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McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE ACT

The McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act of 2002 has become one of the most effective means to identifying and helping families experiencing homelessness. Through school district liaisons, thousands of people who do not meet HUD's narrow definition of homelessness, or would not want to be labeled as homeless for fear of being stigmatized, have received assistance that has changed their lives, and the lives of their children. As part of our broader "Rethinking Homelessness" campaign, the National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness will work with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth and our partners across America to bring HUD's definition of homelessness into alignment with the Department of Education's definition. To learn more about the vital role that schools play in ending homelessness, please read the following article from the Christian Science Monitor.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0208/p10s01-legn.html>

<http://en.groundspring.org/EmailNow/pub.php?module=URL_Tracker&cmd=track&j=20539890&u=186805>

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MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

<<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/8/display.php?u=Jmk9OCZwPTE0NyZzPTEyMjM%3D>>

The February 4 issue of Primary Care & Prevention Network News, online at

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/8/display.php?u=Jmk9OCZwPTE0NyZzPTEyMjM%3D>, includes the following stories:

Surgeon General Announces Year of the Healthy Child... U.S. Infant Mortality Rates Rises for First Time in Over Forty Years, According to CDC... NGA Report on Increasing Medicaid Coverage for Children's Mental Health Services

SOURCE: ASTHO Newsletter | Primary Care and Prevention Network News | 4 Feb 2005

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Responding to the unprecedented numbers of children and families in New York City shelters in the last two years, Care for the Homeless established a Pediatric Mental Health program in which more than 120 children received counseling services and were accepted into the program. During this time our social workers were responsible for providing more than 2,200 clinical encounters with children and their parents. See "How to Think about the Mental Health of Our Children" by CFH's Director of Social Services, Denise Torres, which was published in English and Spanish in the newsletter *How . . . When . . . Where*, a free newsletter for homeless families (January - February 2005); go to <http://www.informationforfamilies.org/htm/children/mental.htm> <http://www.icebase.com/go.shtml?20050201090216131848&am236&amhttp://www.careforthehomeless.org/services/children_mh_article.html>

SOURCE: E-letter #4 from Care for the Homeless | Tues, 01 Feb 2005 | tcipriaso@cfhnyc.org

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

ACTIVE ELEMENT FOUNDATION

Funds youth organizing and activism across all issues and constituencies, with an emphasis on low-income youth-led groups that are marginalized from major funding. Publications include *The Future 500*, a comprehensive guide to youth activism and organizing in the U.S.

Active Element Foundation | websites: www.activeelementn.org & www.future500.com
phone: 212 283-8272 | e-mail: activeelementn@aol.com

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YOUTH EDUCATION & HEALTH

Application deadlines: April 1 & October 1, 2005

The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation was established to help empower America's youth. The goal of the Foundation is to be a major force in improving education by focusing on preparing students for the demands of today's global society. In addition, the Foundation is committed to investing in health-related organizations and cultural programs that impact a diverse population of youth. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations.

For further information, go to: <http://www.tommy.com/info/foundation.jsp#grant>.

SOURCE: Funding Alert | Volume 8, Issue 6 | February 7, 2005 | www.dc.gov

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ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Application deadline: April 4, 2005

The Department of Health and Human Services announces funds to establish innovative, comprehensive and integrated approaches to the delivery of care services for pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents under 19 years of age at program entry, with primary emphasis on unmarried adolescents who are 17 years old or younger. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 20 awards, ranging from \$175,000 - \$375,000. For further information, contact OPHS Fed Grants Admin at 301 594-4001 or OPHSFGAdm@osophs.dhhs.gov; or go to <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

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MATTEL LAUNCHES NEW DOMESTIC GRANTS PROGRAM

Deadlines: April 8 & September 30, 2005

Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation have announced the launch of a new Domestic Grants Program. The program will accept grant applications from charitable organizations throughout the United States that directly serve children in need. Grant awards will range between \$5,000 and \$25,000, depending on program, organization, and individual community need. Applicant organizations must have 501(c)(3) public charity

status. Funding priority is given to organizations or programs that creatively address a locally defined need directly impacting children in need and that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include health, education, and girls empowerment. Pilot projects and new organizations may be considered as long as all eligibility criteria are met; however, preference will be given to organizations that have at least two years' experience.

Preference is given to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million and are not affiliated with a national organization. Two types of grants will be considered: 1) program-specific grants (i.e., funding for the launch of new programs or the expansion of existing programs); and 2) core operating support (i.e., support for organizations to sustain their programs). Grant applications will be accepted online during two funding cycles: Cycle I, January 1 - April 8, 2005; and Cycle II, July 1 - September 30, 2005. Applications must be submitted online through the Mattel Web site. See the website for complete program information, funding priorities and restrictions, and access to the online eligibility quiz.

RFP Link: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/423/rfp>

SOURCE: RFP-BULLETIN | a service of the Foundation Center | January 28, 2005 | Volume 6, Issue 4

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FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES GRANTS

Application deadline: June 1, 2005

The **Department of Health and Human Services** announces funds to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include: clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning, including abstinence education; and referral services as indicated. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, and individuals. Approximately \$47 million is available to fund 20 awards, ranging from \$99,000 - \$9.6 million. For further information, contact OPHS Fed Grants Admin at 301 594-4001 or OPHSEFGAdm@osophs.dhhs.gov; or go to: <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

NPACH to Co-sponsor NAEHCY National Conference

National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness is pleased to announce our co-sponsorship of the 17th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), to be held October 22 - 25, 2005, in New Orleans, LA. The goal of this exciting collaboration is to bring housing providers, shelter providers, and educators together to address the needs of families and youth experiencing homelessness. Lack of housing impedes academic achievement, underscoring the need for educators to become involved in efforts to increase affordable housing. At the same time, schools are a critical, but too often overlooked, part of the safety net for homeless families; school district homeless liaisons have developed great expertise in coordinating services for homeless families, especially those who are forced to live in homeless situations that do not fit HUD's narrow definition of homelessness. NPACH will work with NAEHCY to develop workshops that can help foster greater mutual understanding and cross-collaboration between the housing and education communities. Anyone interested in presenting at the conference should submit a proposal to NAEHCY no later than March 1. Information about the conference, including guidelines for presenters, can be found online at

<http://www.naehcy.org/2005rfp.html>

<http://en.groundspring.org/EmailNow/pub.php?module=URL_Tracker&cmd=track&j=20539890&u=186804>

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April 18 - 19: **Housing First for Homeless Families**: Two-day training and technical assistance on implementation strategies. Los Angeles, CA. Co-Sponsored by the National Alliance to End Homelessness and Shelter Partnership, Inc. For details, contact 213 252-0772 or visit <http://www.beyondshelter.org>

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April 27 - 29: **Young Children Without Homes National Conference**. Boston, MA. Sponsored by Horizons for Homeless Children. For details, visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

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