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ADULT LEARNING

Community College Workforce Development Noncredit Enrollment

Noncredit workforce education offered by the nation's community colleges can play an important role in responding to local labor market demands and connecting students to long-term educational opportunities, according to the report *Noncredit Enrollment in Workforce Education: State Policies and Community College Practices* by the American Association of Community Colleges, accessible at www.aacc.nche.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ResourceCenter/AACCPublications/Reports1/noncredit.pdf.

Increasing Inquiry Skills Through H.O.T.S.

Is inquiry a lost art? Professionals wanting to help job seekers improve this important skill can access a digital workshop where they will learn strategies for improving a job seeker's ability to create, evaluate, analyze, and apply their learning. Access *Got the H.O.T.S. for Inquiry?* from the U.S. Department of Education at www.t2web.us/Digital/workshop_hots/index.html. H.O.T.S. stands for Higher Order Thinking Skills.

APPLICABLE TO MULTIPLE AUDIENCES

Crisis for Disadvantaged Students Deepens

According to the report *Preserving A Critical National Asset*, the future of disadvantaged students in urban areas is looking more bleak with the closing of some of 1,200 urban and faith-based schools, declining enrollment in these schools, and rising costs, placing more burden on existing urban schools who are already in crisis. One such school cited in the report, with 96 percent of its students at or below the poverty level has a 99.9 percent graduation rate, and 95 percent of those students continue on to higher education. The report, published by the White House Domestic Policy Council, can be accessed at www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/pdf/preserving_a_critical_national_asset.pdf.

Information on Your Economy

Information on your state, county, and metropolitan statistical areas with respect to composition, growth, and industry can be access at <http://youreconomy.org>. This site and the tools found there are available at no cost from the Edward Lowe Foundation. Businesses, workforce development professionals, and those involved in economic/community development are audiences targeted by this site.

Jobs in Health Care

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation offers a compilation of recent research and information on jobs and innovation in the health care industry in addition to making related funding available. You can sign-up for their free digest at www.rwjf.org/programareas/features/digestlist.jsp?pid=1141.

Release of Proceedings from a National Youth Development and Leadership Summit

The *Blazing the Trail* Summit, was sponsored by the Office of Disability Employment Policy, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The report synthesizes five topical areas discussed, including:

- Helping youth achieve youth development and leadership outcomes,
- Promoting youth guided/youth directed policy,
- Inclusion of youth with disabilities,
- Partnership development, and
- Professional development.

For more information, access www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&_Publications/background.php.

USAID Partnership Conference: A Call To Action

A Call to Action will be facilitated by the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) on November 7, 2008, in Washington, D.C. At this conference you will have the opportunity to learn more about the basic structure of USAID and how the Agency grant-making processes operate; innovative approaches to development and ways that your organization can successfully partner with USAID; individual areas of focus and programs including micro-enterprise, food assistance, agriculture, education, disaster response, democracy and governance; and global health issues like malaria and HIV/AIDS.; and capacity-building resources for your organization. For more information access www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci/index.html.

FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Food and Nutrition Programs to Support Afterschool and Tutoring Activities

The U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Education are discussing ways faith-based and community organizations can receive funding to provide healthy, nutritious meals for children from low-income families during tutoring and afterschool programs. The recording of a conference call between agencies, a PowerPoint presentation, and contact information can be accessed at www.usda.gov/wps/portal/tut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=FBCI_EVE&parentnav=FBCI&navtype=RT.

Grant Writing Workshops

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be offering grant writing workshops in cities across the nation. To find the workshop nearest you, access www.hud.gov/offices/fbci.

- November 18, 2008: **Syracuse, NY**
- December 12, 2008: **Alleghany County., NY**
- TBA: **Belmont, NY**
- TBA: **Niagara University., NY**

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For other important and timely dates, access the One Source national calendar at www.nyswtwrn.com/RN/newssource/calendar.pdf.

Homeland Security Workshop

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be facilitating Partnerships in Emergency Preparedness: A Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Preparedness Training Workshops:

- November 7, 2008: Dallas, Texas
- December 11, 2008: New York, New York
- January 15, 2009: San Juan, Puerto Rico

The workshop will focus on equipping the agency's partners in emergency preparedness with the: "... resources, knowledge, training, and skills necessary to respond to, and recover from all threats, hazards, and adverse incidents." For more details, access

www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/gc_1195231910818.shtm=20

International Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

For information on international faith-based and community initiatives through the U.S. Agency for International Development Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, access

www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci/CSO_Conference_USAID.pdf.

Partnering with FBCOs: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has created this resource to help administrative agencies work effectively with faith-based and community organizations. Background information on the faith-based and community initiative, Charitable Choice, local strategies, funding issues, enhancing capacity, developing an outreach strategy, and resources are provided. Access the resource at

www.hhs.gov/fbci/Tools%20&%20Resources/Pubs/guide.pdf.

Q & A on Guidance and Monitoring of FBOs That Receive Government Funds

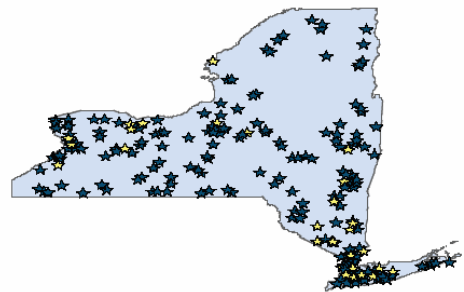
If your organization is a faith-based organization (FBO) or works with FBOs there may be questions on the use of government funds received from government agencies. The Roundtable on Religious and Social Welfare Policy has posted Q's and A's on their site from the acting director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and legal counselors at

www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/interviews/interview.cfm?id=179.

Where's the Funding?

A recent report from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has summarized the impact of funding through the initiative across the nation, state, by state. For example, New York State has received over \$856 million dollars to support such things as mentoring for children of prisoners, housing for the poor, and services for prisoner re-entry. For more information on your state, access

www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/fbci-states-0808.pdf.



Veterans Affairs Quarterly CFBCI Conference Call

The Veterans Affairs Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives quarterly conference call will be on November 21, 2008. For more information contact Stephen.Dillard@va.gov.

WELFARE/TANF INITIATIVES

Free Technical Assistance Provided by USHHS

The Welfare Peer TA Network can provide Technical Assistance to states, counties, localities, and community-based organizations operating a or providing services to TANF recipients. For more information, access <http://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/tarequest/dspTaRequestIntro.cfm?nav=T>.

TANF Best Practices

For a copy of *TANF Best Practices Handbook for Front Line Service Delivery Professionals: Innovative Strategies from Coast to Coast* go to

http://tanfbestpractices.org/images/Documents/best_practices_handbook2008.pdf.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, provided funding for this project. Topics include child care assistance, family relationships, child support enforcement, employment services, and children's education.

Who Is Getting Food Stamps?

In 2007, approximately 26.5 million people received Food Stamps in approximately 11.8 million households at a cost of \$33.2 billion. Approximately 87 percent of these households live in poverty. Approximately nine percent of the households moved above the poverty level as a result of receiving food stamps. Approximately 42 percent were non-elderly adults. For more information, access the report *Characteristics of Food Stamp Households: Fiscal Year 2007* from Mathematica at www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/pdfs/characteristics2007.pdf.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apprenticeship Regulations

For a copy of the final rule access the *Federal Register* at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-24917.pdf>.

Entrepreneurship Tools

Various resources on entrepreneurship are available from the U.S. Department of Labor on their workforce3one.org website. Look for *Supporting Entrepreneurship in Regional Economies Selected Resources* at www.workforce3on.org/view.cfm?id=5769.

Foundation Workforce Grants

For a listing of foundation grants related to workforce development, access *Directory of Foundation Workforce Grant Opportunities* from the U.S. Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at www.dol.gov/cfbci/DFWGO.pdf.

Help Job Seekers Learn How To Write

How much money can the workforce development system save businesses by preparing job seekers to write? According to the National Commission on Writing's 2004 survey, approximately 40 percent of our nation's companies provide training for employees who cannot write for an estimated cost of \$3.1 billion. How can job seekers become better writers? Today's employees' writing needs to be less casual and audience and message focused, with clarity and brevity being especially important when English is not the first language of the audience. For more information, access the article by Workforce Management *Why Business Can't Write—and What to Do About It* at www.workforce.com/section/11/feature/25/82/30/index.html.

Small Business Start-Up Guide

Job seekers and incumbent workers looking to start their own business may want to access the *Start-Up Guide*. The guide includes an online planning course, library, forms, and access to the Office of Entrepreneurial Development Network of Training and Counseling Services. It is provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration at

www.sba.gov/smallbusinessplanner/plan/getready/serv_sbplanner_stguide.html.