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BOSTnet's Middle School Network will commit three Leadership Roundtables to focusing on serving middle school youth within before and after-school programs. The first Middle School Leadership Roundtable will take place in September. Please join us to learn from a panel of experts on working with middle school students.

Getting them in the Door!

Recruitment and Retention Strategies for Middle School Students

in Out-of-School Time Programs

September 14th, 2006 at the Tobin Community Center from 9:30 until 12:00.

People interested in being presenters should contact Kambiz Maali at BOSTnet, maali@bostnet.org or via phone at (617) 720-1290 ext 230. Please watch the BUZZ and the BOSTnet website for detailed information on panel presenters.

Save the Date!

BOSTnet's second Leadership Roundtable is on October 5th, 2006.

Access for All...

Promoting access and inclusion for children with disabilities within before and after-school programs has been a core organizational strategy of BOSTnet since 1997 when Inclusion Grants were awarded to programs in Boston to support accessible materials, additional staff, consultation from inclusion specialists, etc. BOSTnet has provided several trainings and conference to equip our network of before and after-school professionals with strategies to provide inclusive programs. BOSTnet recently collaborated with the Boston Community Learning Centers to create an eighteen page guidebook, "Promoting Inclusion of Children and Youth with Disabilities: Tips and Tools for After School Professionals". BOSTnet will have several hundred of these guides available for free through September 1st, 2006. After this date there will be a minimal charge for the guides. If you are interested in receiving "Promoting Inclusion of Children and Youth with Disabilities: Tips and Tools for After School Professionals", please contact us via email at info@bostnet.org.

Great news! The new After School and Out of School Time budget line item at the Department of Education includes \$100,000 to support services that actively include children with disabilities in after-school programs. Please see "Policy Update" below for more information!

Programs Serving Children and Youth with Disabilities- BOSTnet's Guide to Boston's Before and After School Programs provides information on the disabilities served by out-of-school time programs. Seventy-three percent (73%) of programs reported that they served one or more disabilities. These disabilities include Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Mental Health Issues, Autism, Multiple Disabilities, Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment, AIDS/ HIV, Speech Impairment, Mental Retardation, Significant Health Care Needs, Attention Deficit Disorder and others. Of these disabilities, programs most often cited serving youth with Learning Disabilities (almost 70% of programs surveyed) and Attention Deficit Disorder (56% of programs).

Although most programs report that they serve children and youth with several different disabilities, only 26 programs (about 7%) indicated serving children with a specific disability as a priority or focus for their program.

How accessible are out-of-school time facilities and programs?

BOSTnet has asked before and after-school programs about the physical accessibility of their programs. About 70% of programs report having a site that is accessible to people who use wheelchairs for physical mobility. If you would like to view a map of wheelchair accessible program sites, please visit www.bostnet.org.

policy update...



State Budget News: The after-school line item at the Department of Education was included in the Conference Committee Report and made it through without being vetoed by the Governor. The total amount allocated to this line item (7061-9611) was \$1 million. What does this mean? Within the next few months, the Department of Education will administer "grants or subsidies" for "after-school and out-of-school time programs to increase comprehensive after-school and out-of-school time programming to school age children and youth during the school year and the summer". According to the line item State Budget Language under "Department of Education" for FY 2007, funds can be used for a variety of activities including academic programming, physical activities, art, theater, music, nutrition, community service programs, enrichment activities, etc. \$100,000 from this item "shall be expended for services that actively include children with disabilities in after-school programs that also serve non-disabled children and services that include children where English is a second language". If you would like to receive more information on the State Budget Language, please contact Susan Tufts at BOSTnet tufts@bostnet.org and for more information on the grants to be provided by the Department of Education, please stay tuned to the BUZZ and BOSTnet's website www.bostnet.org.



BOSTnet is currently seeking to fill one position of Executive Assistant. A job description for this position is attached to the BUZZ; if you are interested in applying please contact us at info@bostnet.org.

BOSTnet is proud to announce that Project Director Manosi Datta has been awarded a fellowship from the Children's Defense Fund's Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program. A program of the Children Defense Fund (CDF) Early Childhood Development Division, the CDF Emerging Leaders Project provides advocates for child-care, early education and school-age care with the training, support and resources they need to become successful agents of change. Congratulations Manosi!

Interested in being part of BOSTnet and the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership's Regional Policy Network? Please contact us at info@bostnet.org.



Job Postings and Volunteer Opportunities-

THE **POSSE** FOUNDATION, INC.

SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH BOSTON'S TOP YOUTH LEADERS!

The Posse Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that recruits and trains diverse teams ("posses") of public high school seniors who exhibit strong leadership and academic potential. Since 1989, over 1,500 Posse Scholars have been awarded over \$142 million in four-year, full-tuition merit scholarships from Posse university partners, all elite institutions. In 2005, the Posse Program in Boston received nearly 1,100 nominations, selecting 51 to receive over \$5 million dollars in scholarship. In 2006, we will be selecting Scholars to win scholarships to Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell University, Centre College, Denison University, Hamilton College, and Union College.

Volunteer Description:

As we prepare for our 2006 recruiting season, The Posse Foundation is seeking volunteers to assist in the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP). Created by Posse, DAP is an innovative way to assess and select candidates for the scholarship. There are three stages to DAP: a large group interview, an individual interview (for those who advance from the group interview stage), and a small group interview (for finalists). Volunteers are needed for the first phase of DAP, the large group interview. All volunteers have two main responsibilities during the large group interview: Registration and Logistics & Evaluation. DAP 1 Dates (all times approximately 3:30-8:30 pm): September 25th, September 27th, October 3rd, and October 5th. All to be held at central locations in the city of Boston.



If interested, please contact:

Jennifer Bell

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Bachelor's degree required

Deadline: September 11th

Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention:

AIP is hiring part-time After School Activity Leaders for its ASPIRE program at the beautiful, new Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road in Dorchester.

Hours are 2:30-6:15, Monday through Thursday, September 2006-June 2007 with the possibility of full time summer employment. Pay rate is \$10-\$12/hour. Contact Susan Lovett, LCSW, After School Director at slovett@gmail.com.

Teen Living Program

Just A Start House, the Teen Living Program in Somerville serving homeless pregnant and parenting teens, is looking for a new director. The program is wonderful-the position is a great mix of clinical work, program management, and staff supervision. The candidate must have an MSW (and/or lots of experience) and ideally speak Spanish (though not a deal breaker).

<http://www.girlscoalition.org/community/details.asp?id=178>

Great Film-

As recently seen on WGBH, Boston, WMM New Release FAR FROM HOME portrays the personal triumphs and daily negotiations of Kandice, an insightful, precocious African-American teenager participating in METCO, a voluntary Boston school integration program. Since kindergarten, she has risen before dawn each day to be bused to Weston, an affluent, predominantly white suburb.

A vital resource for gaining a deeper understanding of the ongoing struggle for civil rights and equal opportunity, FAR FROM HOME illustrates the difficulties still faced by students of color today - 50 years after the landmark Brown vs. The Board of Education decision. A must-see for educators, school administrators, education policy makers, and anyone who works with teenagers.

More about the film: <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c683.shtml>

Advertising Opportunity-

Looking to reach a group of smart, invested and active teen girls? If so, advertise in Teen Voices magazine and Teen Voices Online. Whether you are a local program or national group, Teen Voices is the perfect venue to reach girls and adults engaged in issues that matter. Contact Tori Costa, tori@teenvoices.com, for more information.

Upcoming Events-

***Lights On Afterschool* is coming on October 12!**

Another fall is coming up soon and that means *Lights On Afterschool!*

The afterschool world has made *Lights On Afterschool* a truly nationwide celebration of afterschool programs and a hallmark of the field. Every year brings more events, more creativity and most important more attention to the need for afterschool resources. We thank you, and invite you to join us in celebrating the 7th Annual *Lights On Afterschool* this October 12, 2006.

Basketball Coaches Clinic at MassBay Community College's Framingham Campus

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 8AM-3PM, LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE: Kelley Greenberg, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Boston University; George Blaney, Asst. Men's Basketball Coach, University of Connecticut; Bill Raynor- Athletic Director, Head Men's Basketball Coach, MassBay Community College; Dennis Wolff, Head Men's Basketball Coach , Boston University; and, Jim O'Brien, Former Head Men's Basketball Coach , Ohio State University.

Afterschool Alliance Survey:

The Afterschool Alliance is conducting a survey of afterschool programs to learn what sources of federal, state, local and private dollars are available, the services and activities various funding streams support, and the consequences of budget cuts and flat funding.

We need your help! Please take a few moments to complete our web-based survey provided by SurveyMonkey.com. A direct link is provided below. You do not need to sign up for any services to participate and your individual information will not be shared.

Please respond by August 25th. Thanks in advance for your participation. Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=141063312E43633> to begin the survey.

