

Funding, Proposals, Jobs, and Educational Opportunities

Funding Opportunities:

Victims of Crime Act Transitional Housing Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting applications for federal Victims of Crime Act grants to support transitional housing and services for Illinois victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Approximately \$2 million is available for this program **Application deadline: September 30, 2016**. For more information, go to <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/sites/vocanofo>

Call for Applications to JustLeadershipUSA Training: Leading with Conviction

JustLeadershipUSA is now accepting applications for its advanced leadership development training Leading with Conviction. The 12-month program is specifically tailored for mid-senior-level leaders who have a proven track record in advocacy, activism, and community organizing, and have been incarcerated or under supervision in the criminal or juvenile justice systems. The training takes place both in person and remotely through forums, webinars, executive coaching, peer coaching, and regular digital communication. Applications are due September 16, 2016. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities

In August 2016, The Chicago Community Trust, the Joyce Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, the Polk Bros. Foundation, the Woods Fund Chicago and other funders joined together in support of immediate intervention to deter violence and promote peace in Chicago neighborhoods.

The Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities is a \$300,000 fund created in direct response to the many people and organizations who are proactively working to keep our neighborhoods safe over the Labor Day holiday and through the beginning of the school year. The Fund is not meant to be a quick fix to the complex problem of violence—its targeted grants supplement each funder's intensive and long-standing efforts to develop sustainable, systemic responses to the root causes of the challenge.

Eligibility

- Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status, or with a 501(c)3 organization serving as fiscal sponsor.

- Grants must support activities taking place in neighborhoods within the city of Chicago.
- Grants may be used for activities that promote community cohesion and the reduction of violence, which might include:
 - Educational events
 - Group or youth activities
 - Resident leader stipends
 - Recreational activities
 - Festivals
 - Performances
 - Picnics
 - Block-level activities, including rental of venues and supplies
- Groups, agencies and organizations whose interests are consistent with the goal to support grassroots, community-based solutions that make neighborhoods safer are welcome to apply.
- Grant funds may not be used to support or advocate for the purchase or use of guns as part of any activity.

How to Apply

To apply for funding, [please download and complete the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities Application](#) (25KB). Email your completed application to safechicago@cct.org.

Applications must be submitted by September 30. However, please note that grants will be made on a rolling basis, beginning on August 29. Grants will be awarded until all available funds are spent. There is no guarantee that money will still be available to fund proposals submitted later in the application period.

Call for Proposals:

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) will be holding two national conferences in 2017. The NCJFCJ Curriculum Committee is now accepting proposals for workshop sessions at the NCJFCJ's National Conference on Juvenile Justice in New York City, NY, Feb. 12-15, 2017, and the 80th Annual Conference in Washington, DC, July 16-19, 2017.

- Do you have a new program in your court that has increased efficiency, filled a void, or promoted child and family safety?
- Do you have knowledge about how the adolescent brain works or how adverse childhood experiences may affect a child later in life?
- Have you conducted research on teen dating violence, racial and ethnic disparity, juvenile drug courts, or domestic child sex trafficking?
- Have you ever wanted to present at an NCJFCJ conference?

If you would like to engage and connect with those interested in the improvement of juvenile and family justice, [please download the fillable PDF form by clicking HERE](#).

For questions or to return form via email, contact Amy Saathoff, Curriculum Development Manager, at asaathoff@ncjfcj.org by Friday, September 30.

Educational Opportunities:

Webinar: [Understanding Trauma in the Context of Juvenile Justice Systems](#)

Date: September 16th, 2016

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 PM EDT

The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, will present “Understanding Trauma in the Context of Juvenile Justice Systems.” Nearly all youth who enter the juvenile justice system have experienced trauma – often as a result of exposure to violence. Building practitioner skills to understand the impact of trauma on youth and to structure systems that support youth is critical for successful outcomes. This webinar will define trauma and traumatic stress reactions, identify how routine juvenile justice practices can function as triggers for youth, provide real-life examples of youth behavior resulting from experiences of trauma, and offer strategies for the juvenile justice system to address traumatic stress reactions. This webinar will be presented as part of the Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Webinar: [Emerging Opportunities to Use Medicaid to Support Trauma Services in Schools](#)

Date: September 19th, 2016

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM EDT

The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Futures Without Violence, will present "Emerging Opportunities to Use Medicaid to Support Trauma Services in Schools." Identifying and meeting the trauma needs of youth in schools can help youth heal, support positive school climate, and prevent referral of youth into the juvenile justice system. These services can be especially important for children who have been exposed to violence in their homes, schools and communities. This webinar will highlight flexibilities available to states to provide and fund trauma services in schools through Medicaid. Participants will learn how Medicaid can support trauma screening and evidence-based trauma interventions in general and how schools in some states will have the ability to use Medicaid funding to provide these services to students in need. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Training: *ACT Facilitator Training for Professionals*

Date: September 28th and 29th

Time: 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Location: Riveredge Hospital, 8311 Roosevelt Rd., Forest Park, IL 60130

ACT is an early childhood parenting program directed by the American Psychological Association. Through ACT, parents and primary caregivers of children ages 0-8 attend groups designed to prevent child maltreatment, build positive, nonviolent parenting skills, and prevent or reduce children’s aggression and related behavior problems. This facilitator training will give you the tools to present ACT in your community. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Tamra Cajo at 708.995.3623 or tcajo@pillarscommunity.org.

Webinar Series: [Transition Age Youth Webinar Series](#)

This webinar series from the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association will provide an overview of essential transition age youth (TAY) services. Emerging adulthood is a critical life stage, and TAY with psychiatric disabilities can have significant struggles transitioning to their adult life. This series helps providers develop the capacity to deliver a level of culturally-sensitive support and structure matched to differing levels of need and ability to be self-directed. The transition from childhood to adulthood is influenced by individual differences in maturation and culture, availability of social supports, and impacted by challenges such as trauma, illness, and poverty. Topics relating to TAY services covered in the TAY Webinar series include education, employment/job training, housing, social/family, living skills, medical issues, legal aspects, substance abuse treatment, income/benefits and survival needs (food, shelter, safety).

Series Webinars:

Leadership Overview: Key Elements of TAY Systems of Care

Date: October 4, 2016

Time: 2:00pm ET

Faculty: Wayne Munchel, LCSW

Who should Attend: Organizational Leadership, CEO's, COO's, Program Directors, Program Managers, Executive Directors

Cost: \$25.00 Members, \$55.00 Non-Members

Providing Trauma Informed Care for Youth and Young Adults

Date: October 25, 2016

Time: 2:00pm ET

Faculty: Wayne Munchel, LCSW

Who Should Attend: Organizational Leadership, Direct Service Providers working with Transition-Age-Youth

Cost: \$55.00 Members, \$85.00 Non-Members

Engaging (while not Enraging) Youth and Young Adults

Date: November 15, 2016

Time: 2:00pm ET

Faculty: Wayne Munchel, LCSW

Who Should Attend: Organizational Leadership, Direct Service Providers working with Transition-Age-Youth

Cost: \$55.00 Members, \$85.00 Non-Members

Job Opportunities:

Organization: Casa Central

Position: Part-Time Bilingual Therapist

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Casa Central is hiring a part-time Therapist (20 hours/week) to work with very young children, ages 5 and under, who have been exposed to violence or experienced trauma in their homes and communities. Bilingual (English/Spanish) skills are required. Previous training in, or exposure to, Child Parent Psychotherapy or other infant mental health-informed approaches preferred, but training and supervision in CPP will be provided.

Organization: Children's National Health System

Position: Program Coordinator

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The Children's National Health System is hiring a Program Coordinator for the Early Childhood Innovation Network team! The Early Childhood Innovation Network (ECIN) is a joint venture between Children's National and Georgetown University aimed at improving children's well-being by preventing and decreasing the negative effects of toxic stress and trauma. The Program Coordinator will lead work on a specific component of ECIN, the Early Childhood Mental Health in Primary Care project, which focuses on integrating pediatric primary care and mental health with a focus on early childhood and family strengthening. Specifically, the Program Coordinator will lead efforts related to:

- Expanding capacity of pediatric primary care providers to screen and refer for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders
- Expanding connections and capacity among home visiting and parenting education programs in the pediatric medical home
- Building early childhood mental health capacity and advancing integrated care models

The ideal candidate will have the following skills: ability to think creatively and strategically; ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary teams; ability to multi-task and work pro-actively and independently within a fast-paced, dynamic setting; skill working with culturally diverse patient, staff and community populations; and strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.

If you have a personal recommendation or know someone who applied, please contact Ms. Sarah Barclay Hoffman at sbhoffma@childrensnational.org.