoday.org](http://www.youthtoday.org). The minimum wage story will be in February's issue of Youth Today which is available in print now, but won't be available online until later this month. If you are interested in commenting on the story, please feel free to email Editor-in-Chief Patrick Boyle at [pboyle@youthtoday.org](mailto:pboyle@youthtoday.org).

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## 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Selection for Diploma Plus Schools in CA - Learn More!

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The Commonwealth Corporation, the California Department of Education, and New Ways to Work are continuing the expansion of Diploma Plus (DP) to California. Diploma Plus is an innovative small-schools initiative that charts a new path to success for young people who have not reached their potential in a traditional secondary school setting. In May 2007, two more schools will be selected, bringing the total number of DP schools in California to four (In 2006 – Einstein Education Center and Rhythms of the Village were selected – see their [profiles](#) online.)

In January 2007, nine applicants were selected as semi-finalists following a review of letters of interest submitted from across the state. They have been invited to submit full proposals due in April. From this pool, finalists will be selected to participate in site visits in May – and the final two new DP schools will be selected.

Resources from the [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#) will support planning and capacity-building activities for the two new California schools that will open in the fall of 2008. Support will be provided over three years beginning July 1, 2007 (with 07/08 as a planning year). Each selected school, once established as an educational institution, will receive multi-year capacity-building grants (based on a formula of \$1,050 per student, up to 400 students over the three-year grant period) to supplement the initial development of a new Diploma Plus school.

**Questions:** For more information about Diploma Plus, visit our website at [www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/diplomaplus.html](http://www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/diplomaplus.html). For questions and comments contact Chandra Larsen, Project Manager, at [clarsen@newwaystowork.org](mailto:clarsen@newwaystowork.org).

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## 7) Foster Youth Employment Forums - A Big Success!

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In the fall of 2006, with the generous support of Casey Family Programs, New Ways to Work partnered with the Child and Family Policy Institute of California to create cross-system awareness and improve local collaboration between county child welfare agencies and local workforce investment areas through a series of forums conducted across the state. The intent of the forums was to better connect these two systems and to highlight and promote cross-agency approaches to better serve foster youth throughout California. The Foster Youth Employment Forums provided an opportunity for participants to learn about quality local programs, to develop a working knowledge of both the WIA workforce and child welfare systems, and to meet potential new partners and colleagues for future collaboration.

Throughout the state, over 450 county staff members and representatives from child welfare, workforce development, juvenile justice, education, state agencies and leadership, and other partners attended the forums to discuss and learn about programs in their region that have implemented effective strategies for improving employment opportunities for foster youth. In addition, about 50 youth (primarily current and former foster youth) attended the forums and participated as keynote speakers, panelists, and participants in conversations about their county's services.

To learn more about the forums or to access some of the resources that came out of the forums, see the following documents or links to information on our website.

[Foster Youth Employment Forums Summary Report](#) (PDF 436 kb)

[Foster Youth Employment Forums Full Report](#) (with appendixes) (PDF 820 kb)

[Foster Youth Employment Forums PowerPoint Slide Show](#) (PDF 1.2 mb)

[Promising Practices Index \(25 New Promising Practices\)](#)

**Questions:** For more information about the forums or the Youth Transition Action Team initiative check our website at [www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/ytat.html](http://www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/ytat.html). For questions and comments contact Chandra Larsen, Project Coordinator, at [clarsen@newwaystowork.org](mailto:clarsen@newwaystowork.org).

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## 8) New Ways Calendar - Now Available!

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The New Ways Initiative calendar of events has been updated through 2007, with a variety of support activities lined up, including content conference calls, site leadership calls, evaluation workgroup calls, regional trainings, workshops, and institutes.

To access the calendar, please go to [New Ways 2006 - 2007 Calendar](#) (PDF 51 KB).

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## 9) Sample RFPs for Transitional Youth Employment - Get Connected!

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On December 5, 2005 the National Youth Council Institute conducted an Infosearch seeking information about local areas that have developed Request for Proposals (RFPs) that respond to the shifting nature of workforce and transitional youth funding under the Workforce Investment Act or other funding streams. In response to many inquiries from practitioners and others, we collected information on RFPs that address and/or promote any of the following:

- Collaboration across organizations and systems
  - Among a network of CBO's
  - Among schools and CBO's, including community colleges
  - Among city or county departments, schools, and CBO's
  - Other collaborations
- Serving special populations, especially foster youth
- Addressing DOL Common Measures:
  - Focus alternative education
  - Meeting the demands of business
  - Focus on neediest youth
  - Focus on improved performance
- Youth One –Stops

To view a summary of the RFPs please visit: [www.newwaystowork.org/yci/YCinfosearchRFP.1.07.pdf](http://www.newwaystowork.org/yci/YCinfosearchRFP.1.07.pdf).

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## 10) YTAT Infosearch: A Request for Promising Practices - Share Your Success!

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We are conducting an Infosearch of local areas that are connecting foster youth to career-related programs within schools.

Many of your colleagues have been asking us for examples of programs and/or school districts that have created innovative strategies to connect foster youth to school-based, career-related opportunities, like career-related academies, Regional Occupational Programs, and apprenticeship programs.

Please send the name of the program and/or school district, a link or brief description of the program, and contact information to Kellie Noe, [knoe@newwaystowork.org](mailto:knoe@newwaystowork.org).

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## 11) Our New Staff - Meet Them!

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In January, New Ways to Work welcomed 2 new Project Associates.

**Kellie Noe:** Kellie has worked in the youth development and youth leadership field since 2002 and before 2002 in adult support services. Prior to her work with New Ways to Work, she coordinated the WIA program at West County Community Services and is the founder of the Voice of the Future program at the Climate Protection Campaign, which engages youth in climate protection and local democracy. Kellie was elected to the West Sonoma County Union High School District Board of Trustees in November of 2006 and was appointed Clerk. She is also a member of the Russian River After School Partnership and a fellow of the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy. Kellie earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from Kent State University in 2000 and a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies titled, Civic Development for a Sustainable Society from Sonoma State University in 2005.

**Heidi Peyser:** Heidi has worked in facilitation and youth and family services since 1997. Heidi has assisted in the administration of the National Longitudinal Lesbian Family Study since 2002, and has acted as the study's co-investigator since 2004. Heidi serves as co-chair of the board of directors of a local youth-serving organization. Heidi earned a Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Business from Sonoma State University in 2001 and a Master's in the Psychology of Sexual and Gender Minorities from Goddard University in 2004.

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## 12) Job Opportunities - Join Our Team!

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### Employment at New Ways

New Ways to Work is currently seeking to hire 2 dynamic individuals to add to our team. Both new hires will work primarily on the [Diploma Plus Initiative](#) and [Youth Transition Action Team Initiative](#) (explore our website for more information about these projects). See the following announcements for specific information about each position:

[Education Specialist Job Announcement](#) (PDF 168 KB)

[Project Coordinator](#) (PDF 72 KB)

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### 13) JobsFirstNYC - Seeks Executive Director!

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#### Employment at JobsFirst NYC

With resources provided by the Garfield Foundation, the Intermediary Network has engaged New Ways staff and current INet leadership to assist in the development of a collaborative Intermediary in New York City called JobsFirst NYC which will serve thousands of young people who are out-of-work and out-of-school.

JobsFirst NYC is now seeking an Executive Director to lead this new organization. For more information about this position, visit [www.philanthropy.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000493465-01](http://www.philanthropy.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000493465-01)

To contact JobsFirst NYC: JobsFirstNYC, c/o Nonprofit Connection, 50 Broadway, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10004

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### 14) Youth Policy Action Center - Get Heard!

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More than 30 of the country's leading national advocacy organizations have joined forces for improving policies and programs for children and youth. The new [Youth Policy Action Center](#), generously supported by the award-winning technology of Capitol Advantage, will help youth and concerned adults contact elected officials about important programs and initiatives. The Youth Policy Action Center gives young people a platform on which to stand and be counted in national debate and dialogue. It gives national advocates a way to come together and act as one. And it gives all citizens — concerned parents, proud grandparents, dedicated teachers — political power which used to be the exclusive providence of entrenched special interest lobbyists.

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### 15) Grants Available - Apply Today!

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From our Friends at Youth Today

#### **Child Welfare**

**Grant:** The Rosenberg Fund for Children supports activities that support the educational and emotional needs of children of targeted progressive activists, and youth who are targeted activists themselves. Funding is for, among other activities, counseling; school tuition, camp tuition, cultural lessons, after-school programs, prison visits, educational or therapeutic travel, and post-high school books and supplies for college or other educational training.

**Funder:** The Rosenberg Fund for Children.

**Eligibility:** Applications may be submitted by parents, custodians and guardians to benefit U.S. children whose parents' pursuit of progressive values has left them unable to fully provide for their children.

Young adult children 18 years or older of targeted activists may submit applications on their own behalf. Applications may also be submitted by or on behalf of targeted activist youth who are adversely impacted for their activism.

**Deadline:** Spring, March 21; fall, Oct. 13.

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000.

**Contact:** (413) 529-0063, e-mail [rfc@rfc.org](mailto:rfc@rfc.org) and online, [www.rfc.org/basicinformation.htm](http://www.rfc.org/basicinformation.htm).

**Grant:** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Grants – New funds for CASA/Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) programs applying in the categories of New Program Development, Program Expansion and Diversity Implementation. In general, grants must increase the number of CASA volunteers or volunteer guardians ad litem advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are the subjects of civil child abuse proceedings.

**Funder:** National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association administers funding provided by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

**Eligibility:** CASA/GAL programs.

**Deadline:** March 2.

**Amount:** Up to 75 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000 each.

**Contact:** [www.casenet.org/download/ncasaa-grants/0611\\_07\\_announcement\\_0062.pdf](http://www.casenet.org/download/ncasaa-grants/0611_07_announcement_0062.pdf)

### **Civic Engagement**

**Grant:** Red, White and Green Climate Change – To develop service-learning projects about climate change that engages the community, policy-makers and candidates running in upcoming elections. Youth-led projects must take place between May 1 and Oct. 1, 2007.

**Funder:** Youth Service America and the Civil Society Institute.

**Eligibility:** Young people ages 15-25 and organizations that engage youth in this age group.

**Deadline:** March 9.

**Amount:** \$500.

**Contact:** [www.redwhiteandgreen.org](http://www.redwhiteandgreen.org)

**Grant:** Youth Ventures – Resources for youth to create new, sustainable, civic-minded organizations, clubs or businesses.

**Funder:** Youth Service America and multiple other sponsors.

**Eligibility:** Teams of young people who are between the ages of 12 and 20.

**Deadline:** Feb. 26.

**Amount:** \$1,000.

**Contact:** [www.youthventure.org](http://www.youthventure.org)

**Grant:** The Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community – Awards for up to 10 high school seniors each year in recognition of exemplary service and community involvement.

**Funder:** The Hitachi Foundation.

**Eligibility:** High school seniors can be nominated.

**Deadline:** April 2.

**Amount:** \$5,000 over two years.

**Contact:** [www.hitachifoundation.org/faqs\\_yoshi.html](http://www.hitachifoundation.org/faqs_yoshi.html)

**Grant:** Pay It Forward Mini-Grants – For one-time youth-identified service projects that benefit their schools, neighborhoods or greater communities. Projects must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with ever-expanding results.

**Funder:** Pay It Forward Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Schools, churches and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor). Youths or adults may write the application.

**Deadline:** April 15, Oct. 15 and Jan. 15 of each year.

**Amount:** \$500.

**Contact:** <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

### **Discrimination**

**Grant:** Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards – For individuals who demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and discrimination based on gender and/or sexual orientation.

**Funder:** Colin Higgins Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer and questioning youth (through age 24).

**Deadline:** March 2.

**Amount:** \$10,000.

**Contact:** [www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/index.cfm](http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/index.cfm)

### **Education**

**Grant:** Dropout Prevention – Awards to individuals or organizations that have successfully employed community resources to implement a successful dropout prevention program.

**Funder:** Pew Partnership for Civic Change.

**Eligibility:** Individuals or organizations.

**Deadline:** March 31.

**Amount:** \$2,500.

**Contact:** [www.pew-partnership.org/pdf/2007\\_award\\_app.pdf](http://www.pew-partnership.org/pdf/2007_award_app.pdf)

**Grant:** Training Principals in Urban Schools – For investments in training programs that develop strong, high-quality principals in urban schools.

**Funder:** The Broad Foundation.

**Eligibility:** 100 eligible school districts in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

**Deadline:** Concept papers due Feb. 9 for round one and June 15 for round two.

**Amount:** Unspecified.

**Contact:** [www.broadfoundation.org/funding/rfp.shtml](http://www.broadfoundation.org/funding/rfp.shtml). Letters of inquiry describing the project, organization, the estimated total cost of the project and the funding request should be emailed to [grants@broadfoundation.org](mailto:grants@broadfoundation.org).

**Grant:** ING Unsung Heroes – Awards for innovative classroom projects.

**Funder:** ING.

**Eligibility:** All full-time K-12 education professionals or classified staff who are employed by an accredited U.S. K-12 public or private school located in the United States.

**Deadline:** April 30.

**Amount:** 100 finalists will receive an award of \$2,000. Of the 100 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards: first place, \$25,000; second place, \$10,000; and the third place, \$5,000.

**Contact:** [www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/communityconnections/ineducation/unsungheroes/index.htm](http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/communityconnections/ineducation/unsungheroes/index.htm)

**Grant:** ThinkQuest International 2007 – Invites students and teachers to take part in collaborative projects to promote cross-cultural learning by encouraging youths to team with peers in other regions to build educational websites.

**Funder:** Oracle Education Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Youths ages of 9 to 19 and their teacher-coaches.

**Deadline:** April 16.

**Amount:** Laptops and \$1,000 school grants for the top 10 teams in each age division, travel to the ThinkQuest Live event for the top three teams in each division, and digital cameras for the team that receives the Global Perspectives Award.

**Contact:** [www.thinkquest.org](http://www.thinkquest.org)

### **Juvenile Justice**

**Grant:** State Justice Institute – Funds state and local courts, nonprofits and others to improve the quality of justice, including juvenile justice, in the United States.

**Funder:** State Justice Institute.

**Eligibility:** State and local courts and national nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Most grant categories have rolling deadlines.

**Amount:** \$2 million to \$4.5 million.

**Contact:** [www.statejustice.org](http://www.statejustice.org)

### **Parenting**

**Grant:** Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) - State seed grants to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when the biological parents are unable to do so.

**Funder:** The Brookdale Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Public state agencies that can generate new relative caregiver activities, locally and statewide, for grandparents or other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting.

**Deadline:** Feb. 8 (state proposals).

**Amount:** Up to five state agencies may each receive a \$10,000 seed grant, which must be matched in cash or in kind.

**Contact:** [www.brookdalefoundation.org/relativesasparents.htm](http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/relativesasparents.htm)

### **Recreation**

**Grant:** Saucony Run For Good – To encourage healthy behaviors among youth by initiating running programs.

**Funder:** Stride Rite Corp.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits.

**Deadline:** March 30.

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000.

**Contact:** [www.sauconyrunforgood.com](http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com)

**Grant:** GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards – To recognize teams that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity.

**Funder:** Women's Sports Foundation and corporate sponsors.

**Eligibility:** Schools, and amateur, community and/or nonprofit-affiliated teams whose members are female, are enrolled in 9th-12th grade and are residents of the United States, its territories or protectorates.

**Deadline:** Feb. 16.

**Amount:** A total of \$50,000 in grants to 20 teams.

**Contact:** [www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=34](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=34)

**Grant:** Early Childhood Care and Education Grants – Direct service support to organizations throughout the contiguous United States, with a priority for projects operated by experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income, major urban areas, where families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Grants pay for tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction and staff development.

**Funder:** Rosie's For All Kids Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Open for letters of intent.

**Amount:** \$15,000-\$30,000.

**Contact:** [www.forallkids.org](http://www.forallkids.org) (click Early Education)

### **Safety**

**Grant:** Community-Police Partnership Awards – Support innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Applications are invited for two categories: Neighborhood Revitalization (community group/police partnerships that reduce crime and improve economic development) and Special Strategy (community group/police partnerships that yield significant outcomes in certain areas, including youth safety).

**Funder:** MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corp.

**Eligibility:** Community organizations, community development corporations, police departments, community partnerships, weed and seed programs and collaborations. Public agencies (including police departments and public schools) must apply in conjunction with at least one nonprofit to serve as the fiscal agent.

**Deadline:** Feb. 23.

**Amount:** Six revitalization awards of \$10,000 to \$25,000 each; and five special strategy awards of \$15,000 each.

**Contact:** [www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec1/safety/awards](http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec1/safety/awards)

### **Substance Abuse**

**Grant:** Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services – To deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use.

**Funder:** U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

**Eligibility:** Domestic public and private nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Feb. 28.

**Amount:** \$2.9 million (eight awards of up to \$350,000).

**Contact:** [www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/TI\\_07\\_002.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/TI_07_002.pdf)

### **Violence**

**Grant:** Youth Violence Research – To analyze existing data to identify potentially modifiable protective factors for youth violence that will inform the development of prevention programs.

**Funder:** U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Eligibility:** Public and private for-profits, nonprofits, universities and others.

**Deadline:** Feb. 28.

**Amount:** \$400,000 for two awards.

**Contact:** [www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE07-003.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE07-003.htm)

**Grant:** Maximizing Protective Factors for Youth Violence – To conduct secondary analyses of existing data to identify potentially modifiable protective factors to prevent youth violence.

**Funder:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Eligibility:** Individuals with prior violence research experience whose work has been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

**Deadline:** Feb. 28 (final proposals).

**Amount:** Up to \$400,000 for two awards.

**Contact:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CE-07-003.html>

### **Youth Development**

**Grant:** 2007 Native Youth and Culture Fund – For innovative Indian Country initiatives that enrich the lives of Native American youth by engaging elders in activities, language preservation, leadership, renewing cultural and spiritual practices. Seeking youth-focused projects that incorporate culture and tradition to address social issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health or other social issues. Check program rules for the four priority areas.

**Funder:** First Nations Development Institute.

**Eligibility:** Tribes and Native nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Feb. 14 for letters of intent.

**Amount:** \$5,000 to \$20,000 each for up to 20 grants.

**Contact:** [www.firstnations.org/gNativeYouth.asp](http://www.firstnations.org/gNativeYouth.asp)

**Grant:** New Connections Fund – Grants for California projects within three core priorities, including youth.

**Funder:** The James Irvine Foundation.

**Eligibility:** California-focused small and mid-sized nonprofits (with budgets between \$100,000 and \$2 million) that receive no more than 50 percent of revenue from government sources.

**Deadline:** March 8.

**Amount:** \$50,000.

**Contact:** [www.irvine.org/grants\\_program/overview.shtml](http://www.irvine.org/grants_program/overview.shtml)

**Grant:** RGK Foundation – Grants for community, education and health projects, including human services, community improvement, abuse prevention and youth development/educational enrichment programs.

**Funder:** RGK Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits must first submit letters of inquiry.

**Deadline:** Open.

**Amount:** Under \$25,000 each.

**Contact:** [www.rgkfoundation.org](http://www.rgkfoundation.org)

**Grant:** PeyBack Foundation – Grants to provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk, with particular emphasis on programs in Indiana, Tennessee and New Orleans.

**Funder:** PeyBack Foundation, formed by football player Peyton Manning.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Feb. 1.

**Amount:** No more than \$20,000.

**Contact:** [www.peytonmanning.com/DownloadableContent/app.pdf](http://www.peytonmanning.com/DownloadableContent/app.pdf)

**Grant:** Event Grants – To promote family, school and community environments that build skills and foster talents in young people. Small event grants and ice cream products/auction items are provided.

**Funder:** The Dreyer's Foundation, founded by Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Monthly.

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000 and product donations.

**Contact:** [www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/small\\_grants.asp](http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/small_grants.asp)

**Grant:** Intervention Research To Improve Youth-Serving Organizations – For research to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations, or their subunits, like classrooms and after-school program sites. Projects should be targeted to those ages 8 to 25.

**Funder:** William T. Grant Foundation.

**Eligibility:** Influential mid-career practitioners, policy-makers and researchers.

**Deadline:** Feb. 22 for invited full proposals.

**Amount:** Up to \$1.5 million per project lasting two or four years.

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