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News From The Cabinet Centers

White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

President Bush announced the opening of three new Centers by Executive Order on June 1, 2004:

- U.S. Department of Commerce (www.commerce.gov),
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, (www.va.gov), and
- U.S. Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov).

The new Centers have yet to create web sites, and the only Center to have announced a Director is the U.S. Department of Commerce. The announcement of David Bohigian can be accessed at www.commerce.gov/opa/press/2004_Releases/July/16_FaithBased_release.htm.

For information, contact their Department's respective web sites. The Executive Order can be accessed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/06/20040601-1.html>.

On June 1, the President made remarks at the First White House National Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Washington, DC. For a copy of his speech or to access a video, go to www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/06/20040601-10.html.

The next White House Conference will be on September 14, 2004 in St. Louis, Missouri. For information on the event, access <http://www.dtiassociates.com/fbci/logisticsMO.cfm?location=MO>.

U.S. Department of Labor

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www.dol-tlc.org



The U.S. Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based and Community Development has developed a web site with resources for faith-based and community organizations and Workforce Investments Boards that want to form, strengthen, and sustain partnerships together. This web site is in addition to their existing site at www.dol.gov/cfbci. The site includes the following resources:

- ↪ *Introduction to Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: What's It All About?*
- ↪ *Collaborations with Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: What Does It Matter?*
- ↪ *Frequently Asked Questions*
- ↪ *Experiences from the Field: Fostering Workforce Development Partnerships with Faith-Based and Community Organizations*
- ↪ *Colorado Partnerships: Workforce, Faith, and Community Works Initiative*
- ↪ *FaithWorks Indiana: Partnerships*
- ↪ *Links to Other Sites*
- ↪ *Bridging the Gap: Meeting the Challenge of Universal Access through Faith-Based and Community Partnerships*

Grant Information

Requirements Change for Grant Writers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, has created a checklist for formatting requirements and screen out criteria for their grant applications. Those applying for funding that do not adhere to the new requirements will have their application returned to them without being reviewed. To review the requirements go to http://alt.samhsa.gov/grants/2004/RFA_formatting_req.htm.



Funding for Child Care

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a web site devoted to funding for child care. The web site, *What Congregations Should Know About Federal Funding for Child Care*, includes information on:

- vouchers,
- how to become a provider,
- licensing,
- reimbursement rates,
- questions,
- marketing, and
- additional resources.

For more information, access the web site at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/faithbased.htm.



Training for Grant Writers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has developed an online grant training program for agencies interested in applying for Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (APPS). The program supports projects that support abstinence from sexual activity among adolescents and provide comprehensive health care, education, and pregnant and parenting adolescent services. The training can be accessed at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/titlexx/training/oapp-training.html>. For more information on APPS, access <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/titlexx/oapp.html>.

Grant Writing Tips From the One Source

Those interested in applying for funding from a Federal Agency should familiarize themselves with:

- legislation that led to the appropriation of funding; and
- the Agency's most recent report to Congress on how the funding was spent, outcomes achieved, and future plans for funding.

Potential applicants may also want to:

- review available evaluations on the projects funded from the Federal Agency and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), if they are available. The GAO can be accessed at www.gao.gov; and
- contact and visit current or previous grantees.

For example, faith-based and community organizations interested in accessing funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide services to the needy would want to become familiar with the:

- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act accessible at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:H.R.3734.ENR>;
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Annual Report to Congress accessible at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ofa/annualreport5/index.htm;
- name of the state's TANF program, accessible at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tfnames.htm; and
- Human Service Administrators in the state, accessible at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/hs_dir2.htm.

To familiarize yourself with other funding offered through the office that administers TANF, access www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/programs.htm.



News From The Federal Centers, Continued

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Not Just A Grant Source



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, along with several other Federal Agencies, is developing a comprehensive web site for Federal Agencies, State and local governments, contractors, grantees, and citizens. According to the home page of the web site, "... it's primary focus is on the key business functions in the Federal Government in Acquisition, Finance, Grants, and Logistics."

While still under development, the web site has:

- a desk reference,
- offers various types of support, and
- provides access to several related sites.

The address is <http://knownet.hhs.gov/acquisition>.

Revised Web Site



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services has revised their web site at <http://alt.samhsa.gov/>. In addition to information on each of their programs they offer "quick picks" which includes:

- statistics and data,
- help for mental health and substance abuse issues,
- workplace resources,
- communications center, and
- campaigns and programs.



U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded \$1.2 million to faith-based and community organizations in an effort to meet the employment and training needs of people by coordinating with the public workforce system. For a listing of recipients access www.doleta.gov/sga/awards/04-104award.cfm.

U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Veterans Affairs: Final Rules

If you are interested in following legislation and/or final rules, the Federal Register is one place to locate this information. As many of the Federal Agencies pass final rules, you can find them on the Register's web site at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr. Information on the site changes daily. The following agencies have recently issued final rules related to their programs for faith-based and community initiatives.

- U.S. Department of Agriculture, July 9, 2004
www.usda.gov/fbci/finalrule.pdf
- U.S. Department of Education, June 4, 2004
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06Jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-12709.htm>
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Native American Programs), June 21, 2004
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-13874.htm>
- U.S. Department of Labor, July 12, 2004
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-15707.pdf> and www.dol.gov/cfbc/EqualTreatment.htm
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, June 8, 2004
www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=26

Team members of the One Source review the Federal Register's web site and post updates to the web site at www.nyswtwrn.com. If you need assistance in accessing or using the web site, please contact the One Source at info@nyswtwrn.com or 315.265.4099.

Resources of Value

Assistance for Nonprofits

The Center for Nonprofit Management has published a guide on starting a nonprofit organization. The document can be accessed at www.cnmsocal.org/Services/GetReadyGetSet.pdf.



Tax information for charitable organizations can be accessed at www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/index.html.

Service Learning

Information on service can be obtained from the Learn and Serve America National Service-Learning Clearinghouse. Their mission is to strengthen schools and communities using service-learning techniques and methodologies. They serve those in higher education, kindergarten through grade twelve, community-based initiatives, and tribal programs among others. Faith-based resources can be accessed at www.servicelearning.org/article/archive/334.

Welfare and Workforce Development

The *Welfare-To-Work and Workforce Development News Source* is a monthly newsletter shared with members of the One Source at no cost. Brief and timely articles provide information on the following topics and include a web site or telephone number where readers can secure additional information:

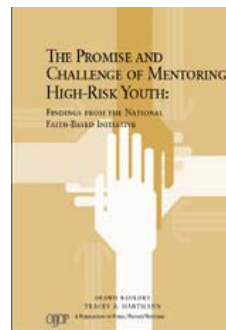
- housing and homelessness;
- child care, youth, and families;
- business needs and partnerships;
- economic and community development;
- workforce development;
- social services and welfare;
- health issues (alcohol and substance abuse, mental)
- labor market information;
- disabilities;
- incarceration and re-entry;
- education, and
- transportation among others.

Members may access the newsletter on the web site at www.nyswtwrn.com or request a print copy by emailing info@nyswtwrn.com or calling 315.265.4099.

Recent Releases

Faith-based organizations (FBOs) have a rich history of serving the nation's youth. With a growing focus on accountability and the amount of Federal Funding being accessed by FBOs, there is a greater interest and need to study their outcomes. Those working with youth or interested in accessing funding for youth initiatives may want to review two recent reports that provide information on outcomes of youth involved in programs offered by FBOs.

Does Religious Participation Help Keep Adolescents in School, by Nancy Gardner. Contact the American Youth Policy Forum www.aypf.org/pressreleases/pr26.htm.



The Promise and Challenge of Mentoring High-Risk Youth, by Susan Blank and Fred Davie
Contact Public Private Ventures
www.ppv.org/ppv/community_faith/community_faith.asp.



Questions About the Federal Government?

If you have questions about the Federal Government, but do not know which agency to contact, you can access information that will lead you to the right agency at FirstGOV.gov or call the National Contact Center at 1.800.333.4636.



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