



Community Council Health Systems

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For Your Information Professional Development/Resource Newsletter

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From Desk of James Nixon, CEO

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention because they symbolize a happy, uplifting childhood. As April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we acknowledge the importance of our work with families and communities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of our children and families. The theme for this year's National Child Abuse Prevention Month continues to be *Making Meaningful Connections*. For more information and ideas for highlighting Child Abuse Prevention Month and continually, go to <http://preventchildabuse.org/>.



*Childhood should be
carefree, playing in the sun;
not living a nightmare in the
darkness of the soul.*

– Dave Pelzer, *A Child Called
"It"*



Project Elijah Empowering Autism (PEEA)

Young males on the autism spectrum can receive a free professional haircut in a safe nurturing environment through *PEEA Cutz* on certain **Tuesdays in April 2016** at ESPM Hair Zone in Philadelphia. Young females on spectrum will receive free makeover and gift bag through *Pampering Our Princesses* on certain **Sundays in April 2016** at True Image Salon in Philadelphia. All programs are free for families, although PEEA requests \$20 donation to support programming. Contact: [Eric D. Williams, Sr.](#), 267-258-8687.

ASPIRA Inc. of PA's 44th Annual College Conference April 7th

Free event with over 50 colleges-universities, keynote speaker, and a financial aid presentation from PHEAA. Target: current 11th graders. Location: ASPIRA, Phila, PA. Contact: [Venita DeLaRosa-Ortiz](#), 215-455-1300.

Diversity Law Enforcement Job Fair

On **Saturday, April 9, 2016, 10am-2pm**, over 40 different local, state and federal law enforcement agencies will be actively recruiting interested candidates for their respective agencies! Location: **Bright Hope Baptist Church, 1601 North 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122** (corner of 12th & Cecil B. Moore Avenue).

Summer in the City High School Internship Program

Philadelphia's municipal government provides a paid six-week internship (July 6th to August 14th). As a participating employer with the Youth Network's WorkReady Summer Internship Program, the City will hire 100 high school students. **Apply by April 14, 2016.** Learn more [HERE](#).



STRIVE is looking for youth between ages 14-24 that want to finish high school, earn a GED, learn real world job skills, obtain employment, & enroll in college. Register: [The Workforce Institute](#)
100 S. Broad Street, Suite 830. Phila. 19110
Contact: **Michell Hodge, MS** 267-322-6963

Free Monthly Job Readiness Workshops

Resume Writing * Interviewing Skills
Job Search Tips * Office Etiquette
For more information, and to register, contact: **Andrea Swan, 215-204-7913** or **Michael Robinson, 215-204-0677** or mike.robinson@temple.edu

Youth Summer Job Fair by the Mayor's Office of the Youth Commission

1755 N. 13th St. Philadelphia, PA 19122
April 30, 2016, 12:00pm – 05:00pm
Connecting the city's youth to summer work and volunteer opportunities. DBHIDS will have a resource table.
Contact: Rachel Abbott at [\(215\) 686-2159](tel:2156862159)

Best Practices/Research

Child Maltreatment 2014 Report Released in March 2016

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services just released the 25th report in a series of annual reports designed to provide State-level data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. Child Maltreatment 2014 includes information on reports of abuse and neglect made to child protective services (CPS) agencies, the children involved, types of maltreatment, CPS responses, child and caregiver risk factors, services, and perpetrators. Bureau website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>



Funding Opportunities

The PNC Foundation

Supports nonprofit organizations with a special emphasis on those that work to achieve sustainability and touch a diverse population, in particular, those that support early childhood education and/or economic development.

Due Date: Rolling

Learn more [HERE](#)

The Challenge America Program

Under NEA, grants of \$10,000 are available to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

Due Date: April 14, 2016

Learn more [HERE](#).

SAMHSA System of Care Grants

The purpose of this program is to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth-21) with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families.

[Learn more](#). Watch SAMHSA's FOA orientation [webinar](#).

Due Date: April 25, 2016

Show Me the Money!!!

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP) Grants

Anticipated Award: Up to \$50,000 per year

The purpose of the STOP Act grant program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States. STOP Act grant funds must focus primarily on strengthening collaboration among community entities to reduce alcohol use among youth in current and former DFC grantee communities.

Due Date: May 10, 2016

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-007>

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Grants will be awarded for the dissemination of information about new and innovative programs designed to benefit youth, or for information already possessed by well-established organizations.

Due Date: July 15, 2016

<http://www.cwf-inc.org/grantseekers/overview>



If you are interested in applying for any grant, please contact Anita Rogers @ arogers235902@comcast.net

Professional Development & Networking

Preventing Suicide Among Seniors

High suicide rates among senior citizens underscore the need to pay attention to the behavioral health of older adults, especially at senior centers. Learn the risk factors and how you can help with new tools from SAMHSA.



CWLA National Advocacy Summit

"Investing in What It Takes: A Full Continuum of Care"

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

April 18–20, Washington, DC

<http://www.cwla.org/conferences/>

SAMHSA's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

Awareness Day shines a national spotlight on the importance of children's mental health and reinforces that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development. A national event will take place on **May 5 at 7 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC** to amplify these systems of care's efforts. We look forward to showcasing **Community Council' Awareness Day 2016** activities! For more information and ideas, go to the following sites: [Prepare for Awareness Day section](#), [templates](#), and [checklists](#), to help you throughout the process.

When Words Matter: Emerging Issues in Forensic Interviewing

Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center

June 21–23, Atlantic City, NJ

<http://www.gundersenhealth.org/ncptc/trainings-2016/violence-intervention-prevention-summit>

Free Mandated Reporter Training Through the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA)

The recent changes to the Child Protective Services Law are complex; mandated reporters have new responsibilities and procedures to follow when reporting suspected abuse in addition to facing increased penalties for failing to report. PFSA offers free mandated reporter training in PA. Learn more [HERE](#).

