

Upcoming Opportunities & Available Resources

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I. Grant Opportunities

DHS Parenting Collaborative FY 2011 RFP

Goal:

The primary goal of parenting education and skills enhancement programs sponsored by the DHS Community-Based Prevention Services (CBPS) is to increase parents/caregivers' knowledge of and use of effective parenting skills.

Program Requirements:

- Parenting classes should encourage discussion, ensure understanding, foster implementation of what is learned in class, and optimize the opportunities for parents to talk about their positive experiences as well as their problems.
- Class sessions must be held weekly or twice-weekly for the duration of the course, and each class session should be two hours minimally per session.
- Programs should be located in settings that parents frequent, which are high-trust and low-stigma settings.
- Programs should include some opportunities to observe parents interacting with their children, if possible.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a private nonprofit agency with a history of providing quality services to children and families in Philadelphia, preferably those with involvement in the child protection system or at high risk of such involvement.

Application Deadline: April 7, 2010

To Apply: View the complete RFP, including service, curriculum, administrative, and staffing requirements, as well as application instructions at:

http://www.phmc.org/site/pdf/rfp/FY2011_DHS_RFP.pdf

For more information: Contact Jeanne Ciocca, M.S.W., Executive Director, Resources for Children's Health, 215.985.2541, or go to:

http://www.phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50&Itemid=507#rfp

II. Trainings/Workshops

Free Homeless Resource Center Webcast on Supportive Housing

Title: Operating a Peer-Run Supportive Housing Program for Families

Presenters: Joseph Woodward and Laura Bently, Housing Options Made Easy (HOME)

Description:

This free webcast highlights one of the largest peer-run housing provider agencies in the country. Presenters will share information about best practices in providing supportive housing for individuals and families with mental health issues.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 25, 2010, 12:00-1:30

For more information: <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=46188>

To register: <http://center4si.com/learning/>

BHTEN Cycles of Violence Series Training

Title: Neurophysiology and Psychopharmacology of Trauma (PTSD)

Presenter: Craig Strickland, PhD

Description:

This overview course will introduce participants to the symptoms and treatment of PTSD, including:

- General categories of symptoms typically exhibited by persons with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
- The role of the limbic system and associated structures in the production of memory dysfunction in persons who have been traumatized;
- The mechanism by which the hypothalamus and pituitary gland produce the “fight or flight” response in persons diagnosed with PTSD;
- The benefits and side-effects of the most common pharmacological agents used to treat PTSD

NOTE: This introductory overview course, though continuously updated, has been presented previously as a Cycles of Violence session from 1999 through June 2008 and contains some of the same material.

Date: Monday, April 19, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM)

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2010

To obtain a registration form, and for more information: Contact Dineke Briggs, Clerical Assistant to the Registrar (215 923-2116, ext. 293)

Free Training Opportunity at Horizon House

Title: “A Practical Guide to Using Community Resources to Get Students with Disabilities To and Through College”

Presenter: Arlene Solomon, M.S., CPRP

Description:

Two sessions will be offered on each workshop date. Session agendas include:

Session One: 8:30 am—1 pm: “Getting Students to College”

- Learn specific techniques to help individuals with disabilities move to post-secondary schools that will lead them to careers beyond entry-level.
- Participants in this hands-on training will receive a resource guide to post-secondary schools including a list of area contacts.

Session Two: 2 pm—5 pm: “Getting Students Through College”

- Participants will learn how to start a successful supported education program.
- Learn about active and passive supports to implement your own supported education program without straining your resources!

Cost: FREE to all participants

Dates:

Friday, April 23, 2010

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Location: Horizon House, 120 South 30th Street, 3rd Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19104

To register: Contact Roody McNair at 215.386.3838, ext. 151, or email Roody.McNair@hhinc.org.

NOTE: Breakfast is provided to all attendees, and lunch is provided to full-day attendees!

Spare the Rod: Raising Children with Dignity and Respect

Presenter: Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO, Harlem Children’s Zone

Description:

This one-day free conference will:

- Highlight the connections between domestic violence, child abuse and physical punishment
- Support parents to learn about, value, and employ effective, non-physical methods of discipline
- Assist service providers in their quest to teach and advise parents about alternative and successful forms of discipline.
- Panel discussions and expert presentations will also be included.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Drexel University, Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall, 32nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Cost: FREE to all participants, however advance registration is required. There is no same day registration.

Registration Deadline: May 26, 2010

To register: Sign up at: <http://sparetherod.eventbrite.com/>

III. Other Resources

Evidence-Based Practices: Shaping Mental Health Services Toward Recovery

Description:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released six FREE Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Resource Kits.

The Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Knowledge Informing Transformation (KIT) series helps to further SAMHSA's commitment to promoting evidence-based and promising practices in serving persons with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders

The Kits provide innovative, engaging, and effective learning tools that help shape mental health services toward recovery. The Kits contain many useful resources, including:

- Information Sheets for all stakeholder groups
- Introductory videos
- Practice demonstration videos
- Workbook or manual for Practitioners

KIT Topics:

- Assertive Community Treatment
- Co-Occurring Disorders: Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment
- Supported Employment
- Family Psychoeducation
- Illness Management and Recovery

Available: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/CommunitySupport/toolkits/>

Geography of Homelessness Report Published

Description: The National Alliance to End Homelessness has published a 4-part report on the geography of homelessness in the United States. All 4 parts, as well as the report in its entirety, are available free online.

Major findings of the report include:

- Urban areas have the highest rate of homelessness, with approximately 29 homeless people per 10,000. By contrast, rural areas have a rate of less than half that, with 14 people experiencing homelessness per 10,000.
- The percent of persons in families with children who are unsheltered is quite low in urban areas compared to the other geographies; rural areas have almost double the percent of unsheltered persons in families compared to urban areas.
- Emergency shelter beds constitute a larger portion of the bed inventory in rural areas while permanent supportive housing and transitional housing make up a larger share of the inventory in urban areas

Available: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/2673>