



# Community Council Health Systems

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## **For Your Information Professional Development/Resource Newsletter**

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**From the Desk of James Nixon, CEO**

### **March is National Social Work Month**

*We Celebrate You and Your Profession!*

Dear Community Council Social Workers:

We celebrate your profession as you continue to forge solutions out of challenges. You are part of our nation's more than 600,000 social workers who have amazing tenacity and talent. You confront some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities and society and help participants find solutions to reach their full potential and make our nation a better place to live. Your Community Council family celebrates the contributions of social workers. Keep up the good work and let me know how we can support you as you make a difference for others!





***Young at Art***  
**March 12, 2016**

An expo of arts camps and schools to assist parents with selecting the appropriate summer class with their child. Location: Penn State Lehigh Valley. Learn more [HERE](#).

***Free Scholarship Info Sessions***  
**March 15, 2016**

Students and parents are invited to come learn about the eligibility requirements and guidelines for scholarships available through The Philadelphia Foundation. Learn more [HERE](#).

***C.H.E.E.R.S. Program***  
**Community Health Enrichment Empowerment**  
**Resources Services**

**Saturdays February 27 - April 9th.**

A free Philadelphia Police Department Program for children ages 8-17. Free Breakfast & Lunch 9 locations - find one close to you! For more information and sign up, please visit our website. [www.phillycheers.com](http://www.phillycheers.com)

***FREE Historically Black Colleges & Universities Tours***

**Where:** Morgan State Univ. (Baltimore, MD) & Bowie State Univ. (Bowie, MD)

**When:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016

**What:** Tours, Admissions & Financial-Aid info, Student Panels, Step-Show

**Sponsor:** Webster Street Community Organization

**To Qualify:**

-Complete/submit application postmarked by **March 11, 2016**

-Prepare 300-word Essay on why interested in attending college / career aspirations.

-Submit copy of report card for 2015-16' year; *GPA at least 2.5 (ideally 3.0+)*

-Provide signed Parental / Guardian Permission Slip & P/G must attend a 1-hour meeting (upon acceptance)

-Submit a \$10 Non-Refundable Deposit (Money Order or Cash Only) upon acceptance to cover insurance by April 1st

-Currently attend high school in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade

-Live in city of Philadelphia.

-Send Completed information to:

WSCO, P.O. Box 1017

Lansdowne, PA 19050

**\*Accepted applicants will be notified by March 25, 2016.**

## **Best Practices/Research**

### ***New Behavioral Health Barometer, 2015***

This new publication presents data on key aspects of substance use and mental health care issues, including rates of serious mental illness, suicidal thoughts, substance use, underage drinking, and individuals who seek treatment for these disorders. [Read the publication.](#)

### ***Screening for Depression in Children and Adolescents: U.S. Preventive***

Major depressive disorder is thought to affect about 8% of adolescents each year, and only between 36% and 44% report they have gotten treatment. [Read more.](#)



## Special Behavioral Health Funding Opportunities

**Hillman Foundation Innovations In Care**  
Grants of up to \$600,000 will be awarded in support of innovations that provide care to vulnerable populations, including the economically disadvantaged, racial and ethnic minorities, and other groups.

**Deadline: March 21, 2016 (Brief initial app)**

<http://www.rahf.org/grant-programs/hillman-innovations-in-care-program/>

### **Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT)**

ACT seeks to address unhealthy behaviors in minority youth and provide them with opportunities to learn coping skills and gain experiences that contribute to more positive lifestyles and enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices. OMH intends that ACT projects will demonstrate the effectiveness of a highly innovative and multi-partnership collaborative approach. Anticipated award amount up to \$400,000.

**Deadline: April 18, 2016**

[Learn more.](#)

# Show Me the Money!!!

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars**  
From 8th grade through their senior year of high school, Cooke Young Scholars receive a personal academic and college counselor, funding for academic and enrichment programs in the summer and during the school year, internship and study abroad opportunities, and access to other educational resources.

**Deadline: April 14, 2016**

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/>

### **Walmart Community Grant Program**

Through the annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities.

**Deadline: December 31, 2016**

<http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>



**If you are interested in applying for any grant, please contact Anita Rogers @ [arogers235902@comcast.net](mailto:arogers235902@comcast.net)**

# Professional Development & Networking

## *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's 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.

## *Restorative Justice: Practices for Healing*

**March 18, 2016**

This is a unique opportunity to learn more about restorative justice and connect with others who are concerned with improving the criminal justice system. Location: Villanova University. Learn more [HERE](#).

## *Ready by 21 National Meeting*

**March 29-31, 2016**

Network with 450+ colleagues striving to improve the lives of kids in communities and states across the nation. Location: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD. Learn more [HERE](#).

## *Webinar: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Youth and Young Adult Engagement In Wraparound*

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 11am - 12pm PST / 2pm - 3pm EST**

This webinar will address the question of how to increase young people's active participation in Wraparound, and how to assess whether this is happening. We will present findings from a new study and discuss their implications for best practices.

[Register for the webinar »](#)

