

# Upcoming Opportunities & Available Resources

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## I. Grant Opportunities

### The National Gardening Association and Subaru-2010 Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award

**Goal:**

Grants will be awarded to organizations that plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18.

**Eligible Applicants:**

The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.

**Application Deadline:**

Friday, October 1, 2010

**Grant Awards:**

A total of 30 awards will be made. Prizes include a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; National Gardening Association's Eat a Rainbow Kit which includes nutrition lessons and education; and a literature package from the National Gardening Association.

**Website:**

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp>

## II. Trainings/Workshops

### Partnership CDC New Home Buyer's Club

**Description:** The Partnership Community Development Corporation has opened registration for its Winter 2010 Home Buyer's Club. The class may qualify eligible participants for closing cost assistance.

**Date/Time:** Weekly workshops starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Cost:** \$40.00

**Location:** PECO Financial Education Center, 4027 Market Street

**Website:** <http://partnershipcdc.wordpress.com/>

**To enroll:** call 215-307-4917.

### Toward Trauma-Informed Practice: Support for Recovery

**Description:** This introductory course provides practitioners with basic information regarding the impact of childhood abuse and trauma on adults and presents an overview of how to effectively engage and relate to individuals with these histories using trauma-sensitive, trauma-informed approaches/strategies.

**Presented by:** The Behavioral Health Training and Education Network with support from The Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health/Mental Retardation Services.

**Target Audience:** This introductory course was presented in the 2009 Cycles of Violence Series. Though revised and updated it also contains material previously presented in 2005 through 2008. The course is designed for staff at all levels in behavioral health & other human services programs/agencies.

**Date/Time:** Monday, September 27, 2010, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**Fee:** \$20.00

**Location:** 520 North Delaware Avenue, 7th Floor, Suite C, Philadelphia

**For more information and to register contact** Dineke Briggs at 215-923-2116 ext. 293

## SAMSHA Published New Permanent Supportive Housing Toolkit

### **Description:**

The Center for Mental Health Services of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a toolkit confirming the effectiveness of permanent supportive housing. This toolkit highlights the safety and affordability offered by permanent supportive housing, as well as its ability to provide residents with the rights of tenancy. The toolkit contains several helpful resources, including guidance on initiating evidence-based practices and building and evaluating a program.

### **Website:**

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

## Supporting Families with Substance Use and Mental Health Issues – Free Online Training

### **Description:**

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) has developed a **free** online training designed to educate child welfare professionals about substance abuse and mental health disorders affecting families involved with the child welfare system. The training package consists of the following six modules:

- **Module 1:** Understanding the Multiple Needs of Families Involved With the Child Welfare System
- **Module 2:** Understanding Substance Use Disorders, Treatment, and Recovery
- **Module 3:** Understanding Mental Disorders, Treatment, and Recovery
- **Module 4:** Engagement and Intervention With Parents Affected by Substance Use Disorders, Mental Disorders, and Co-Occurring Disorders
- **Module 5:** Developing a Comprehensive Response for Families Affected by Substance Use Disorders, Mental Disorders, and Co-Occurring Disorders
- **Module 6:** Understanding the Needs of Children of Parents With Substance Use or Mental Disorders

Each 2-3 hour module contains an agenda, training plan, training script, PowerPoint presentation, case vignettes, handouts, and reading materials.

### **Website:**

[www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/training/toolkit](http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/training/toolkit)

## Moving the Margins: Training Curriculum for Child Welfare Services With LGBTQ Youth

**Description:** The National Association of Social Workers and the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund joined in partnership to improve out-of-home care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning/queer (LGBTQ) youth. The training curriculum is intended to provide training on building the capacity, awareness and skills of social workers and other child welfare practitioners to better serve and respond to the needs of this population of youth.

The curriculum is divided into modules that explore situations LGBTQ clients often face in out-of-home care. The modules include scenarios for small-group discussions, role-playing, and learning labs.

**Website:**

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/publications/moving-the-margins/moving-the-margins.html>

### III. Other Resources

## Ending Family Homelessness: Lessons from Communities

**Description:** The National Alliance to End Homelessness issued a report that provides an overview of family homelessness in the United States. It examines the key strategies that communities are implementing to respond to increased family housing instability and homelessness. It also discusses the need for federal leadership.

By monitoring successful communities, the Alliance identified six key strategies critical to ending family homelessness:

- Prevention assistance
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Helping families pay for housing
- Strategic use of services
- Coordinated intake, assessment, and services
- Data for planning and program management

**Website:** For the full report visit:

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/3270>