



Kansas Mentors Connection
December 2009

Happy Holidays from your friends at Kansas Mentors! In the spirit of celebration, Kansas Mentors is excited to ring in the new year with January's National Mentoring Month. Check out this month's KM Connection for resources to help you and your program celebrate!

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
Resources now available on www.KansasMentors.org

January 2010 marks the ninth year for National Mentoring Month - a campaign to bring awareness to the need for mentors and to recognize the thousands of Americans who dedicate their time to ensure young people are achieving brighter futures. Throughout the month, national mentoring month PSAs will air on local television and radio outlets, as well as printed advertisements in newspapers statewide. Kansas Mentors has also submitted to the Governor's office a request for a statewide proclamation - it is currently in the approval process and we will send details when we know more.

Visit <http://www.KansasMentors.org/nmmresources> to download several promotional items including: customizable posters, bookmarks, recruitment cards, press release templates and a local proclamation template. And be sure to check back often as we include additional activities and resources to help you celebrate this month.

We want to hear from you! *Let us know what you have planned and we will try to include it in our new online Event Calendar!*

POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING:
Office of Justice Programs Announces 2010 Program Plan

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has released a document outlining an extensive set of proposed initiatives for 2010 - the 2010 OJP Program Plan: Resources for the Field. The plan discusses potential funding, training and technical assistance opportunities that will be priorities for OJP as budgets and offerings are finalized. PLEASE NOTE! These funding opportunities have yet to be finalized through the federal appropriation process. When this information is announced we will certainly let programs know. Check out the plan at: <http://www.ojp.gov/ProgramPlan/index.htm>

SAVE THE DATE! Kansas DropINs Announces January's Regional Post-Summit Dates

Following October's Dropout Prevention Summit, Kansas DropINs is hosting eight regional post-summits to develop a statewide action plan aimed at ensuring all Kansas youth graduate high school prepared for life. The regional post-summits will allow regions to highlight specific action steps unique to their region of the state. Join in the conversation and make connections to help strengthen your local mentoring efforts! For more information visit: <http://www.KansasDropINs.org>

ONLINE RESOURCES

Webcast on Service Learning: A Dropout Prevention Strategy

On December 3rd, internationally renowned speaker and author Cathryn Berger Kaye delivered a radio webcast on service-learning sponsored by The National Dropout Prevention Center. The webcast provided an overview of service-learning, how it works and practical strategies for incorporating it into a program. To listen to the archive of the webcast, visit: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/webcast/ep.php>

Elements of Effective Practice Webinar Series Announced

MENTOR recently announced, through the support of the MetLife Foundation, the development of a series of web-based trainings on the newly-released third edition of the *Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring*. The online series will take place in 2010 and will focus on educating the mentoring field on the updated standards and suggested enhancements. As more information becomes available we will make certain this information is forwarded onto program providers. To view a copy of the newly-released Elements, visit: http://www.mentoring.org/find_resources/elements_of_effective_practice/

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