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DREAMS

**HOLD FAST TO DREAMS
FOR IF DREAMS DIE
LIFE IS A BROKEN-WINGED BIRD
THAT CANNOT FLY.**

**HOLD FAST TO DREAMS
FOR WHEN THE DREAMS GO
LIFE IS A BARREN FIELD
FROZEN WITH SNOW.**

-LANGSTON HUGHES (1902-1967)

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Activities and Events

Political

THE PEOPLES' CONVENTION 2005. Fellow Youth Activists, Concerned Students and Community leaders, the Peoples' Convention 2005 Planning Group is trying to build a peoples' Movement that will go beyond the November 2005 elections as a powerful progressive united front for Peoples' Power in NYC. They want help from young people in NYC. There's a ton of work to be done to make this convention real and effective, and to help rejuvenate the struggle for social change and social justice. A few activists want to help jumpstart the Movement by organizing a Peoples' Mayoral and City Councilmember Convention in the late spring/early summer of 2005. It would be a convention that would bring all the diverse communities of NYC together to create a progressive Peoples' Platform. This will be a Peoples' Convention that will come up with a diverse, comprehensive and progressive platform to submit to each mayoral and City Council candidate for his/her complete endorsement. Organizing for and being involved in the Peoples' Convention can help educate, mobilize and unite youth, parents, workers, Blacks, Latinos, Asians, whites, gays & lesbians, all genders, all faiths in the battle for a Free and Just New York City. If you are interested, please email Brian Lews at lewib560@newschool.edu.

Creative Writing/ Spoken Word/Hip Hop

(see also under "GLBTQ Resources & Opportunities")

EVERY MON., JAN. 31-FEB. 21, 4:30-6:30PM, PAGE & STAGE WORKSHOPS at Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 5 Union Square West, 7th floor; tel. 212.691.6590 ext. 25; www.urbanwordnyc.org/signup.php. Get a leg up from Urban Word NYC mentors on your poems and performance for the 7th Annual Teen Poetry Slam while building with fellow young writers. These workshops are aimed at polishing your writing and taking it to the next level in performance. Even if you're not a slam poet or performance artist, honing your skills at the Page & Stage workshops will boost your public speaking skills. Plus, they're just plain fun! And oh yes, FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! To sign up, send your full name, phone number, home address, email address, birthdate and the school you attend to SignUp@urbanwordnyc.org. Space is limited and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

MON., JAN. 17, 5PM, KNICKS POETRY SLAM at the Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery (btw Houston & Bleecker; F train to Broadway-Lafayette or 6 train to Bleecker); tel. 212.614.0505. This event is free and open to the public. Students who participated in The Knicks workshops get priority to slam. The first 15 people to email

kswift@urbanwordnyc.org will also be permitted to slam for a chance to be in the Final Slam at Madison Square Garden, win free prizes and Knicks tickets!!! Last years' Knick Slam Finalists are ineligible. Although Urban Word NYC has a non-censorship policy, this event is sponsored by the NY Knicks so your poem must be CLEAN--no cursing, no vulgarities and nothing sexually explicit. Stick around after the slam, because there will be Urban Word NYC performances at the Bowery all night long!!For more information, email info@urbanwordnyc.org, or call 212.691.6590 ext. 25.

EVERY THURS., JAN. 27-APRIL 24, 4:30-6:30PM, "Spoken Blurred: NEW SKOOL JOURNALISTS REPORT ON NYC'S TEEN SLAM SCENE and The Brave New Voices National Teen Poetry Slam in San Francisco" WORKSHOPS at Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 5 Union Square West, 7th floor; tel. 212.691.6590 ext.25; www.urbanwordnyc.org/signup.php. This series of the BROOKLYN RAIL/URBAN WORD NYC NEW SKOOL JOURNALISM WORKSHOP will focus on writing about the teen poetry/spoken word scene in the NYC area and NYC's young writers, spoken word artists and MCs. Participants will begin by reporting from open mics and slams, and continue by selecting individual poets to follow through the series of slams that lead up to the NYC teen slam championships on March 19th. By documenting these poets outside of the performance space—on the train, at home, with friends, writing alone—the journalists in the workshop will be able construct portraits of other young writers that capture the wide range of their lifestyles their approaches and their processes. Workshop participants attend and report on the NYC Teen Slam Championships and Brave New Voices, the National Teen Poetry Festival/Slam in April. The workshop articles are published in the *Brooklyn Rail* newspaper and have a reading at the end of the session. **IMPORTANT: Because of the nature of this workshop, you must make a strong commitment to participate.** Each student will must answer these short application questions: 1) How did you hear about the New Skool Journalism workshop? 2) Have you ever practiced journalism before? 3) Which newspapers, magazines or news websites do you read on a daily basis? a weekly basis? 4) What other kinds of writing do you do? 5) In a short paragraph, describe yourself, goals, hobbies and what you think you can contribute to the workshop described above. **Answers must be emailed to BOTH: michael@urbanwordnyc.org AND knox@thefader.com by Monday, January 17th 5PM.** You may also be asked to come in for a brief interview. Because part of this workshop includes (fully paid) travel to The Brave New Voices National Poetry Festival in San Francisco, you will not be able to compete in the Annual Teen Poetry Slam, because you will be reporting on the event. If you have any questions, please call Michael, tel. 212.691.6590.

EVERY THURS., 7:15PM, URBANA POETRY SLAM at Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery btw Bleecker & Houston Sts. (B/D/F/V to B'way-Lafayette; 6 to Bleecker); tel. 212.614.3040. \$6 admission. Join this weekly slam. Sign-up is at 6:30pm.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS! WRITE FOR "TEENAGE LOBOTOMY: A ZINE ABOUT THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF YOUTH," A NEW READER ABOUT ABUSIVE INSTITUTIONS FOR

YOUNG PEOPLE. The reader will include: an introduction to the abuses that take place at therapeutic boarding schools, residential treatment facilities, and wilderness programs; personal stories and interviews from students, parents, and former teachers; a discussion of alternative ways to help “troubled” teens (like art therapy, counseling and mentoring); information about mental health, youth emancipation and how to maneuver the prison and juvenile justice systems. The editors want your stories: what facilities have you been sent to? Why were you sent away? What disciplinary techniques were used on you? How was the staff? How has the experience affected you? You may tell your story in words, pictures, or any form of communication that will bring your experience to life. Submissions must be under 3 pages and sent in by the end of January 2005. For more information or to make a submission, contact: email Nick at mindweller@yahoo.com or Sarah at orangescum@yahoo.com. Or write to: Teenage Lobotomy, 3706 72nd Street, Apt. 5H, Jackson Heights, New York 11372.

BRONX WRITERS’ CENTER, Bronx Council on the Arts, 2521 Glebe Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.409.1265; <http://www.bronxarts.org>. The Center offers the following readings and workshops: **1) Uptown Local:** a monthly reading series held at the Kingsbridge Regional Library that introduces the work of local and emerging writers. Each reading is followed by an open mic; **2) The Visiting Writers Series:** well-known writers come to the Center to conduct a class and give a reading. Past visiting writers have included Abraham Rodriguez, Jr., Regie Gibson, Cornelius Eady, Willie Perdomo and Nadine Mozon; **3) Blue Ox Open Mic Nights;** **4) Workshops** designed to help develop craft and techniques in all genres. Professional development seminars are also offered that examine issues such as publishing, copyright and the literary marketplace; **5) Graffiti Rag:** a literary magazine dedicated to presenting the diverse voices of urban life, providing an opportunity for both emerging and recognized writers to redefine “urban”. Past contributors include Sherman Alexie, Amiri Baraka, Hayden Carruth, Philip Levine, Audre Lorde and Diane Wakoski; and **6) Master Class for Creative Writers:** a college level creative writing experience for a select group of high school juniors who demonstrate a high level of literary ability and a strong desire to pursue a career in writing. Students are also introduced to publishing options and resources available to professional writers.

SUBMIT POEMS FOR ONLINE PUBLICATION. SpiralBridge Writers’ Guild invites you to submit 3 poems (3 pages or under) for publishing consideration on www.SpiralBridge.org. Submit poems to Submissions@SpiralBridge.org. You will be notified by email if your poem(s) will appear on the SpiralBridge site. Poem(s) will be featured on the website for 2 weeks and then archived online for the rest of eternity. Be sure to include your contact information (name, address, and e-mail/phone number) in the top right hand corner of the first page of your poem. You may also include a short bio and photo along with your poem. All submissions must be sent as attachments. Title your e-mail “Attn: Poetry Submissions”.

INTERESTED IN HIP HOP HISTORY? Visit the Hip Hop Archive at Harvard University’s

W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research: <http://www.hiphoparchive.org>.

SOBRO (South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation), 555 Bergen St.; tel. 718.292.3113; www.sobro.org. SOBRO offers the Technology Achievement for Real Success (STARS) Program, an intensive, afterschool writing and technology workshop.

ARE YOU 5-18 YEARS OLD AND LOOKING FOR A VENUE TO SHOWCASE YOUR WRITING? *Young Writer* is an international magazine that features the best in English language creative writing from young people around the world. Fiction and non-fiction, prose and poetry. Visit <http://www.mystworld.com/youngwriter>.

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION (CK), 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; www.citykids.com. Citikids offers the following programs: **(1) CK Jamz:** a discussion of hip hop history with DJs, B-Boys/Girls, MCing and Graff which ends with a special open mic night. For more info, contact John Fuentes at ext. 25. **(2) New Works Lab:** an arts “laboratory” where participants create songs, dramatic works and dance routines for the CK Repertory Company to perform. For more info, contact Zawadi Noel at ext. 14. **(3) CK Repertory Company (“Rep”)** “delivers 100% authentic, youth-driven educational entertainment.” Members create and develop drama, music and dance based on issues that are important to them and their community—“your voice, your way.” For more info, contact Cristina Vaccaro, ext. 13.

WRITE FOR A YOUTH WEBSITE AND GET PAID. WireTap Magazine is looking for writers under 23. You earn \$25-\$75 per completed story. Send cover letter with story ideas & 2 samples of your writing to WireTap, c/o IMI, 77 Federal St, San Francisco, CA 94107; fax: 415.284.1414; email: editor@wiretapmag.org; www.wiretapmag.org. FY: If you include a 300-500 word review of a book, movie or album it will be published on the magazine’s “Reviews” page.

WRITE FOR REPRESENT! (formerly Foster Care Youth United). If you love to write, have something to say about the foster care system, & would like to help others, *Represent!* wants to hear from you. Call Nora at 212.279.0708, ext.113 to join the writing staff. Writers receive either school credit or \$50 for published article. Essays may be mailed, faxed or emailed to: Foster Care Youth United, 224 W. 29th St., 2nd fl., NY, NY 10001; fax 212.279.8856; FCYUmail@youthcomm.org. Include your mailing address, your agency, your age, your telephone number & your email address.

Journalism/Media/Film

UPN AND BREAK THE CYCLE'S NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON MISSY ELLIOTT LAUNCH A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! To coincide with the Jan. 5 premiere of *THE ROAD TO STARDOM WITH MISSY ELLIOTT*, Grammy Award-winning artist Missy Elliott will launch the "Break the Cycle Challenge," an anti-domestic violence public service announcement (PSA) contest for Junior High or High School students to end dating and domestic violence. Open to individuals or groups of students (total of 3) between the ages of 13-19 years old, the contest asks young amateur filmmakers to produce an original and powerful 15-second commercial spot on video that tells other teens how to break the cycle of emotional, verbal and physical abuse. All entries will be judged and scored. The entries with the five highest scores will become the finalists, each winning a trip for up to six people to Hollywood to attend *THE ROAD TO STARDOM* concert finale. Then, from the five finalists, Missy will choose the grand prize winner, whose PSA will air nationwide on UPN during the series finale. **All submissions must be received by Mon., Jan. 31.** For official rules, contest applications and additional information, go to www.upn.com.

GIRLS OUT LOUD at Lower Eastside Girls' Club, 56 E. 1st St.; tel. 212.982.1633; <http://www.girlsclub.org>. For girls, ages 8-18 who live on the Lower Eastside. *Girls Out Loud* introduces participants to different forms of media (photography, journalism, and graphic arts) and professional women who work in those fields. Call for more details, including the schedule.

HARLEMLIVE: The News Publication by Teens, 301 W. 125th St., Suite 3W; tel. 212.222.4681; www.harlemlive.org. Harlemlive encourages young people to pursue higher education & career goals by training them as journalists, web designers, photographers, administrators & public speakers. Participants learn from doing by researching their own articles, interviewing sources, photographing news events, and interacting daily with the community. Young people run every aspect of the publication and are assigned positions such as Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Photo Editor, Reporter, Layout Designer, Administrator and Technicians. Adult mentors—including journalism professionals from the *New York Times*, *Black Entertainment Television*, *ABC News*, *VIBE Magazine*, *Time Magazine* and *Bloomberg News*—guide students the process.

Youth Leadership/ Community Organizing

(See also under “Job Readiness & Vocational Programs”)

“EACH ONE, TEACH ONE” (EOTO) LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.

The Correctional Association’s Juvenile Justice Project recently launched EOTO which aims to help develop the organizing and leadership skills of young people who have been affected by juvenile justice policies—including both young people who have been incarcerated and those who live in neighborhoods with high rates of youth incarceration. The program has three main goals: 1) to train young people to become activists and leaders in juvenile justice reform efforts; 2) to involve young people in the public debate and decision-making regarding youth and juvenile justice issues; and 3) to effect positive, far-reaching changes in juvenile justice policies in New York. For more info, contact Youth Training Coordinator, Sheldon Petgrave tel. 212.254.5700 ext. 312.

HOPE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, The Children’s Aid Society, 1732 Madison Avenue; tel. 212.987.5648. The Hope Academy serves young people who have dropped out of school as well those still in school. All participants must become Peer Educators and Leaders which requires training in public speaking. In addition, the program offers academic support, arts programming (poetry, rap, drama, music), college preparation, career readiness training and computer training.

BRONX PRYDE, a youth project of The Bronx Defenders, 860 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx, tel. 718.838.7878/800.597.7980; <http://www.bronxdefenders.org>. PRYDE prepares passionate, capable and visionary community leaders, ages 14-21, through an innovative program that combines youth development, grassroots organizing, legal advocacy and real-life campaigns/issues. Beginning as Training Participants, youth develop into Members, and then Youth Leaders. Youth Members and Leaders meet weekly to set goals and objectives, monitor progress and discuss project management concerns including curriculum development, event planning, and fiscal concerns such as budget and fundraising matters. Campaign development is a collective decision making process, led by Members and Youth Leaders, with the project coordinator and director as consultants.

SISTAHS & BROTHAS UNITED (SBU), 103 E. 196th Street, Bronx; tel. 718.584.0515. SBU is a grassroots community organizing group run by young people. Through leadership training, organizing campaigns and direct action, members learn how to set agendas and priorities, plan and run meetings, speak at public events, testify at legislative hearings, and negotiate with school and other administrative officials. Some of SBU’s recent initiatives include: a school facilities campaign that brought about real improvements in facilities and resources at several local high schools; teacher and student surveys and professional development activities aimed at improving teacher

quality in area high schools; a campaign to demolish a dangerous vacant building at 194th Street and replace it with a community center; a campaign to address toxic air quality at an old school building which resulted in ventilation improvements and the relocation of one small high school; a campaign to rehabilitate the vacant Kingsbridge Armory for possible use by three new small high schools; campaigns to improve safety conditions on Mosholu Parkway and to slow traffic conditions in University Heights; and a proposal for a new small school called The Leadership Institute for Social Justice, partnering with Fordham University and with a community action theme. For more information, contact Ginette Sosa.

THE YOUTH POWER PROJECT at Make the Road by Walking, 301 Grove Street, Bushwick; tel. 718.418.7690; <http://www.maketheroad.org>. The Youth Power Project encourages community youth, aged 5-19, to become leaders in their neighborhood and activists in their schools. Youth Power's main focus is drawing young people into vigorous organizing work that challenges unlawful behavior by local police officers, lack of funding for after-school programs, and increased New York City investment in juvenile prisons. Youth Power also offers young people an opportunity to participate in a variety of other activities, including poetry writing, performing arts, radio documentary production, computer skills training, mural-making, and photography.

YOUTH FORCE, 199 Lincoln Ave. (btw 136th & 137th Sts), Suite 301, Bronx; tel. 718.665.4268. Youth Force is a youth-led organization in the South Bronx which mobilizes young people to participate in community organizing, educational campaigns and political advocacy. Building on their direct experience with the juvenile and criminal justice systems, Youth Force members developed the Community Justice Center to prevent and reduce the incarceration of youth. The Center provides legal education, referrals to education, jobs, counseling and other services as well as assistance for young people going through the court system. In 1998, Youth Force initiated a Youth Court where young people hear and decide cases. The Court is an alternative for youth referred from the Department of Probation's Alternative to Court program. Sentences focus on legal education, community action projects, apology letters and jury duty service on Youth Court instead of punishment. Members also produced a public report, "Jail Logic," which made recommendations to the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice regarding the concerns of young people about incarceration policies and institutions.

UPTOWN YOUTH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE (UYPJ) is a coalition of youth groups in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx that have educated high school students about local and international peace issues since September 11. Recent activities include protesting the war in Iraq, working to create local peace zones where students can feel safe from youth violence, and petitioning to create a youth center at the site of an old school on W. 145th Street. For more information about UYPJ, contact Kruti Parekh, tel. 646.537.1111; kparekh@valleynyc.org.

PAUL ROBESON LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE, The Valley Inc., 215

West 114th St. (at 7th Ave.); tel. 212.932.7895; www.valleynyc.org. The Leadership Training Program includes biweekly discussion forums, cultural events, field trips and lectures by guest speakers. Participants talk about issues that affect them directly. They also develop problem-solving, organizational and analytic skills. In addition, participants are directly connected to the Valley's vocational training and placement services. Youth Leaders meet with career counselors and developers to explore career goals, and to locate training, internships & jobs.

JOIN THE YOUTH JUSTICE BOARD! Speak your mind about the issues affecting young people in New York City. The Center for Court Innovation (CCI) is looking for board members to help create strategies to tackle issues like neighborhood safety, drugs and youth in the justice system. The Youth Justice Board will explore important public safety issues for young people today; interview expert witnesses; and present policy recommendations to city officials. Join the Board and help make a difference in NYC; earn a stipend; prepare for college and careers; see first-hand how government works; develop your writing and public speaking skills; and learn about internship opportunities. To apply or find out more, contact Jimena Martinez, tel. 212.373.8088.

JOIN VOICES OF YOUTH (VOY), *224 W. 29th St., 2nd fl.; tel. 212.279.0708, x. 150; e-mail: voicesofyouth@swkey.org.* VOY trains young people who have been in foster care to become youth advocates. Advocates train child-serving professionals (caseworkers, social workers, lawyers, paralegals) to help them better understand how their work affects the lives of teens in foster care.

CITIKIDS-IN-ACTION (CKIA) at the Citikids Foundation, *57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; fax 212.925.0128; www.citykids.com.* CKIA is geared for young people seeking leadership skills for their personal development and for those interested in becoming CKIA workshop and training conference leaders and community organizers. Training forums offered year round include weekly sessions, workshops and weekend retreats as well as intensive summer and winter youth leadership conferences. Training themes: self-acceptance and acceptance of others, anger control, problem-solving, community responsibility, grassroots organizing, goal development and communication skills. For more info, contact Taina McField at ext. 19.

Discussion Groups (a.k.a Hollah Back Sessions)

EVERY FRIDAY, 5-7:30PM, COALITION at Citikids Foundation, *57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; fax 212.925.0128; www.citykids.com.* "Coalition" is a weekly, open and interactive workshop where 30-60 young people come together to speak their minds on personal and global issues like violence, self-esteem, education, family, health and environmental justice. Coalition members also explore community, cultural, racial and sexual issues. Participants are trained to use techniques developed by Citikids to

brainstorm ideas, plan courses of action, facilitate grassroots organizing, learn conflict management techniques and learn how to take an idea to its action-oriented conclusion. For more info, contact John Fuentes at ext. 25.

Visual Arts/Exhibits

SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE, 515 Malcolm X Blvd at Lenox Ave., (2/3 to 135th St.); tel. 212.491.2200; free admission; Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 1-5pm. **“hip hop roots: origins & impact”** (thru Jan. 31, 2005). It's hip hop month. Give props by checking out this collection of artifacts--from Cold Crush Brother A.D. Garr8s and photographer Joe Conzo--that highlights the historical importance of hip hop and the need to preserve it.

BRONX MUSEUM OF ARTS, 1040 Grand Concourse at 165th St., Bronx, (B/D/4 to 167th St.); tel. 718.681.6000; Weds. free; students & seniors \$3; children under 12 free. Hours: Wed. 12-9pm, Thurs.-Sun. 12-6pm. **“Provocations: Selections from the Permanent Collection”**: Check out the work of politically minded artists Kara Walker, Adrian Piper, Willie Cole and others.

BROOKLYN MUSEUM, 200 Eastern Parkway, Prospect Heights (2/3 to Eastern Parkway); tel. 718.638.5000; \$6; students & seniors \$3; children under 12 free. Hours: Wed.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat.-Sun. 11am-6pm; <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org>. **“Passing/Posing: Paintings by Kehinde Wiley”** (thru Feb. 6, 2005): This is the first museum exhibition for critically acclaimed American artist Kehinde Wiley (born 1977!) whose portraits of African American men combine elements of hip-hop culture with an Old Master's influence. Wiley's paintings collapse a range of art historical and vernacular styles—from French Rococo to today's urban street—into a unique contemporary vision.

THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA, 613 W. 155th St. at Broadway, (C to 155th St. or 1 to 157th St.); tel. 212.926.2234; free. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10:30am-4:15pm; Sun. 1-4pm. **“Images of Don Quixote: The Art of Illustration & Printmaking”** (thru Feb. 21): to mark the Society's 100th anniversary and the 400th anniversary of the first publication of Miguel de Cervantes classic *Don Quixote*, this exhibit of 40 works traces the changing face of Don Quixote and his adventures through artists' renditions over the years.

THE POWERHOUSE BOOKSTORE & GALLERY, 68 Charlton St. btw Hudson & Varick Sts., Bronx, (C/E to Spring St.); tel. 212.604.9074; free. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 1am-7pm, Sat. 12-6pm. Check out images from Martha Cooper's new book, **Hip Hop Files: Photographs 1979-1984**, documenting the beginning of hip hop culture (Jan. 13-March 5).

THE BRONX RIVER ART CENTER, 1087 East Tremont Ave., tel. 718.589.5819 (2/5 train to West Farms Square/East Tremont; walk one block east to Bronx Street), offers **free**

art classes in ceramics, printmaking, photography, filmmaking, animation, drawing, mural-making beginning Jan. 10, 2005. Registration Jan.3-8, 2005, M-F 3-5:30pm, Sat. 12-4pm.

EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO, 1230 Fifth Ave (btw 104th & 105th Sts; 6 to 103rd St); tel. 212.831.7272; \$7; students & seniors \$5; members & children under 12, free. Hours: Wed.-Sun. 11am-5pm. <http://www.elmuseo.org>. **“Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin America Portraits”** (thru March 20, 2005): This is the first comprehensive exhibition of the long and rich tradition of Latin American portraiture. For over 2000 years, portraits have been used to preserve the memory of the deceased, provide continuity between the living and the dead, bolster the social standing of the aristocracy, mark the deeds of the mighty, advance the careers of politicians, record rites of passage, and mock symbols of the *status quo*. Comprised of approximately 100 portraits in a variety of different media, this exhibition contains examples from Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and the United States, from the pre-Columbian period through the Vice-regal era, Independence, and the modern and contemporary periods.

MUSEUM FOR AFRICAN ART, 36-01 43rd Ave. at 36th St., Long Island City, Queens; tel. 718.784.7700; \$6; students & seniors \$3; members & children under 12, free. Hours: Wed.-Sun. 11am-5pm; www.africanart.org. Subway: 7 to 33rd St. **“Glimpses from the South: A Selection of African Art from the Johannesburg Art Gallery”** (thru Feb. 25, 2005): On view for the first time outside of South Africa, this collection comes from the largest gallery in the sub-Saharan Africa and includes some of the most prized works not just in the world. Because of space limitations, this exhibition has been limited to woodcarvings. The art of Southern Africa is, however, rich in other forms – beadwork, ceramics, basketry, and items of personal adornment.

HOSTOS CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street; tel. 718.516.4455; free admission. **“Latin Roots: South Bronx”** (thru Jan 28, 2005) a unique multimedia public art exhibit that celebrates the South Bronx’s distinct cultural and historical importance and vibrancy by honoring three remarkable local heroes who have helped make the South Bronx what it is today: Grammy-winning Latin jazz artist Dave Valentín; actor, author, writer, director, and founder of the Pregones Theater, Rosalba Rolón; and cultural activist and organizer and Executive Director of the Bronx Council on the Arts, Bill Aguado. The exhibit features, on larger than life panels, photographs of the honorees and the writings and artwork of South Bronx public school students who interviewed them. It also includes a comprehensive 18-foot timeline of historic archival images of the South Bronx dating back to the 1880's.

THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS, 940 Garrison Ave., Bronx (6 train to Hunts Point Ave.); tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org. The Point offers Visual Arts Workshops in silk painting, portraiture, life painting & exploring the inner imagination (in a range of media incl. acrylics,

watercolor, gouache, pastel, charcoal). Workshops are conducted by visiting and resident artists on Saturdays from 1-5pm.

WHITNEY MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 945 Madison Avenue at 75th St.; tel. 800.WHITNEY. **“The Art of Romare Bearden”** (thru Jan. 9, 2005): This acclaimed retrospective of Romare Bearden’s art presents his brilliant watercolors, prints, tapestries and book illustrations, as well as the vibrant collages and photomontages for which he is best known. Bearden’s visual narrative follows the artist’s travels from the rural South to Pittsburgh, from Harlem to the Caribbean island of St. Martin.

Dance, Music and Theater

WED., JAN. 19, 7:30 PM, “BREAKING INTO THE BUSINESS” at Center Stage Community Playhouse, Foster Hall at St. Peter’s Church, 2474 Westchester Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.823.6434. Learn now to become a professional actor with talent agent Michael Guy and actors Karmine Alers, Doreen Montalvo, and Bradley Haines. *Breaking into the Business* is part of the Center Stage Community Playhouse’s (CSCP) Actor’s Toolbox workshop series. CSCP workshops are usually \$10, but this workshop, which is part of the Bronx Council on the Art’s *Get It Together* series, is free to those with a printout of the web page: <http://www.bronxarts.org>.

THURS., JAN. 20, 7:30 PM, “ON AUDITIONING” at Center Stage Community Playhouse, Foster Hall at St. Peter’s Church, 2474 Westchester Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.823.6434. This workshop, led by Donna Maria Bellone, features tips on: learning to relax, the dos and don’ts when auditioning, eliminating stress, and putting your best “voice” forward. *On Auditioning* is part of the Center Stage Community Playhouse’s (CSCP) Actor’s Toolbox workshop series. CSCP workshops are usually \$10, but this workshop, which is part of the Bronx Council on the Art’s *Get It Together* series, is free to those with a printout of the web page: <http://www.bronxarts.org>.

EVERY FRI., 6-7:30PM, FREE AFRICAN DANCE CLASS at the Children’s Aid Society, Dunlevy Milbank Center, 14-32 West 118th Street (btw Lenox & 5th Ave.); tel. 212 942 3566. Taught by Sandella Malloy, Artistic Director of the Harambee Dance Company.

EVERY THURS., 6-9PM, FREE BREAKING, LOCKING, POPPING, UPROCKING, MARTIAL ARTS & BOXING at I.S. 93, 66-56 Madison St & Forest Ave, Ridgewood, Queens (L to Myrtle & Wycoff, transfer to the M to Forest Ave.); tel.718.456.KIDS (5437). Instructors include King UpRock, Break Easy, Mr Loose & Tiny Love.

FLAMENCO DANCING, AFRO-CARIBBEAN DRUMMING & PERCUSSION CLASSES at the Lower Eastside Girls’ Club, 56 E. 1st St.; tel. 212.982.1633; <http://www.girlsclub.org>. These weekly classes are for girls, ages 8-18, who live on the Lower Eastside. Call for more details, including the schedule.

JOHN LENNON SONGWRITING CONTEST. The eighth annual John Lennon Songwriting

Contest is underway, taking submissions in 12 musical categories plus the newly added "Lyrics Only" category. The grand prize winners will each receive \$5,000 EMI publishing contracts, \$5,000 in Yamaha studio equipment and 1,000 full-color CDs with premium 4-panel Digipaks courtesy of Disc Makers. The winning Lyrics Only entry will be set to music aboard the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, a state-of-the-art nonprofit mobile recording and multimedia studio. That lyricist will also receive the \$1,990 Disc Makers package. The grand-prize winners of the Rock, Country, Jazz, Pop, World, Rhythm & Blues, Hip-Hop, Gospel/Inspirational, Latin, Electronic, Folk and Children's categories are eligible to win the Maxell Song of the Year, which awards an additional \$20,000 cash prize courtesy of the Maxell Corporation. All winners and 36 Finalists will receive \$200 gift certificates from <http://www.MusiciansFriend.com>. For additional information, visit <http://www.jlsc.com> or call 888.884.JLSC.

BOYS AND GIRLS HARBOR CONSERVATORY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS provides opportunities and professional training in, music, dance, and the theater arts. **(1) The Music Department** teaches all instruments, voice and choral, music theory, arranging, and ensemble workshops. Offerings include: Basic Musicianship, General Theory, Rhythmic Jazz and Improvisation. Contact Ramon Rodriguez, tel. 212.427.2244, ext 572. **(2) The Dance School** offers basic movement classes to students as young as three years of age. Dance students' progress through beginning, intermediate and advanced classes in ballet, modern, African, tap, jazz, and point. The Dance School is home to Gestures Dance Ensemble and presents an annual Footworks and Gestures dance recital. Contact Nina Klyvert-Lawson, tel. 212.427.2244, ext. 570; e-mail: nlawson@boysharbor.org. **(3) The Theater Arts Division** teaches basic acting techniques, voice projection, creative movement and stage-theater mechanics in preparation for major musical and dramatic productions. Classes include: Acting I, ages 10-17; Acting II, ages 10-17; and Musical theater productions for all ages.; rrodriguez@boysharbor.org. Contact Richards, tel. 212.427.2244, ext. 558; e-mail: drichards@boysharbor.org.

THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, MUSIC PROGRAM, 940 Garrison Ave., Bx (6 train to Hunts Point Ave.); tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org. The Music Program offers both free and low cost music instruction to South Bronx residents (and there is a scholarship program for gifted students): in Latin Percussion, Electric Bass, Guitar, Drums, Piano, and Voice. There are also 3 performance ensembles for young participants in the program. All classes are small (3 students maximum) to insure quality learning, and are 30-40 minutes in length (at a cost of \$5 per class for teens).

AWOL MAGAZINE: REVOLUTIONARY ARTISTS WORKSHOP, a political anti-military hip hop magazine is looking for artists, especially women of color, to submit tracks. Primarily hip hop, but we have a few spaces for poetry & other types of music. Committed to creating a forum where conscious artists can have their music heard, their art seen, & their articles read, without having to deal with mainstream corporate censorship. Tracks

are donated by artists, but artists will get complimentary copies of the issue they appear in. Send CD submissions to: AWOL, 1515 Cherry St, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Info: 1.800.NOJROTC; awol@objector.org; <http://awol.objector.org>.

THE POSITIVE YOUTH TROUPE AT THE MIND BUILDERS CREATIVE ARTS CENTER, 3415 Olinville Ave, Bronx; tel. 718.652.6256, x. 13, ask for Oscar. The mission of the Positive Youth Troupe is to use the performing arts and the dynamics of leadership training to develop and empower youth. Showcase your talent. Actors—bring a monologue or poem. Singers—prepare a song. Dancers—prepare a short choreography. Writers—bring a sample of your work. Break a leg!

THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, LIVE FROM THE EDGE THEATER PROGRAM, 940 Garrison Ave., Bx (6 train to Hunts Point Ave.); tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org. The Theater Program hosts “Represent the Reel: The South Bronx Film & Video Festival”; the “Playwright & Workshop Series” for playwrights to present works-in-progress; the Comedy Series (stand-up comedy); and the “Verbal Ingredients Series” which showcases local poets. The Theater program is also home to two resident theater companies: Oversoul Theater Collective & Upstage Youth Ensemble.

Educational Programs

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs)

Educational Opportunity Centers provide academic and financial assistance as well as personal counseling, career exploration, help with re-entry into high school or college, GED preparation, information on post-secondary educational opportunities and assistance in completing applications for college admissions, testing and financial aid.

The EOCs are listed below with website addresses. Visit the website to learn more about the offerings of EOCs in your borough. Of particular interest: certain EOCs offer ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training & Information Networking) and Learning Access, a career counseling and job placement program where students develop study skills and learn time management techniques.

QUEENS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER SUNY Gertz Plaza

92-31 Union Hall Street, Room 5221
Jamaica, NY 11432
Ms. Khayriyyah Abdul-Lateef, Director
Tel. 718.526.7485
<http://qns.eoc.suny.edu>
SPONSORING CAMPUS: York College

PROGRAMS OFFERED: College Preparation; Advanced Computer Applications; GED Preparation & Work Study; English as a Second Language (3 levels); Computer Literacy/Business Application; Developmental Studies; Basic Education; Security Guard Training; General Office Skills; Home Health Aide; and Employment Counseling.
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: Tutorial Assistance; Academic & Career Counseling; Computer Access; and Job Placement Assistance.

BRONX EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Bathgate Industrial Park

1666 Bathgate Avenue

Bronx, NY 10457

Mr. Wendell Joyner, Executive Director

Tel. 718.530.7000

<http://brx.eoc.suny.edu>

Sponsoring Campus: Bronx Community College

Programs Offered: Remedial: Vocational Academic Preparation Lab; Adult Basic Education; English as Second Language; GED (in English & in Spanish); College Preparation. **Vocational Skill Training:** 1. Allied Health: Medical Assistant; Medical Billing; Emergency Medical Technician; Certified Nurse Assistant; Direct Care Service Worker; 2. Business Support: Basic Computer; Office Technology; MS Office (Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced); 3. Accelerated Certificate Programs: Home Health Aide, Security Guard & Retail/Cashier.

Student Support Services: Academic Advisement, Crisis Intervention, Referrals, Advocacy, Computer Lab Access, Employment Services (including Internship Placement) & Child Care.

BROOKLYN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

111 Livingston Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dr. Lois Blades-Rosado, Executive Director

Tel. 718.246.2058 or 718.488.9840

<http://www.bkl.sunyeoc.org>

Sponsoring Campus: New York City College of Technology, CUNY

Programs Offered: 1. Comprehensive Technical Programs: Computerized Bookkeeping; Computer Service Technology/A+ Certification Prep; Information Processing Technology. **2. Accelerated Technical Programs:** Computerized Bookkeeping; Computer Aided Drafting; Cisco Systems Networking; Local Area Networking; Medical Billing; Microsoft Office Suite; Web Site Design. **3. Academic Programs:** BEOC Pre-Freshman Academy (College Preparation); English as a Second Language; High School Equivalency. **4. Special Programs:** Cashier Training; Custodial Maintenance; Security Guard Registration.

Student Support Services: Academic Advisement, Computer Lab Access and an Internship Program (for a students to gain work experience and an opportunity to use their new skills).

MANHATTAN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., State Office Building

163 West 125th Street, Room 1615

New York, NY 10027

Mrs. Laura Higgins, Director

Tel. 212.961.4320/21

<http://nyc.eoc.suny.edu>

Sponsoring Campus: Borough of Manhattan Community College

Programs Offered: College Preparation; GED Preparation; Computer Literacy; Data Entry; and Employment Counseling.

Student Support Services: Tutorial Assistance; Academic & Career Counseling; Computer Access; and Job Placement Assistance.

NORTH BRONX CAREER & COUNSELING OUTREACH CENTER

3950 Laconia Avenue

Bronx, NY 10466

Reginald Tyrone Marshall, Director

Tel. 718.547.1001

<http://nbx.eoc.suny.edu>

Sponsoring Campus: SUNY University Center for Academic & Workforce Development.

Programs Offered: GED Preparation and Computer Literacy.

Student Support Services: Tutorial Assistance; Financial & Career Counseling; Case Management & Assistance; Job and College Placement Assistance.

GED Programs

(See also under “Job Readiness & Vocational Programs”)

In addition to the EOCs listed above, many community-based organizations also offer free or low-cost GED prep courses. The following list represents only a few of the programs, organized by borough. Make sure to call the organizations in advance to find out when they are offering their next course.

For additional info about free GED classes in your neighborhood, the GED test & GED testing sites, call **1) the GED Central Line at the NYC Department of Education:** tel. 212.673.8254; **2) Offsite Educational Services at the NYC Department of Education:** tel. 718.318.2216; **3) the NYS Literacy Hotline:** tel. 212.803.3333/800.331.0931; **4) United Way of NYC:** tel. 212.251.2520; or visit www.gedtest.org or www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eresources/ged.htm. For tuition vouchers, contact **Workforce1 Career Centers:** tel. 866.562.7692.

MANHATTAN

Community Impact, Columbia University, 117th St. & Broadway
Earl Hall, Room 105
Tel. 212.854.1492

Asociacion Dominicanos, Inc.
210 W. 50th Street, 3rd floor
Tel. 212.247.2929, x. 205

Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc.
1 E.104th Street
Tel. 212.427.2244

The Armory Foundation
216 Fort Washington Ave. (at 168th St.)
Tel. 212.923.1803

**Covenant House
Regional Training Centers**
Bx: 718.294.7812
Bklyn: 718.452.6730/398.5136
Qns: 718.725.9851
Man: 212.534.7538
SI: 718.876.9810
Main office: 212.727.4014

M.L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club of Harlem, Convent Ave. Baptist Church
Education Building, 425 W. 144th Street
Tel. 212.283.6770

New Heights Neighborhood Center
216 Fort Washington Avenue
Tel. 212.781.6388.

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, 76 Wadsworth Avenue
Tel. 212.822.8300

Phipps West Farms Career Center
1030 East 178 Street; and
1071A East Tremont Avenue, Bronx
Tels. 718.542.0109/718.620.1900
School of Cooperative Technical Education (“Co-op Tech”)
361 East 96th Street
Tel. 212.369.8800

Union Settlement Association
237 E. 104th Street; tel. 212.828.6016/6298

The Door
121 Ave. of the Americas
Tel. 212.941.9090

Education Opportunities Center
163 W. 125th St., Room 1524
Tel. 212.961.4400

**Harlem Children's Zone
Employment & Technology Center**
170 Lenox Ave (btw 118th & 119th Sts)
Tel. 212.369.5912.

Hartley House
413 West 46th St.
Tel. 212.246.9885

**St. Francis Xavier
Parish Office**, 55 W. 15th Street
Tel. 212.627.2100, ext. 206

The Valley Inc./Beacon Program,
1047 Amsterdam Avenue
Tel: 212.932.7895

Young Adult Learning Academy
269 35th Street (btw 7th & 8th Aves)
Tel. 212.244.1274

Just Us, Inc.
87 E. 116th Street, 3rd floor (btw Park &
Madison Aves); tel. 212.831.3980

Brooklyn

**Brooklyn College Continuing
Education**, 1212 Boylan Hall
2900 Bedford Avenue
Tel. 718.951.4141

**Bushwick Outreach High School
Diploma Program**
231 Palmetto St., 3rd fl.; tel. 718.443.3083
**NB: This is a HS diploma program,
NOT a GED program.**

**Carroll Gardens Neighborhood
Women**
294 Smith Street
Tel. 718.624.3475

Discipleship Educational Center
5013 7th Avenue
Tel. 718.436.4704

Flatbush Development Corp.
PS 269, 1957 Nostrand Ave.
Tel. 718.859.3800

**Kingsborough Community College,
Office of Continuing Education**
2001 Oriental Blvd
Tel. 718.368.5052

**Long Island University
School of Continuing Studies**
1 University Plaza
Room M-101
Tel. 718.488.1010

**Medgar Evers College Continuing
Education & Adult Services**
1150 Carroll Street, Rm 217
Tel. 718.270.6400

**Phipps Community Development
Corp.**, 1030 E. 178th St., ground floor
Tel. 718.542.0109

Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
783 4th Avenue
Tel. 718.369.0303

GRACE Outreach Program
1183 Franklin Ave.; tel. 718.328.0580

The HOPE Program
157 Montague St.; tel. 718.852.9307

Red Hook Community Court
88 Visitation Place; tel. 718.923.8256

Vocational Foundation, Inc.
One Hanson Pl., 14th fl; tel. 718.230.3100

The Boogie Down Bronx

**ACDP-Community Choices Beacon at
CIS 17**, 1865 Morris Avenue, Rm 140
Tel. 718.466.1806

Adolescent Skills Center South
369 E. 148th St., lower level
Tel. 718.292.7880, ext. 213

Adolescent Skills Center West
400 E. Fordham Rd, 6th fl.
Tel. 718.329.8796, ext. 41

**Banana Kelly Committee
Improvement Association**
965 Longwood Avenue; tel. 718.328.1064

Beacon 45X - Pius XII
2502 Lorillard Place
Tel. 718.367.9577

Bronx Worker Career Center
524 Courtland Avenue
Tel. 718.402.1010

East Side Settlement House
337 Alexander Avenue
Tel. 718.665.5250

**Federation Employment & Guidance
Services (FEGS)**, 105 Bruckner Blvd
Tel. 718.292.3930

Highbridge Community Life Center
979 Ogden Avenue
Tel. 718.681.2222

Hostos Community College
475 Grand Concourse
Tel. 718.518.4236

**Mid-Bronx Youth Skills Development
Program**, 489 St. Paul's Place
Tel. 718.590.0655

Monroe Learning Center
1300 Boynton Ave.
Tel. 718.860.8287

Promesa, Inc.
1776 Clay Avenue
Tel. 718.299.1100

Seneca Neighborhood Center
844 Hunts Point Avenue
Tel. 718.378.6532

**South Bronx Overall Economic
Development Corporation**
555 Bergen Avenue; tel. 718.292.3616

Queens

Family Institute at LaGuardia
31-10 Thomson Avenue, Rm C-314
Tel. 718.482.5347

Middle Village Youth Center
62-71 Dry Harbor Road
Tel. 718.335.8166

Jamaica Learning Center
162-02 Hillside Ave., Jamaica
Tel. 718.739.2100

Staten Island

St. George School, Auxiliary Services
450 St. Marks Place
Tel. 718.273.3225

SAT Prep/Tutoring Programs

(see also under “Educational Opportunity Centers,” “Job Readiness & Vocational Programs,” “College Counseling & Support,” “Mentoring Programs” & “Sports/Recreation”)

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON LEARNING CENTER, 325 E. 101st St. (btw. 1st & 7th Aves); tel. 212.427.0404. Homework help, tutoring and library access.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC), 199 Chambers Street; tel. 212.346.8350. BMCC offers an SAT prep class for \$190.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTER SOL, 512 W. 143rd St. (btw. Amsterdam Ave. & B'way), tel. 212.283.7044. Homework help, tutoring, support groups, international study program, international travel, sports & recreation, after-school activities, and job training & job referrals.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, DUNLEVY MILBANK BOYS & GIRLS CENTER, 14-32 West 118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716; and **FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTER**, 885 Columbus Avenue (at 105th St.); tel. 212.865.6337, both offer SAT prep classes and tutoring.

CHILDREN'S ARTS & SCIENCE WORKSHOPS, INC., 300 Fort Washington Avenue, Suite 1H; tel. 212.923.7766, offers tutoring and career help for high school students, in addition to arts and recreational activities.

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION, 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; fax 212.925.0128; www.citykids.com. Citikids' Support Services Program offers year-round academic

tutoring by volunteers.

CLAREMONT YOUTH CENTER, 90 Morningside Drive (at 119th St.); tel. 212.749.1570 & 8 Claremont Ave. (at 120th St.); tel. 212.222.7087. Homework help, job services, sports, arts and counseling & support services.

COVENANT HOUSE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS offers SAT tutoring (see below, under “Job Readiness Programs”).

THE DOOR’s College Preparation Program offers Princeton Review SAT prep classes (see above, under “College Support & Support”).

EASTSIDE HOUSE SETTLEMENT, 337 Alexander Avenue; tel. 718.665.5250. The CHAMPS program offers academic tutoring and SAT tutoring, mentoring and field trips.

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER (FHCS) College & Career Counseling/Education Services offers SAT preparation classes (see above, under “College Support & Support”).

GODDARD RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER’S Options Program offers an SAT preparation course and prepares students for other college entrance tests as well (see above, under “College Support & Support”).

HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT offers 10-week SAT prep courses in the fall and in the spring (see above, under “College Counseling & Support”).

HUDSON GUILD’S Center for Youth Development and Employment (CYDE) offers Regent and SAT exam preparation (see above, under “College Counseling & Support”).

IVY LEAGUE UPTOWN WINS (WOMEN IN NEIGHBORHOOD SPORTS), 542 W. 159th St. (btw B’way & Amsterdam), Suite 1B; tel. 212.543.2115, has both tutoring and SAT prep programs.

JACOB RIIS SETTLEMENT HOUSE offers SAT (and Regents) Preparation Classes. SAT computer assisted tutorials are available for reinforcement of skills and to allow students to work individually at their own pace (see above, under “College Counseling & Support”).

JAMAICA CENTER FOR ARTS AND LEARNING, SAT Preparation & Essay Writing Labs, 161-04 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica; tel. 718.658.7400; www.jcal.org.

LEGAL OUTREACH COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM, 509 W. 129th St (at Amsterdam Ave), Room 401; tel. 212.690.9989, has a tutoring program.

LOWER EASTSIDE GIRLS' CLUB, The Brain Trust Program, 56 E. 1st St.; tel. 212.982.1633; <http://www.girlsclub.org>. The Brain Trust provides academic support and homework help to girls, ages 8-18, who live on the Lower Eastside. Each week, 20-25 mentors provide one-on-one educational support, computer instruction, and research and Internet training.

MINDS MATTER OF NYC, INC., pairs college-bound high school students with dedicated mentors for help preparing for the SAT and navigating the college application process. For more info, contact Dennis Kuhl, tel. 646.621.5213 or Lincoln Singleton, 917.833.6351; or visit: <http://www.mindsmatter.org>.

NORTHSIDE CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 35 E. 110th St. (at Madison Ave) & 247-249 W. 145th St. (at 8th Ave); tel. 212.426.3400, has a tutoring program.

PHASE: PIGGY BANK, INC., 507 W. 145th St (btw B'way & Amsterdam); tel. 212.234.1660, has a tutoring program.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE HARLEM PAL CENTER, 441 Manhattan Ave (at 119th St.); tel. 212.665.8699, has a SAT prep program.

STANLEY M. ISAACS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER'S Beacon Program, 1700 3rd Ave; tel. 212.828.6342, has a tutoring program.

Computer/Internet Access

(See also under "Job Readiness & Vocational Programs" and "Recreation/Sports")

Alianza Dominicana, Inc.
2410 Amsterdam Avenue
715 W. 179th Street
2340-6 Amsterdam Avenue
515 W. 182nd Street; tel. 212.740.1960

The Armory Foundation's Technology & Learning Center (TLC), 216 Ft Washington Avenue; tel. 212.923.1803

Booker T. Washington Learning Center, 325 E. 101st St.; tel. 212.427.0404

J. Hood Wright Recreation Center
351 Ft Washington Avenue; tel. 212.927.1514

Reality House, Inc., 637 W. 125th Street
Tel. 800.427.3254 /212.666.8000, ext. 346
Kennedy Community Center
34 West 134th Street; &
87 E. 116th St., 3rd floor; tel. 212.831.3980

Jackie Robinson Recreational Center
85 Bradhurst Avenue; tel. 212.234.9607

Boys Club of New York Jefferson Park Clubhouse, 321 E. 11th Street
Tel. 212.534.2661

Brotherhood/Sister Sol, 512 W. 143rd Street; tel. 212.283.7044

CAMBA, 2211 Church Avenue (btw Flatbush & Bedford)
Tel. 718.940.6311

Children's Aid Society, Frederick Douglass Center, 885 Columbus Avenue & 105th Street; tel. 212.865.6337

Children's Aid Society, Dunlevy Milbank Boys & Girls Center, 14-32 W.118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716

Children's Art & Science Workshops
300 Ft. Washington Avenue, Suite IH
Tel. 212.923.7766

Claremont Youth Center
90 Morningside Drive; tel. 212.749.1570; & 8 Claremont Avenue; tel. 212.222.7087

Double Discover Center Upward Bound Talent Search, 2920 Broadway, Rm 306; tel. 212.854.3897

M.L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club of Harlem, Convent Avenue Baptist Church, Education Bldg, 425 W. 144th Street; Tel. 212.283.6770

Goddard Riverside Beacon Program
154 West 93rd Street
Tel. 212.866.0009

Green Chimneys' Basic Center & Transitional Living Program, 456 W. 145th Street; tel. 212.491.5911

New Heights Neighborhood Center
216 Ft Washington Avenue
Tel. 212.781.6388

Lehman Village Community Center
1589 Madison Avenue; tel. 212.876.6480

The New York Public Library, visit <http://www.nypl.org/classes> for classes and locations.

Northside Center for Child Development, 35 E. 110th Street; and 247-249 W. 145th Street; tel. 212.426.3400

East River Community Center
First Avenue (btw. 103rd & 104th Sts)
Tel. 212.348.1220

Ivy League Uptown WINS (Women in Neighborhood Sports), 542 W. 159th Street, Suite 1B; tel. 212.543.2115

Pelham Fritz Recreational Center
18 Mt. Morris Park West (at 122nd Street)
Tel. 212.860.1380

PHASE: Piggy Bank, Inc.
507 W. 145th Street
Tel. 212.234.1660

Phipps Community Technology Program, 1030 East 178 Street, and 1071A East Tremont Ave., Bronx
Tels. 718.542.0109/718.620.1900

Police Athletic League Harlem P.A.L. Center, 441 Manhattan Avenue (at 119th St.); tel. 212.665.8699

Polo Grounds Community Center
2965 Frederick Douglass Boulevard
Tel. 212.491.6127

Harlem Children's Zone Beacon Programs, 103 W. 107th Street; tel. 212.866.5579; and 242 W. 144th Street tel.212.234.4500

Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, Inc., 1792 First Avenue; and PS 198/77, 1700 3rd Avenue Tel. 212.360.7625

Harlem Children's Zone Employment & Technology Center, 170 Lenox Avenue; tel. 212.369.5912

Union Settlement Teen Program Washington Community Center 1775 3rd Avenue; tel. 212.928.6113

Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, 2854 Frederick Douglass Boulevard; Tels. 212.281.4887/212.491.1119

W.L. Bonner Youth Enrichment Center 130-136 W. 124th Street Tels. 212.280.5266/212.865.1883

Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Family Life Center, 266-268 W. 153rd Street Tel. 212.491.3315

The Valley, Inc. Cathedral St. John the Divine (btw 111th St. & Amsterdam Ave) Tel. 212.222.2110

Harlem Educational Activities Fund Inc. (HEAF), 2090 7th Ave., 10th fl. Tel. 212.663.9732

Wagner Community Center 435 E. 120th Street Tel. 212.831.6688

Harlem School of the Arts 645 St. Nicholas Avenue Tel. 212.926.4100

Wilson Community Center 405 E. 105th Street Tel. 212.427.2448

Iris, Inc., 2438 7th Avenue Tel. 646.548.0100; and 2271 2nd Avenue; tel. 212.423.9049

Upward Inc. After School Program P.S. 96, 216 E. 120th Street Tel. 212.427.7366

College Counseling and Support

(see also under "Mentoring Programs," "Educational Opportunity Centers," "Job Readiness & Vocational Programs" & "Sports/Recreation")

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON LEARNING CENTER, 325 E. 101st St. (btw. 1st 7 2nd Aves); tel. 212.427.0404. Booker T. offers college preparation services in addition to homework help/tutoring and a library. They also have a community garden and counseling services.

BOYS AND GIRLS HARBOR (BGH), 1 East 104th St., tel. 212.427.2244; <http://www.boysandgirlsharbor.net>. BGH's College Preparation Services are divided

between the *Upward Bound* and *Talent Search* programs. *Upward Bound* provides students with college and career counseling, assistance with the college application process, assistance with financial aid applications, study skills development, test taking skills development, library skills development, coaching for Regents examinations, SAT preparation, leadership training, and a summer college tour. *The Talent Search* program provides assistance, encouragement, counseling, and information geared to help students with academic potential stay the course, complete high school and go onto college. To this end Talent Search offers its students counseling, career education, college and financial aid application assistance, help locating summer employment, college fairs, college trips, and SAT preparation courses. Contact for Upward Bound: Crystal Floyd, tel. 212.427.2244 ext 455; cfloyd@boysharbor.org. Contact for Talent Search: Yolette Clarke, tel. 212.427.2244 ext 450; yclarke@boysharbor.org. (See also under “Job Readiness & Vocational Programs,” “Health Services” and “Programs for Pregnant & Parenting Young Men & Women”.)

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (CAS), DUNLEVY MILBANK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, 1432 W.118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716, offers SAT prep, tutoring, college & career readiness programs, computer classes, and video & audio workshops.

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION, 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; fax 212.925.0128; www.citykids.com. Citikids' Support Services Program offers college and financial aid counseling.

COLLEGE TOWN at the New York City Job & Career Center, 255 West 54th St; tel. 212.247.5650. College Town shows students how to apply to colleges; helps students explore careers & college majors and provides information on scholarships and financial aid. Individual appointments to explore colleges and careers for \$10.

COVENANT HOUSE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS offers college counseling (see below, under “Job Readiness Programs”).

THE DOME PROJECT, 486 Amsterdam Ave; tel. 212.724.1780; www.youthenternet.org/dome.htm. The Dome's College Prep Program offers counseling, tutoring, writers' workshops and special field trips & school fairs to aspiring college students. The program has helped almost 1,000 students from all five boros secure college and university placements (at institutions like Cornell University, NYU, Colgate University, Hamilton College, Syracuse University and CUNY & SUNY Universities). Through the Dome, students build skills and academic records, learn about academic options, apply successfully to appropriate schools and obtain financial aid. Once accepted into school, participants receive help adjusting and succeeding. For more info, see below under “College Counseling & Support” and “Mentoring Programs”.

THE DOOR, 121 Avenue of the Americas; tel. 212.941.9090; www.door.org. The Door's College Preparation Program offers Princeton Review SAT prep classes, CUNY Prep

Classes, TOEFL prep classes, assistance with college applications & financial aid issues, visits to colleges & universities, workshops on college admissions, and personal counseling about life on college campuses.

DYCKMAN YOUTH ENTERPRISES, *195 Nagle Avenue, #12C*, offers GED prep, SAT prep and college tours to those involved in its basketball tournament. For more information, contact Isaiah Brown, Program Director ibrown@dyckmanpark.com, or Kenneth Stevens, President, kstevens@dyckmanpark.com, or visit www.dyckmanpark.com.

EAST HARLEM WORKS offers college prep and guidance. See below, under “Educational, Job Readiness & Vocational Programs”.

EAST-SIDE SETTLEMENT HOUSE (ESSH), *337 Alexander Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.665.5250; www.eastsidehouse.org*. ESSH’s Project READY is a youth leadership program for young people, grades 9-12, focusing primarily on preparing you for, and supporting you through, the college application and admissions process. The program includes: a 16-week SAT prep class for 11th & 12th graders & a PSAT prep class for 9th and 10th graders; weekly group counseling sessions on writing college application essays, financial aid and college interviews; weekly teen support groups focusing on issues such as peer pressure, self-esteem, substance abuse, relationships, stress, conflict resolution, and communication; weekly discussion groups on independent living skills; and weekly writing/literature appreciation class & monthly arts appreciation program; Project Ready also helps 10th, 11th and 12th graders obtain internships at various community-based organizations. Info and applications, call Melissa Chiodi at 718.402.0571 or 718.665.5250.

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER (FHCS), *108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills NY 11375; <http://www.fhch.org>*. FHCS’ College & Career Counseling/Education Services provides assistance to high school students making choices about careers and college. The Program also offers SAT preparation classes. Contact: Rafael Medina, tel. 718.592.5757.

GODDARD RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (GRCC), *593 Columbus Avenue; tel. 212.873.6600; <http://www.goddard.org>*. GRCC’s Options Program includes: counseling regarding college and career choices ; preparation for the SAT and other college entrance tests; assistance with college applications; and assistance with scholarships and financial aid. Info: contact Jane Heaphy, Options Program Director, tel. 212.873.6600.

GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT (GSS), *80 Pitt Street; tel. 212.674.1740l; <http://www.grandstreet.org>*. GSS’s College Discovery Center orients young people to post-secondary education opportunities; assists students in identifying institutions appropriate to their educational needs, interests, and goals; and helps them in securing financial support. The Program includes early awareness workshops for younger

students, guidance counseling, and academic assistance.

HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT'S, *301 Henry Street; tel. 212.254.3100;* www.henrystreet.org; College Prep & Educational Counseling Program is designed to prepare participants for all stages of the college application process by offering college trips, college application seminars, an SAT prep class & tutoring, and an educational assessment exam. Info: Laura Cole ext. 207 or Kristen Nunez-Lee at ext. 203.

HUDSON GUILD, *441 West 26th St.; tel. 212.760.9800;* <http://www.hudsonguild.org>. The Guild's Center for Youth Development and Employment (CYDE) offers college and career counseling through the OPTIONS program, Regent and SAT exam preparation, paid internships working in the Guild's programs, as well as access to athletics, arts, computers and adolescent mental health services.

JACOB RIIS SETTLEMENT HOUSE (JRSH), *10-25 41st Ave., Long Island City; tel. 718.784.7447;* <http://www.riissettlement.org>. JRSH's OPTIONS Program provides college counseling and introduces participants to educational opportunities. The program offers individual & group counseling, workshops, focus groups and access to the Resource Center (which contains various college catalogues, directories of post-secondary education, college applications, and information about scholarships, loans, and other sources of financial aid). Students are assisted in every aspect of the college process: college selection, assistance in writing and completing the application, submission of the necessary supporting documents (essays, transcripts, recommendations) interview preparation, and financial scholarship application and assistance. The program focuses on self-evaluation, planning, exploration and assessment so that students can make informed decisions about their educational future.

JAMAICA CENTER FOR ARTS AND LEARNING (JCAL), Junior Jump Off College Readiness Group, *161-04 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica; tel. 718.658.7400;* www.jcal.org. Jump Off meets for seven weekly sessions. Discussions and workshops cover the following topics: College Selection process, Personal and Time Management, Financial Aid, and Career Exploration. Other activities include talks by guest speakers and field trips. JCAL also offers college tours and SAT Prep classes. For more info, contact the Jump Off Program at ext. 30.

KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER (KCC), *3101 Kingsbridge, Bronx; tel. 718.884.0700;* www.khcc-nyc.org. KCC's College Directions Early College Awareness (ECA) Program is designed for Bronx students in grades 6-10 and includes individual & group activities; tutoring and academic skill-building; counseling; and mentoring by college students; trips to colleges; individual college selection and financial aid counseling; application assistance; workshops on various topics in the college exploration/application process; trips to colleges and college fairs; career exploration and job shadowing; and various special events and recreational activities. The program also

has computerized college and scholarship search programs; access to internet information; college resource library of 200+ college and university catalogues, video visits and reference materials; SAT prep classes; and annual scholarship awards. For info, contact Janice Rodriguez, Program Director at ext. 169 or Cynthia Rodriguez, Assistant Director Intake at ext. 184.

PHIPPS WEST FARMS CENTER, Bridge to College Program, 1030 East 178 Street and 1071A East Tremont Ave., Bronx; tels. 718.542.0109/718.620.1900; <http://www.phippswestfarms.org>. Bridge to College services include: assistance with college and financial aid applications; college tours; and support services for students attending college. For more information contact, Rosio Gonzalez, College Advisor, tel. 718.542.0109; rgonzalez@hippsny.org.

SPONSORS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (SEO) Scholars College Program, 126 East 31st St., tel. 212.532.2454; <http://www.seo-ny.org>. The Scholars College Program focuses on the academic, personal and financial guidance required to successfully complete college and prepare for productive careers or graduate level education. The SEO College Program supports high school and college students, offering a comprehensive Road Map to college admissions and career success. SEO provides academic assistance, mentoring and enriching life experiences that expand students' horizons. The program continues to support students once they enter college through regular online and phone communication, annual college student retreats during the winter and summer breaks, internship opportunities, stipends and scholarships, a regional alumni mentoring program and more.

SOURCES FOR STUDENTS (SFS), Box 1796, New York, NY 10027; tel. 212.864.7766; www.sourcesforstudents.com. SFS helps college-bound students maximize their financial aid opportunities through workshops, a FREE scholarship search program, financial aid planning and various educational books and materials.

UNION SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION (USA), 237 East 104th St.; tel. 212.828.6000; <http://www.unionsettlement.org>. USA's Settlement College Readiness Program (SCRP) offers academic and college counseling services, workshops on career exploration, resume writing, interviewing skills, and college readiness, as well as computer classes covering topics such as keyboarding and Microsoft Office. SCRCP also offers Summer programs in Science, Mathematics and Technology (STEP) at Marymount Manhattan College, a Writing and Theater program at Eugene Lang College, a Leadership Development program, and a new tolerance initiative that offers students workshops on understanding cultural differences. Summer programs provide the students with academic enrichment and paid internship opportunities. For students NOT enrolled in schools served directed by SCRCP (call to find out whether your school is one connected with SCRCP!), the program offers open walk-in hours Monday to Thursday from 3-7pm at the Washington Houses Community Center (98th St.

& 3rd Ave.). Walk-in participants can meet with an SCRP counselor and browse through a resource library, which contains college brochures and catalogs, scholarship and internship information, and computers with internet access. Info: contact Shirley H. Smith, Director, shsmith@unionsett.org.

THE VALLEY INC., *Cathedral St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Ave and 111th St.); tel. 212.222.2110.* (See "Tutoring Programs".)

Online College Support Resources

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE (COOL) is your direct link to nearly 7,000 colleges & universities in the US. If you are thinking about a large university, a small liberal arts college, a specialized or community college, a career or technical college or a trade school, you can find information about them all here.

<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>.

THE COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE. For information about US colleges, SATs & SAT Prep, scholarships & financial aid, and admissions processes, visit the College Board website at <http://www.collegeboard.com>.

THE 2003 COLLEGES, COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP, AND FINANCIAL AID WEBSITE provides college-bound students with info on: colleges and universities throughout the U.S.; free college scholarship and financial aid searches; and SAT and ACT test preparation tips, among other things. It features an online directory of college and university admissions office email addresses and telephone numbers; college scholarship and financial aid office email addresses; and links to the home pages and online applications of more than a thousand colleges and universities. It also includes links to college and university admissions, college scholarship, and financial aid pages on the web. Finally, the site offers information on the TOEFL, community colleges, historically black colleges, and campus life. <http://www.college-scholarships.com>.

HOBSON'S COLLEGE VIEW, YOUR CAREER & FINANCIAL AID SOLUTION is an online Career Center, College Directory, and Financial Aid/Scholarships Clearinghouse. The site also provides detailed information about standardized tests; a Guide to Historically Black Colleges & Universities; a Guide to Christian Colleges; and online college applications at http://www.collegeview.com/about_us/index.html.

Employment Programs and Opportunities

Job Readiness and Vocational Programs

You have the right to receive educational, vocational & employment assistance from your agency. If you have not been offered such services and you are interested in any of the following programs, your agency should cover the costs. Make sure to speak with your caseworker before enrolling in a program. If you have any trouble getting your agency to pay tuition or fees, contact your law guardian or Lynne Echenberg, tel. 917.286.1532.

ALIANZA DOMINICANA, INC., CETE (Center for Employment, Training and Education) Program, 2410 Amsterdam Ave., 4th floor; tel. 212.740.1960; www.alianzadom.org. CETE provides much-needed work experience for young adults, and training and education services to out-of-school youth. It includes (1) CLAVE (Computers, Leadership And Vocational Education), a computer training program which teaches Microsoft-based office applications, offers job placement assistance, and provides GED instruction and youth leadership workshops to out-of-school youth, ages 17-21; and (2) Summer and Afterschool Youth Employment Programs. For more information, contact Mikala Sakai at ext. 211. Alianza Dominicana also offers sports and recreational programs (basketball clinics and tournaments, volleyball free play and tournaments, martial arts and a game room); English as a Second Language instruction and citizenship classes; a computer lab; a satellite video production site with video training; and youth community organizing and public service activities.

BAKED IN THE 'HOOD, 1841 Park Avenue (@ E. 126th St.); tel. 646.459.6046. Baked in the 'Hood is a free 6-month course in E. Harlem on baking, pastry decoration, food preparation & other skills for employment in food service industry. The program includes 12 weeks of classroom training, a 12-week internship in the food industry, a 1-week course at the NYC Department of Health to obtain a certificate in food protection and 1 full year of job placement with ongoing support. The next classes will take place in January, May & September 2005.

BOTTOMLESS CLOSET, tel. 718.563.2499; <http://www.bottomlesscloset.org/>. Bottomless Closet helps women with scheduled job interviews by providing them with two suits, as well as classes in resume-writing, interviewing skills, office protocol, professional etiquette, work ethics, communication skills and career planning. After being hired, women can come get three additional suits and participate in workshops and book clubs. Clients will only be accepted through referral by job placement agencies. Agencies that already make referrals include: East Side Settlement House, Citizen's Advice Bureau, FECS, and South Bronx Job Corps. Ask your job placement case

worker/developer for information or call Bottomless Closet directly.

BOYS & GIRLS HARBOR FIRSTWORK PROGRAM, 1 East 104th Street, tel. 212-427-2244; website: <http://www.boysandgirlsharbor.net>; helps find employment opportunities for young men and women with little or no prior work experience. In addition to job placement, *FirstWork* provides job readiness training and post-placement support. For more info, contact: John Burke at ext. 531; email: jburke@boysharbor.org. (See also under “College Support & Counseling,” “Health Services” and “Programs for Pregnant & Parenting Young Men & Women”.)

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS offer Job Readiness & Educational Enhancement Programs which include: homework help and tutoring programs; career exploration and mentoring programs; and job-hunting techniques workshops; Leadership and Life Skills Programs which include: computer classes (computer skills, & intro to digital movie-making, music making, photography, graphic design and web development); parenting classes, job skills training programs and single-parent support groups; Arts Initiatives which include: a state-of-art photography program; and a fine arts exhibit; and Athletic Programs which include: the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA initiatives; teen sports leadership clubs for young people interested in athletics-related careers; baseball and fast-pitch softball programs and fitness programs. Info and to find the Boys and Girls Club in your neighborhood, visit www.BGCA.org.

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S PROJECT HIRE, Gould Residence, W.181st & University Ave., Room 211; tel. 718.289.5589. Project Hire is a vocational training and job placement program that teaches building trades. In this 20-week course, students learn about carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical wiring, installation and maintenance by building apartments. The program, which runs Mon.-Fri. from 8am-3pm, provides job assistance and placement after training. The average salary for graduates is \$11.64/hour. Open to youth ages 18+ with high school diplomas, or 19+ without diplomas. Ex-offenders encouraged to apply. To apply, go to Gould Residence, Mon.-Thurs., 12-3pm.

BRONXCONNECT, United Family Church, 442 East 149 Street; tel. 718.402-6872. BronxConnect is a faith-based alternative-to-incarceration program serving young people, ages 16-24, with open court cases or on probation in the Bronx. BronxConnect has a partnership with the South Bronx Job Corps Center allowing young people to join Job Corps even if they have open cases or felony charges. Participants engage in BronxConnect activities and are matched with an adult mentor during their time in Job Corps. Info: Doug Knepper, Support Services Coordinator Urban Youth Alliance/BronxConnect, tel. 718.402-6872; fax 718.402.6879; email Doug_bc@uyai.org.

CAMBA (Church Avenue Merchants Block Association), 2211 Church Ave. (btw Flatbush & Bedford), Brooklyn; tel. 718.287.4716. CAMBA’s Project Reach is a job readiness program for young people, ages 19-21. For more information, call Nicole Austin. CAMBA also offers free job training and placement for people interested in

becoming security guards. CAMBA also provides English classes, free internet access, job searches and job workshops. For more information about job placements, call Antigone at ext. 238.

CAREERS THROUGH CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM (C-CAP), 250 W. 57th St, Suite 2015; tel. 212.974.7111; <http://www.ccapinc.org>. **C-CAP is a school-to-career program that links public high schools to the food service industry.** C-CAP provides job readiness training and places students in jobs and internships with local restaurants, hotels and other food service establishments. C-CAP offers scholarships to allow students to continue their education and then provides long-term support to scholarship recipients through financial aid assistance, career building workshops, job referrals and placement.

Students may enroll in the C-CAP Program through their high school if they are enrolled at any of the following:

Adlai Stevenson High, Boys & Girls Harbor, Brooklyn School for Career Development (SCD), Canarsie High School, CEC at Genesis Homes, CEC at Project Reach Youth, Christopher Columbus High, Concord High School, East New York Family Academy, Erasmus Hall Campus HS for Business & Technology, Far Rockaway High School, Franklin K. Lane High School, Frederick Douglass Academy, George W. Wingate HS, Grand Street Settlement, Herbert H. Lehman High, I.S. 55 Junior High, IS 24- Barnes Junior High School, IS 27 Junior High School, IS 61- Morris JHS, IS 7- Bernstein Junior High School, IS 78-Roy Mann Junior High School, Joel Shapiro, John Dewey High School, Lafayette High School, Liberty High School, Long Island City High School, Manhattan Village Academy, Marta Valle JHS, New Dorp High School, Park West High School, Port Richmond High School, PS 721K Roy Campanella Occupational Training Center, R.F. Wagner Secondary School, Russell Sage Junior High School, School of Cooperative Technical Education, Springfield Gardens HS, STAR Academy c/o MS 201, Street Academy, The Michael J. Petrides School, The School for International Studies, Tottenville High School or Wildcat Academy.

Students NOT enrolled in any of the above schools may register for C-CAP's afterschool programs at **Casita Maria** (928 Simpson St, Bronx; tel. 718.589.2230; www.casita.us), **Pathways for Youth at STAR Academy** (tel. 718.828.9900; <http://www.pathwaysforyouth.org>) and **The Point** (940 Garrison Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org).

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (CAS), DUNLEVY MILBANK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, 1432 W.118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716; and **FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTER**, 885 Columbus Avenue & 105th Street; tel. 212.865.6337, offer career readiness programs, youth leadership training, computer training & computer publishing, audio & video workshops, and lifeguard training.

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION, 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; fax 212.925.0128; www.citykids.com. *Citikids' Support Services Program offers assistance, on an individual basis, to help young people find internships and part-time jobs. Job*

*readiness workshops are available as well. In addition, Citikids offers **Cubenomics**, “an introduction to the awesome world of audio-recording technology.” Participants get an in-depth look at the technical support of theater, recording techniques and midi production. For more information, contact Charles Mack at ext. 28. In February 2004, Citikids will reopen its **Hyperion Internship Program** which introduces young people to the book publishing industry and runs a book club. For additional information, contact Katherine Lee at ext. 24 or Lee@citykids.com.*

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB), 2054 Morris Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.365.0910; <http://www.cabny.org>. CAB's Adolescent Development Programs include **1) the Adolescent Career Development Program** which offers academic support, internships, career exploration, summer jobs, community service and youth leadership. For more info, contact: Kaye De Ann Rattray, tel. 718.293.0727, ext. 238; email: krattray@cabny.org; **2) the Community Youth Employment Program** which hires 12 young people in the summer and fall to conduct community service projects. Participants design a needs assessment to determine the focus of the projects they will pursue. Guided by a skilled coordinator, participants develop, implement and complete service projects that enrich their community. For more info, contact: Donnell Fludd, Coordinator, tel. 718.293.0727, ext. 236; email: dfludd@cabny.org; **3) the Higher Visions Program** which provides comprehensive career exploration and work experience; educational enrichment, including tutoring; an arts program; sports programs; and medical services and counseling. For more info, contact: Wanda Hill, Coordinator, tel. 718.293.0727, ext. 209; email: whill@cabny.org. CAB also has a **Food Safety Training Program** which is a short-term occupational training program certified by the National Restaurant Association. Students learn how to maintain a sanitary workplace environment and keep food safe from the time a delivery is received through food's presentation to the customer. Graduates take the national standard ServSafe exam or the New York City Department of Health Food Protection exam. The program serves both new entrants to the food service and related industries, and incumbent workers looking for advancement. The program will also work with employers to train their staff. For more info, contact: Sara Farimani, Program Director, tel. 718.993.8880; e-mail: sfarimani@cabny.org. The training program is offered at Bronx Works, 391 E. 149th St. (@ 3rd Ave.), Suite 520 in the Bronx.

CENTER FOR FAMILY LIFE (CFL), 443 39th St., 3rd Fl., Bklyn; tel. 718.633.4823 and 345 43rd St., Bklyn; tel. 718.788.3500; <http://www.cflsp.org>. CFL's Employment Services (CFLES) offers job readiness workshops, job counseling, computer and ESL classes to Brooklyn residents who meet the program guidelines. Eligibility Req's: You must be 22 years of age, a resident of Bklyn, unemployed/underemployed & looking for F/T jobs.

COVENANT HOUSE HARLEM, 69 E. 125th St., tel. 212.534.7538; offers a number of free services for young people, ages 17-21, including: GED classes, life skills workshops, educational services, job readiness workshops, job search support and job training in

culinary arts, computers, desktop publishing, bank teller, nurse's aid, silkscreening, YouthBuild and public safety.

COVENANT HOUSE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS, *Info: (Bx) 718.294.7812; (Bklyn) 718.452.6730 or 718.398.5136; (Qns) 718.725.9851; (Man) 212.534.7538; (SI) 718.876.9810; or (Main Office) 212.727.4014.* The Training Centers assist young people, ages 16-21, with educational and vocational needs through a variety of job readiness workshops, specific job training programs, and job placements. Job developers assess your skills and employability for companies that are recruiting! The Employment Assistance program includes resume-writing, interview skills, skill assessment tests and job research. The Vocational Program consists of an initial interview by a counselor to assess strengths and needs, workshops in job readiness, skills, and retention, and independent living classes. After completing these workshops, young people are eligible for "Job Specific Training Programs" thru the New York City Financial Partnership for Youth (FSPY) which offers training, internships and possible employment in the following areas: Bank Teller, Computing, Security Guard, Construction, Desktop Publishing, Nurse's Aid, Culinary Arts & Silk Screening. If you are interested in completing or furthering your education, the Centers also has a GED course, SAT tutoring & college counseling.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION CENTER (DCTV), *87 Lafayette Street; tel. 212.966.4510; www.dctvny.org.* DCTV's "Pro-TV" Program provides two years of intensive training in television and Internet arts for six to eight talented high school students who are interested in a career in television arts. Participants receive full-scholarships for advanced training and hands-on experience in the television arts as well as media theory and documentary history. Pro-TV graduates go on to study media arts in college and/or work full-time job in the field of television arts. For more info, call or email Mami Kuwano at 212.966.4510 x.242; mami@dctvny.org.

THE DOOR, *121 Avenue of the Americas; tel. 212.941.9090; www.door.org.* The Door offers comprehensive career development services for its members (membership is required in order to access services; to make an appointment to join the Door, call 212.941-9090, ext. 3200). Services include individual career counseling and assessment, job placement and employability skills training (resume-writing, filling out applications and mock interviews). The Door also has GED and pre-GED programs, English as a Second Language instruction and a computer lab with on-site training. Info: contact Melanie Bermudez, Career Development Coordinator, at 212.941-9090, ext. 3307 or Gil Sutherland, Job Developer, at ext. 3336.

THE DOME PROJECT, INC., *486 Amsterdam Ave; tel. 212.724.1780; www.youthenternet.org/dome.htm.* The Dome offers the following services: academic tutoring, a prep school placement program, a college prep program, a girls-only mentoring program and a juvenile justice program (which provides counseling, advocacy, educational & prevention services to young people involved in the juvenile justice

system). For more info about the Dome Project, see above under “College Counseling & Support” and below under “Mentoring Programs”.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS, 32 East 31st Street, Suite 602; tel. 212.545.3769; *Satellite Offices: 116-06 Merrick Blvd, Jamaica; tel. 718.949.7179 and Davidson Community Center, 2038 Davidson Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.866.0666; www.dressforsuccess.org.*

Dress for Success provides interview suits, confidence boosts, and career development for women. Each client gets one suit and job interview tips. After being hired, she receives another suit, a week’s worth of matching separates, and an invitation to the Professional Women’s Group that provides ongoing support. Clients are only accepted by a referring agency such as a foster care agency or job program. Agencies such as The Door and FEGS are already referring agencies; your agency may do so as well.

EASTSIDE SETTLEMENT HOUSE (ESSH), 337 Alexander Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.665.5250; www.eastsidehouse.org. ESSH has free adult education and GED programs, a community technology center with classes in basic computer skills, and a Youth Leadership Program aimed at supporting the educational and career goals of teens ages 13-18. (1) The Community Technology Center is now accepting students for its 7-week Basic Skills Programs, which teaches students how to use programs commonly needed for job applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point. The Program also includes job readiness classes in (resume and cover letter writing & interviewing skills). Students are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Info: contact Rochelle, tel. 718.665.5250, ext. 23. You may also walk in and sign up at 337 Alexander Ave, btw 131st and 132nd Sts. (in the Bx). (2) Adult Education and GED Program offers courses in reading, math and writing skills. Find out what areas you need help in. Teachers will develop an individualized student work plan just for you. You can work at your own pace. You must be 18+. Info: tel. 718.665.5250 & ask for the education department. (3) Project READY is a youth leadership program for young people, grades 9-12, focusing primarily on preparing you for, and supporting you through, the college application and admissions process. (For more info, see under “College Counseling & Support”.) Info: call Melissa Chiodi at 718.402.0571 or 718.665.5250.

EAST HARLEM WORKS is an employment and educational achievement program of the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center and Union Settlement Association. Participants must be ages 14-18 and in school. The program offers the following: academic services including tutoring, study skills training, instruction towards high school completion and college prep guidance in addition to alternative secondary school offerings; employment preparation including summer employment opportunities that are linked to academic and job skills training, paid and unpaid work experiences through internships and job shadowing, and occupational skills training and job mentoring. In addition, the Isaacs Center and Union Settlement also offer supportive services and leadership development opportunities including mentoring and counseling. All participants are provided with an email address and internet access in the centers’ computer labs. For info, including the program location nearest you, call 212.360.7625 or

212.828.6123.

FEDERATION EMPLOYMENT AND GUIDANCE SERVICES (FEGS), 105 Bruckner Blvd, tel. 718.292.3930; www.fegs.org. FEGS has a Career Development Institution that offers one-on-one employment counseling and case management for young people ages 19-21. You will begin with a needs and interests assessment, and then develop personal goals with a counselor. Courses include: job readiness training, GED and other educational services, computer instruction and recreational activities. After completing your educational program, job developers and youth development specialists will work with you to find paid internships and jobs. In the past, FEGS students have interned with HSBC & other banks, dance studios, law firms, medical offices, and more. After your internship, FEGS continues to advise you and helps you obtain F/T employment. In addition, case managers will help those interested in college with applications. Classes, workshops, and training sessions are all held throughout the year and scheduling is flexible. Night classes are often available. FEGS does not have any application deadlines, and applicants are accepted on a rolling basis. To enroll, go to the FEGS office.

THE FOREST HILL COMMUNITY HOUSE (FHCH), 108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills; <http://www.fhch.org>. FHCH's **Youth Employment Services/Job Bank** helps young people find after-school, weekend & summer jobs. The program also offers workshops on interviewing, preparing resumes and other basic job skills. Contact: Rachel Rodriguez, tel. 718.592.5757.

GRACE OUTREACH PROGRAM, 1183 Franklin Ave, btw E.167th and 168th Sts (off 3rd Ave.); tel. 718.328.0580. Grace Outreach Program is an educational program for women, ages 20 and up, that offers GED and basic typing and computer skills courses to help you become marketable for office jobs. Grace Outreach is affiliated with Grace Institute, a vocational & job placement program for women wishing to work as administrative assistants in the business world. Those completing classes at Grace Outreach often continue their education at the Grace Institute, where they learn advanced computer skills, business writing and math, office procedures and career development. Grace Institute has a job placement program that places students in companies throughout the corporate sector in NYC. All classes at Grace Outreach and Grace Institute are FREE, except for a small registration fee. To register for Fall 2003 semester, go to the Grace Outreach office and they will help you get started. Info & directions: contact Sister Therese.

GRANT ASSOCIATES helps people with convictions or substance abuse problems find and retain jobs in food services, office solutions and customer service. You must be 18+ and have registered in the selective service (at www.sss.gov). You must also provide a photo I.D., birth certificate, social security card and proof of address. Grant Associates provides one week of training and then places you in a job. They will continue to support you once you are employed. For more info, call 212.683.8641.

HARLEMLIVE: The News Publication by Teens, 301 W. 125th St., Suite 3W; tel. 212.222.4681; www.harlemlive.org. Harlemlive encourages young people to pursue higher education & career goals by training them as journalists, web designers, photographers, administrators & public speakers. For more info, see “Opportunities for Artists, Writers & Public Speakers” below.

HARLEM TEXTILE (HTW), tel. 212.348.5437; <http://www.harlemtextileworks.org>. HTW creates career opportunities for students and artists interested in urban-based textile arts and fabric design by offering arts education, professional internships, access to career opportunities and entrepreneurial experience to young people, ages 14-21, who live in Harlem. HTW's *Design as Enterprise* printmaking workshops provide art and marketable job skills training to young people for either high school credit or a stipend. All training takes place at HTW's new retail production facility in Hamilton Heights where participants learn how to design, produce and merchandise textile products. Guest designers and business professionals also teach students the concepts of textile design, production, marketing, merchandising, and pricing through a series of lectures and interactive sessions. Graduates of HTW programs hold positions as artists, colorists, teachers and administrators at Hallmark, Liz Claiborne, Bugle Boy, Miami Youth Mission, Heritage House, and other firms and institutions. HTW's current production manager began his involvement as a student intern 12 years ago.

THE HOPE PROGRAM, 157 Montague Street, Bklyn; tel. 718.852.9307, ext. 15. The Hope Program is a full-time, 16-week career development program providing specific training in how to choose, find & keep a job. Students participate in employment skills classes such as communication, dress, self assessment, etc.. Throughout the program, students learn skills such as how to work as a team, write resumes, succeed at interviews, set short and long term goals, and find jobs. All students are given an internship (as receptionists, in manufacturing, health care, and food service, for example). The program ends with students learning how to undertake a job search. HOPE also has: GED classes; Computer Literacy Center to help students further their education and conduct job searches; one-on-one tutoring, women's and men's groups, creative writing, and individual counseling. Applicants must: be 18+ and drug free (anyone with a documented substance abuse issue must be 4 months clean); have a tuberculosis test within the past 6 months (or HOPE will help you get one). Info & applications: go to an Open House, Tues. & Thurs. at 3pm. Subway: 2/3/4/5 to Borough Hall.

ICD YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (Y.E.S.), 340 East 24th Street; tel. 212.585.6000; <http://www.icdrehab.org>. The Y.E.S. Program prepares young adults, ages 16-21, with psychiatric diagnoses to take charge of their lives and make a successful transition from school to the world of work. Y.E.S. includes intensive educational programming (GED and college prep, regents tutoring, educational enrichment, computer workshops and book club), vocational programming (job placement and internships), counseling, life skills training and recreational activities (including martial arts and expression class). For more info, contact Ewa Liszkiewicz, tel. 212.585.6043.

INROADS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, tel. 212.425.8300;

<https://www.inroads.org/interns/internApply.jsp>. Extensive leadership training & internship program designed to give students of color pre-professional skills, experience, funds and networks to establish careers in business and technology. The INROADS Retail Management Institute helps student of color pursue careers in executive retail. Participants get year-round leadership and skills training, professional support, and each student is sponsored by a corporation which provides them with a PAID multi-year summer internship at a Fortune 1000 company, a corporate mentor and the potential for F/T employment at a major company after graduation. Applicants must be starting at, or enrolled in, an accredited four-year college; they must have GPAs of B+ and remain in good standing with their corporate sponsors. Apply online.

JACOB RIIS SETTLEMENT HOUSE (JRSH), 10-25 41st Ave, Long Island City; tel. 718.784.7447, ext. 137; www.riissettlement.org. JRSH's Education and Employment Programs for HS students in Queens, ages 14-18, offers homework help, tutoring and basic skills classes in reading and writing. There is also a Work Readiness Program that places young people in P/T internships and summer jobs, and a Career and College counselor who will meet with young people on an individual basis to help with applications and financial aid. Info: Ms. Stevean Crawford, WIA coordinator.

KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER (KCC), 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bronx; tel. 718.884.0700; <http://www.khcc-nyc.org>. KCC's **Fresh Start Program** is an employment preparation program designed to help young people, ages 17 and up, learn basic job and computer skills. The program teaches resume writing, cover letter writing, interview skills, and office etiquette. The computer classes and facilities teach Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and other crucial computer skills. After you complete the 12-week training program, you will get extensive help with job research and job placement, as well as follow-up services like job retention and career enhancement once you start working. To be eligible, you must have a HS diploma or GED, or be enrolled in HS or a GED course. Info: contact Michael Halpern, ext. 132.

NEW YORK BILINGUAL INSTITUTE (NYBI), 413 East 120th St (at 1st Ave); tel. 212.860.6820, ext. 211 or 216. NYBI is offering free home health aide training and job placement. Registration is Mon-Fri at 9am.

ONE-STOP WORKFORCE CENTERS offer a number of employment, education and training programs. NYC has three one-stops: one in Manhattan, one in Queens and one in the Bronx. The Centers provide a wide variety of services such as basic education, college prep, specific vocational training, computer skills, and other skills courses commonly needed in the job market. They also offer career counseling, job readiness programs (like resume-writing and interview workshops) and job search assistance. You can walk in to the center for an overview and orientation. Or you can call for an appointment if you already know what kind of services you need.

Man: 215 W.125th St, 6th Fl; tel. 917.493.7000; hrs: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm.

Bx: 358 E.149th St, 2nd Fl; hrs. Mon.-Fri. 7am-6pm.

Qns: 168-46 91st Ave, Jamaica; tel. 718.557.6755; hrs. Mon-Fri. 8:30am-5pm.

PHIPPS WEST FARMS CAREER CENTER, 1030 East 178 Street and 1071A East Tremont Avenue, Bronx; tels. 718.542.0109/718.620.1900;

<http://www.phippswestfarms.org>. The Job Access Center provides assistance to job seekers through skills assessment, assistance with resume and cover letter writing, interview workshops, and a Resource library with employment & training opportunities.

THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 940 Garrison Ave., Bronx (6 train to Hunts Point Ave.); tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org. The Point is dedicated to youth development and the cultural and economic revitalization of Hunts Point in the South Bronx. The Point is home to **1) BronxGear**, a 12-year old company run by students from Hunts Point who design, produce and market silk scarves, T-shirts, posters, theater costume and sets, and CD covers. Student artists receive a portion of the profits made on works sold. They also receive hands-on experience running a business. Info: contact Carey Clark at tel. 212.431.1128 or careyclark@rcn.com; **2) the ICP Photography Program** for young people ages 9-21. Students are equipped with 35mm cameras and are assigned to work one-on-one with instructors who teach them the basics of camera use and photo development. Those interested in fashion photography and portraiture are taught lighting techniques and innovative portraiture techniques. As students progress in the study of photography, they become eligible for job opportunities assisting with classes and the lab. Info & to register, contact Emilia at tel. 718.542.4149; and **3) WPNT**, the Point's flagship radio station, which broadcasts throughout the Hunts Point community. The program offers basic training in broadcasting and the opportunity to become "on air" personalities, producers, and engineers to residents of the South Bronx. Participants engage in weekly one-hour shows in various allotted time slots. The program is open to all children in the Point's After School program as well as teens, and community members. Info: contact Craig Tindal at tel.718.542.4139 or craigwho2000@yahoo.com. The Point also has Visual Arts Workshops; a Music Program; Live From The Edge Theater Program; and the El Grito Dance Studio & DanZe Divas. For more info, see "Opportunities for Artists, Writers & Public Speakers" below.

RACHEL'S ROOM, 316 E. 88th St.; tel. 212.722.8868, offers an intensive 8-week day course combining computer training (Microsoft Word, Excel, and the Internet), job preparedness, and personal skills for women, ages 18+. Night classes are also available for both men and women. Call or email rachel'sroom@hotmail.com for info & interviews.

RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE (RNH), 5521 Mosholu Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.549.8100. **(1) Job Readiness Program**: For teens ages 13-18. Weekly workshops offered on topics such as interviewing, writing resumes and cover letters, and job skills. Once you complete the training sessions, you may use Riverdale's resource manual of entry-level and short-term job opportunities. You are expected to apply for the jobs on

your own, using your new skills. Paid internship opportunities are available in the environmental, health services and educational fields for those who have completed the workshops. Info: call Lidia Beqiraj at 718.549.8100, ext. 115. **(2) Drop in Recreational Center:** Free use of facilities, computer center, daily programming and poetry group. Summer activities include trips at no/low cost with free transportation. During the school year, the program plans to have volunteer tutors available. The Center also has a Youth Leadership Council. Info: call Jerome at ext. 126.

SENECA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (SNC), 844 Hunts Point Ave.; tel. 718.378.6532. **(1) Computer Certification/Employment Program** gives students, ages 18 and up, the skills and training necessary to obtain and maintain a job as a computer technician. Students can be certified in A+, Network+ and web page design. Participants also learn how to build, troubleshoot, repair and upgrade Pentium multimedia workstations and related PCs. Additional training sessions offered in: internet skills, MSWord, Excel, diagnosing hardware and software glitches, performing data backups, and detecting and removing viruses. A computer certification guarantees a minimum wage of \$9/hr! After completing the training, students meet with job developers who help them obtain paid internships as technicians. Past students have interned at corporations like JP Morgan and Prudential, and some have been hired as F/T employees after completing a successful internship. Students who complete the program receive up to 2 yrs of follow-up services, such as career counseling and help with job placement. Req: GED/HS diploma is a plus. If you do not have one, Seneca will enroll you in their GED program for FREE. Once you obtain your GED you may begin the computer training. **(2) Adolescent Vocational Exploration Program** serves teens, ages 14-17, who are in school & offers academic development and life skill programs, employment & internship assistance, work-based learning, computer and leadership training, career awareness and recreational activities. The program will help you explore careers through work shadowing, field trips, and summer jobs. You must participate 6 hrs/wk, and you will receive a \$50 stipend every 2 wks.

SOBRO (South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation), 555 Bergen Street; tel. 718.292.3113; www.sobro.org. SOBRO's **Youth Services Program** includes **1) Global Enterprise Academy**, a new small high school that guides students through the exploration of entrepreneurship and business. **2) Afterschool Programs** which prepare young people for work and higher education. **3) Technology Achievement for Real Success (STARS)**, an intensive, project-based Writer's Workshop and Technology Workshop for afterschool participants. **4) YouthBuild** which provides young people who are not in school with on the job training in construction, GED instruction, leadership development and job placement services.

STRIVE, 240 East 123rd St (btw 2nd & 3rd Aves), 3rd floor; tel. 212.360.1100; www.strivenewyork.org. Strive offers an intensive, 4-week training program which emphasizes the development of "soft skills" necessary to obtain and retain jobs. Through a simulated work environment, participants learn how to dress and speak appropriately

for the workplace, how to follow instructions, accept criticism and work on a team. All participants are introduced to database design, data entry, computer graphics, and word processing. Participants create their own resumes and cover letters on computer. Once they have completed the program, graduates are assigned job developers who guide them through the job search process and teach them how to market themselves. Strive maintains regular contact with graduates for two years after they start working, offering support and career advancement services. Graduates also have lifetime access to Strive resources. Finally, Strive offers on-site social services including individual counseling, crisis intervention, advocacy and a full range of referral and information services.

TIMES SQUARE YOUTH is a three-month job-training and academic enrichment program. Times Square Youth members must have a high school diploma/GED or be in a GED or pre-GED program. (Participants in GED or pre-GED programs receive stipends for their work and progress.) The program will lead to job placements and internship placements in exciting organizations/companies throughout Manhattan. If you are interested, you must pre-register with Annie Moyer, coordinator, tel. 646.264.1328 or amoyer@courts.state.ny.us.

THE VALLEY INC./BEACON PROGRAM provides resources, services, classes and support to young people, ages 14-24. The Valley's Youth Leadership Program is directly connected to vocational training and placement services. Youth Leaders meet with career counselors and developers to explore career goals, and to locate training, internships & jobs. Past participants have taken web design classes, TV production and communication classes, and worked in small businesses. The next Leadership Program begins on Sept. 30, and meets every other week. The Beacon also has educational programs such as GED and study skills classes, and a wide variety of recreational activities like dance and art classes. To learn more about the Beacon program and/or enroll, contact Darlene Lopez at tel. 212.932.7895.

VOCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC., *One Hanson Place, 14th floor, Bklyn;* tel. 718.230.3100; www.vfinyc.org. The Foundation offers free 6-month job training programs in computer technology, medical office/billing, hospitality, and travel & tourism. Students are placed into one-month internships (some of which are paid). Counselors/developers help with job placement into well-paying jobs with opportunities for advancement. Career counseling and mentoring services are provided for an additional 2 years. The Foundation also provides: literacy and GED classes, computer skills training, and "soft skills" classes (incl. professionalism, teamwork & communication). Applicants must be: ages 17-21; able to follow dress, behavior & punctuality codes. The next course runs from Feb.-July 2004. To apply, contact Stacie Bethea, Outreach Specialist, at ext. 1025.

Y.E.S. COLLEGE PROGRAM, tel. 310.358.4922; email: yestojobs@aol.com; www.yestojobs.org; Y.E.S. is being launched in NYC! The 8- to 10-week program supports young people, ages 18-25 who are actively enrolled in school and have an interest in

careers in the entertainment industry. Applicants must be African-American, Asian-American, Filipino-American, Hispanic/Latin-American, Indian-American or Native American, with a GPA of 2.5. To apply, send a copy of your resume and a statement of interest to: Morgan Fouch, Y.E.S. to Jobs College Program Manager, P.O. Box 3390, Los Angeles, CA 90078-3390.

YOUNG ADULT LEARNING ACADEMY, 269 35th St. (btw 7th & 8th Aves); tel. 212.244.1274. The Academy offers several levels of Remedial Education programs from literacy through GED preparation. They also have Vocational Programs including: Computer Skills, Child Care & Health Career Training.

Jobs and Internship Opportunities

Food Bank For New York City seeks unpaid intern! At least 2 million New York City residents are at risk of going hungry. The majority of them are women with children, the elderly, the disabled and the working poor. Food Bank For New York City, the city's primary supplier of food for the hungry, helps provide the food for over 240,000 free meals served each day by more than 1,200 nonprofit community food programs in the five boroughs. Last year, the Food Bank distributed over 67 million pounds of food and was recognized as Food Bank of the Year by America's Second Harvest, The Nation's Food Bank Network. See www.foodbanknyc.org. The Time Out For Hunger intern will assist Food Bank staff with soliciting restaurants for and collecting proceeds from our annual dining event. The position will require intensive cultivation of top New York City restaurants through phone calls and personal visits to solidify a committed group of participants in a March 20th citywide dining event to benefit the Food Bank For New York City. Following the event, the intern will be responsible for calling to remind restaurants to submit their donations within two weeks, as well as in the preparation of "thank you" certificates for all participants. This project requires knowledge of Excel, an excellent phone manner, and a desire to help the Food Bank fight hunger in New York City. Any knowledge or interest in the restaurant business is preferred. The intern should also be available to work on other projects from time to time as the need arises. The internship period will last from January 15th – April 1st.

Online Job Postings

Most employers post job listings on their websites. To find current job openings, visit the website of a company or organization you are interested in. The positions are usually listed under “Employment Opportunities” or “Opportunities”. If you do not have access to the internet, visit one of the organizations listed under “Computer/Internet Access” above.

1. Fastweb: www.fastweb.com. The site lists dozens of job openings by geographical area. You must apply for many of the jobs listed online though some listings provide contact information.

2. Craigslist: <http://newyork.craigslist.org>

Postings, updated daily, of F/T & P/T jobs in various industries t/o NYC. The listings cover a wide variety of jobs such as office, food-service, retail, medical, professional, technical, customer service, baby sitting, and much more. Employers usually post a short job description, with pref. education/skills/req for applicants, and contact information. Often you will respond by email, or be asked to mail/fax a resume and cover letter. In addition, Craigslist has postings, also updated daily, for apts in all 5 boros. Postings are often by the owners, which allows you to avoid brokers’ fees (BUT beware some brokers post listings too). Postings list the location & monthly rent with a description of the apt, and contact info. Use of this site is completely FREE and you do NOT need to sign up for any membership or registration. NB: You can also post your own add, letting people know that you are looking for a job or an apt.

3. WetFeet: <http://www.wetfeet.com/asp/home.asp>

Search this extensive database for F/T or P/T jobs, internships or career advice. Use of WetFeet’s job search is FREE and you do not need to register. You can choose to register for free, which gives you access to additional services from Wetfeet, such as posting your resume, saving your job searches (so you do not always have to start over), and creating a more personalized account.

4. Retail Jobs: www.allretailjobs.com

Job search engine for the retail industry. Search for hourly wage jobs or managerial positions. Features high-profile companies like Blockbuster & Goodyear.

5. HotJobs, a Yahoo company: <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com>

Search a wide variety of job listings by location, field or keywords for FREE. You can also register for FREE with HotJobs to enjoy a wider variety of services, such as the ability to upload your resumes & save personal searches or specific job postings.

6. America’s Job Bank: <http://www.jobsearch.org>

Search jobs for FREE anywhere in the US, in specific occupations or by keywords. Register for FREE with the Job Bank for a wide variety of services such as “job seeker” that will email you new job postings, & the ability to upload your resume and save searches & personalized information. This site has job listings for people with disabilities and offers help with resumes and cover letters, as well as links to OneStop Centers and career information.

7. Jacob Riis Settlement House Employment Website:

www.riissettlement.org/career.html

Job listings in media, fashion, publishing, banking, accounting, finance, building, construction & maintenance, computer programming & New Media, government (City, State & Federal jobs), hospital and other health-related professions, non-profit & community-based organizations, retail, food service & hospitality, sales & marketing, and paralegal jobs. The website also includes resume-building advice (with ready-made job descriptions and sample resumes and cover letters); vocational training; info about colleges, GED prep & internships; employment resources for people of color, women & people with disabilities; local & national job boards, and daycare.

8. MonsterTrak: <http://www.monstertrak.com>

MonsterTrak links employers with college students and alumni. If you are attending university, college, or community college, go to MonsterTrak's site to see if students from your school are eligible. Almost all 4-year programs in NY are eligible, as are all CUNY/SUNY schools & most community colleges. You can search for jobs t/o NY in almost any field. You can upload your resume in order to easily email it to employers or be contacted by employers.

9. True Careers: <http://www.truecareers.com>

FREE job search by location, interest & keywords. FREE registration for additional services like a job search agent who will email you new postings and the capability to upload up to 5 resumes & 5 cover letters that can be emailed to employers.

10. Snag A Job: <http://snagajob.com>

Free job search by location, interest & keywords; in retail, food service, entertainment, automotive, office work/administration, banking, government, military, home attendant, etc. Part-time, full-time & summer jobs.

11. Newspaper Classifieds-Online or in Print:

New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com>: Daily Classifieds Section for jobs and apts in print or online.

Village Voice: <http://www.villagevoice.com/classifieds>: Daily Classifieds Section for jobs and apts in print or online.

Housing

Supervised Independent Living Programs (SILPs)

SILPs are apartment-based **foster care placements** for young people ages 16 and up. SILPs give young people an opportunity to live on their own in an apartment with the support of agency caseworkers. Generally young people are placed in apartments with one or two roommates. Though SILPs vary from agency to agency, they all have the following in common:

- 1) **Limited Supervision.** Caseworkers generally visit SILP apartments once a week to check in on residents.
- 2) **Work/School Requirements.** All SILPs require young people to work or go to school; some SILP programs require young people to work AND go to school.
- 3) **Savings Accounts.** SILP residents are required to put a certain amount of money into bank accounts each month so that they have their money saved by the time they age out of the program.
- 4) **Independent Living Workshops.** SILPs require residents to participate in independent living training.
- 5) **12- to 18-Month Placements.** SILP placements are limited to one year. They may be extended by 6 months (only) if a resident needs the additional time to complete a work readiness/vocational program.

If you are interested in a SILP program and you expect to be discharged in 12-18 months, speak with your caseworker or your law guardian about transferring.

Applying for Section 8 Vouchers

Please Note: Section 8 vouchers are no longer being issued because the city has run out of them. As a result, all completed applications are being placed on a waitlist by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) until additional vouchers become available. Though no one knows what will happen with the Section 8 program, you should still submit an application if you are interested in obtaining a voucher. That way, your application will be ready for immediate processing if the program is restored.

Young people aging out of foster care are entitled to a particular kind of rental assistance called a “Section 8 voucher.” You pay 30% of your income towards rent and the voucher (or certificate) covers the rest.

Every agency has a “housing liaison” who is responsible for helping young people complete Section 8 applications. (If you do not know who your liaison is, call Lynne

Echenberg at 917.286.1532.)

Six weeks after your liaison submits your completed application to ACS, you will be notified of the date of your “Eligibility Interview”. At that interview, a worker from the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will go over your application and tell you whether you need to submit additional paperwork. You will need to prove your ability to pay your share of the rent by showing that you have a source of income (through a job, SSI, survivor’s benefits or public assistance). If you have no income source or if you need to provide additional documents, you will be given six months. Note: If you do not find a job, apply for benefits or mail in the necessary paperwork within six months, your application becomes invalid.

Once you have met all the requirements, you will be granted a second and final interview during which you will be given your voucher and told how to use it. You will then have four months to find an apartment. ACS has listings of brokers who help Section 8 recipients find apartments. Remember not all landlords accept the vouchers! Also, make sure to ask about your broker what kind of fee, if any, he/she charges for finding you an apartment. (Some don’t charge any fee at all.)

If you are unable to find an apartment during the 4-month period, you may apply for one 2-month extension through your NYCHA worker. He/she might have you explain why you were unable to find an apartment and why you think you will if you are granted an extension.

ACS Housing Subsidies

Young people with a goal of Independent Living are eligible for an ACS Housing Subsidy of up to \$300/month for a maximum of 3 years. To qualify, you must be 18-21 and on trial or final discharge to Independent Living. You **MAY NOT** collect the \$300 monthly subsidy **AND** a Section 8 voucher. But you **MAY** collect the subsidy **UNTIL** you receive your voucher. The ACS Housing Subsidy Program also offers a one-time special grant of \$1,800 to cover moving expenses including broker’s fees, furniture, moving expenses, etc.. You **MAY** collect **BOTH** a Section 8 voucher **AND** a One-Time Special Grant. If you are interested in applying for the subsidy, tell your caseworker to contact ACS’ Housing Subsidy Program Office at tel. 212.341.3548.

Housing Programs for Young People Who Have Aged Out of Care

Schafer Young Adult Initiative: Supportive Housing for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care. Located in East Harlem, Schafer Hall is “supportive housing” for young people aging out of foster care. In other words, the Hall combines studio apartments with services including employment & educational support; social & recreational activities; medical & mental health referrals; substance abuse counseling; and health & nutritional counseling. In order to apply to live at Schafer Hall, you must be 18-23 years old & be on trial or final discharge. You must also have a valid Section 8 voucher & a permanency planning goal of Independent Living. Call to find out whether they have any

vacant units. To apply or for more info: tel. 212.828.3007.

The Foyer, a Good Shepherd Services program, is located in Chelsea and accommodates 40 young people (including young people who have aged out of care). The Foyer offers job training, employment counseling, life skills, and housing placement services. It also connects residents with off-site medical and mental health services, education and computer training. For more info, contact Marcella Granick, Resident Resources Coordinator, at tel. 646.485.3946; Yvonne Forbes, Program Director, at tel. 212.243.7070 ext. 390; or Brenda Tully, Social Work Supervisor, at 212.243.7070 ext. 230.

The Dorothy Day Apartments, a project of the Broadway Housing Communities (BHC) and the Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS), is a supportive housing program located on 135th Street between Broadway & Riverside Drive. They have dedicated five studio apartments for individual young people (without children) who are have been discharged from foster care. To be eligible, you must 1) have a Section 8 voucher; 2) have a mental health diagnosis and 3) earn less than \$13,200 per year. The program offers individual and family counseling, mental health services and referrals, crisis prevention and intervention, substance abuse counseling, assistance with applying for benefits, support groups and vocational assessment and referrals. Tenants may also use the program's state-of-the-art technology center. For more information or an application, contact Abbey Nyamekye at (212) 927-0962, ext. 204.

Transitional Living Programs (TLPs)

TLPs are 12- to 18-month residential programs for homeless young people, ages 18-21. In addition to housing, TLPs offer life skills training, interpersonal skill building, educational counseling and opportunities, employment assistance (including career counseling & job placement), substance abuse counseling, and medical and mental health services. Young people in foster care do not qualify for TLP placement. But if you find yourself in need of housing once you have aged out of care, these TLPs can help:

- **Covenant House:** 460 W. 41st Street. Contact person: Rachel Forsyth, tel. 212.613.0300.
- **St. Chris-Otilie/Independence Inns:** (for boys) 93 South 9th St.; (for girls) 400 Grant Ave., Brooklyn. Contact person: Richard Luthy, tel. 718.827.8465.
- **Green Chimneys:** 456 W. 145th St., Ste 1. Contact person: Theresa Nolan, tel. 212.491.5911.

Mentoring Programs

(See also under “Tutoring Programs” and “Sports/Recreation”)

ACS/OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, 2 Washington Street; tel. 212.487-8552/8; <http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/getinvolved/mentoring.html>; for foster youth ages 14-21. Contact: Valerie Dewberry.

ADOLESCENTS & FAMILY COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, INC., 45-67 West Tremont Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.299.2327; e-mail Adolsfamil@aol.com; for ages 13-21. This program is a collaborative effort between Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City and Neighborhood Youth and Family Services.

AMACHI, 122 East 42nd St, 41st floor; tel.212.822.2414; for young people ages 5-28, with a parent who is or was incarcerated. This program supports young people with parents in jail. Mentors are people of faith.

ASIAN PROFESSIONAL EXTENSION (APEX), INC., 120 Wall Street, 3rd floor, tel.:212.809.4391; www.apex-norge; for Asian-American Junior High and High School students, ages 12-20. APEX provides Asian-American role models to help students broaden their horizons, develop strong interpersonal skills and a positive self image, and nurture valuable one-on-one relationships that often last for many years. Mentor/mentee pairs generally meet on weekends. Students must participate in the program for at least one year.

ASPHALT GREEN, Health & Fitness Careers Internship Program, 555 East 90th St.; tel.: 212.369.8890; for young people ages 13-18. The Health & Fitness Careers Internship Program (HFCIP) provides a work readiness learning experience by exposing participants to careers in the health and fitness industry. Interns who successfully complete the first phase of the program (“Tier I”) are eligible for 50-hour paid internship to work one-on-one with an Asphalt Green workplace mentor. The program focuses on academic advisement, career exploration and job skills training.

BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LIBERTY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, Project Caring Connections, 610 West 112th St, tel. 212.875.4512; for young people in grades 6-12 grade who are “at risk” of dropping out of school. The Program is a college preparatory program designed to provide a comprehensive range of academic, counseling and recreational services to support young people and motivate them to complete high school and go to college.

BARBARA JORDAN RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAM, Brooks Memorial United Methodist Church, 143-22 109th Ave., Jamaica; tel. 347.427.3076; for young people in middle & high school. The Rites of Passage Program encourages young people

to explore and celebrate their family, church and community history. Mentors assist young people to develop a positive sense of themselves: who they are, where they are going and what they need to do to get there. The program focuses on career exploration, entrepreneurship, civic responsibility, community service, awareness of the workplace and religion.

BAYCHESTER/GUNHILL YOUTH COUNCIL, 1930 Schieffelin Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.652.0810; for ages 5-21. Activities include one-on-one mentoring and tutoring.

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT “I HAVE A DREAM” (IHAD) PROGRAM, 1121 Bedford Ave., Blyn; tel. 718.638.1397; for ages 12-18. This program provides a long-term educational support through academic assistance, computer training, counseling, one-on-one mentoring, recreational activities, field trips and tutoring. IHAD also offers life skills training and college counseling/ support.

BETTER BRONX FOR YOUTH, 320 East 149th, 4th floor, Bronx; tel. 718.665.2449; for ages 13-19.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER OF NYC, 223 East 30th St., tel. 212.686.2042; www.bbbsny.org; ages 7-17. Contact: Lizette Hernandez.

BLACK ACHIEVERS IN INDUSTRY (BAI) MENTOR PROGRAM HARLEM YMCA, 180 West 135th Street, tel.: 212.491.3178; www.ymcanyc.org; for African-Americans students, ages 13-18. The Black Achievers in industry Mentor Program pairs young people with African-Americans honored by the National Salute to Black Achievers in industry Awards Project.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS YOUNG MOTHERS MENTORING PROGRAM, Big Brothers Big Sisters Bronx Office, 555 Bergen St., 4th fl.; tel. 718.742.7301. Based in the Bronx, this programs pairs pregnant and parenting young women with mentors who can help identify community services, attend parenting classes, prepare for childbirth, attend fun activities. In order to participate, you must be 19 and under, currently pregnant or parenting, a resident of the Bronx, interested in forming a relationship with a caring adult, able to meet with your mentor 3-5 hours, twice a week. You must commit for at least 12 months. For additional info, contact Melissa Yugel or Vidhya Rangaiah, tel. 718.742.7301.

BRONXCONNECT MENTORING PROJECT at Urban Youth Alliance, 14 West 170th St, Bronx, tel.: 718.402.6872; for young people ages 12-18 who live in the Bronx AND have an open court case in the Bronx OR have recently been released from a secure facility. BronxConnect is faith-based, alternative-to-incarceration program focusing on services for court-involved young people. Activities include visits to cultural and recreational programs and special speakers.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (CAS), DUNLEVY MILBANK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, 1432 W.118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716; and FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTER, 885 Columbus Avenue & 105th Street; tel. 212.865.6337 offer gender-specific mentoring programs: Hoop Brothers for boys and Sister Net for girls.

DIGITAL CLUBHOUSE NETWORK, DIGITALLY ABLED PRODUCERS PROJECT, 55 Broad St., tel. 212.269.4284; for young people ages 12-16. Mentors help participants create a digital story using a desktop computer. Mentors also help participants learn how to use multimedia tools like Photoshop, Premiere, HTML and Dreamweaver. In addition, participants learn about project & time management, critical thinking and work etiquette.

FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS UNLIMITED (FSSU), Career Mentoring & Self-Empowerment Program, 1749 Grand Concourse, Suite 1A, Bronx; tel. 718.716.6000; for ages 14-21. FSSU's Mentoring Program prepares young people for the world of work by exposing them to different occupations, helping them develop work readiness skills and encouraging career exploration. Activities take place at mentors' place of employment or One Fordham Plaza.

GIRLS EDUCATIONAL & MENTORING SERVICES (GEMS) provides peer, crisis & individual counseling, short-term family therapy, youth leadership programming and training to young women, ages 13-21. The goal of the program is "to educate, support and empower young women who are at risk of sexual exploitation, abuse and violence. Info: tel. 212.926.8089; www.gems-girls.org.

GIRLS VACATION FUND, 370 Lexington Ave, Suite 913; tel.: 212.532.7050; for young women ages 14+. Mentors provide support in academics, career exploration and personal growth & development. Though the program provides job site visits and college tours, most of the mentoring goes on through email exchanges between mentors and participants.

GLORIA WISE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, Wise Connections Mentoring Program, 950 Baychester Ave., Bronx, tel. 718.379.2817; for young people ages 6-18, living in the northeast Bronx and surrounding areas. Mentors help participants with academic advice, career exploration and personal growth & development. Activities include: speakers, job site visits, visits to recreational and cultural programs, and family retreats for parent and youth participants.

GO GIRL! (Girls Outreach: Group Intervention Resiliency Learning!) Mentoring Program, Bronx AIDS Services, 7 West Burnside Ave, 2nd fl., Bronx; tel.: 718.295.5690, ext. 424; for young women ages 12-17, living in the Bronx. Weekly group meetings and monthly recreational outings (Broadway shows, ice-skating, etc.).

GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT'S Girls' and Young Women's Initiative

engages more than 150 participants in leadership development, peer health education training, mentoring, computer and Internet training, college and career exploration, arts, sports, drama, homework assistance, and tutoring. Grand Street Settlement is located at 80 Pitt Street; tel. 212-674-1740l; <http://www.grandstreet.org>.

GREATER ZION HILL COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (GZHCAN), INC., 2365 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, tel. 212.865.9319; for elementary, middle & high school students ages 5-18. The GZHCAN has partnered with 11 churches and four other organizations to design a one-to-one mentoring program which focuses on academics, college preparation, goal development, confidence-building and career exploration. The Program includes after-school tutoring, one-to-one mentoring and group activities.

INTEL COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, 2821 Frederick Douglass Blvd; tel. 212.491.5280; for ages 10-16. The Intel Computer Clubhouse is an exploratory after-school learning environment where young people can work on projects with mentors using the latest computer technology.

LEGAL OUTREACH COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM, 509 W. 129th St (at Amsterdam Ave), Room 401; tel. 212.690.9989.

LOWER EASTSIDE GIRLS' CLUB, 56 E. 1st St.; tel. 212.982.1633; <http://www.girlsclub.org>. The Girls' Club has 3 different mentoring programs for girls, ages 8-18, who live on the Lower Eastside: **(1) the Museum Club** pairs up girls with individual mentors for lunch and a day at the museum including a drawing class. **(2) the Book Club** pairs girls with professional women to eat brunch, read and discuss books on Saturday mornings. **(3) Project VIP (VOICE, IDENTITY and POWER)**: In this drama club, girls learn improvisational techniques, modes of expression and communication, costume design and set creation. They write also their own original plays and perform them twice a year.

MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, 1150 Carroll St, Bklyn; tel.718.270.6054; for ages 14-18. The mission of this mentoring program is to support students through high school so they graduate from prepared to enter college and/or the workforce. Activities include small group discussions and computer/video use.

MY SISTER/MI FAMILIA at the Dome, 486 Amsterdam Ave., tel. 212.724.1780; www.youthenternet.org/dome.htm; young women, ages 13-18. This Girls-Only Program meets Tues. & Wed., 4-6pm for workshops and trips focusing on educational enrichment, self-awareness, job & career readiness, recreation & community activism. The Partners Program, an offshoot of My Sister, offers teenage girls the opportunity to develop a supportive relationship with an adult. Info: call or e-mail Hilary Kopple, Girls Program Coordinator, hilaryk24@yahoo.com.<http://www.youthenternet.org/dome.htm>.

PROMESA, 311 East 175th St, Bronx; tel. 718.299.1100, ext.7534; for ages 14-18. The Hands That Build the Future Mentoring Program involves both one-on-one mentoring and group activities.

RED HOOK COMMUNITY YOUTH COURT MENTORING PROGRAM, tel.718.923.8245/8260; <http://www.courtinnovation.org>. Young people, ages 10-18, who “graduate” from the Red Hook Youth Court diversion program (both members and respondents) are eligible to participate in ongoing mentoring and internship opportunities at the Red Hook Community Justice Center. The program recruits volunteer mentors and internship supervisors from among the ranks of the police officers, attorneys, social workers and others stationed at the Justice Center. In addition to providing opportunities for young people to meet adult role models and practice some of the skills developed in Youth Court training, the program will give young people the chance to interact with criminal justice players in a setting that is constructive and non-adversarial. Contact: James Brodick.

SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, KEEPING CONNECTED: THE COLLEGE MENTORING PROGRAM, 303 East 21st St., Bklyn, tel.718.287.1783; ages 16-22. This program uses the spiritual resources and life experiences of mentors from its congregation to assist, encourage, guide and support students as they face the challenges of academic life, future employment, and community and church leadership.

SPONSORS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY (SEO), 126 East 31st St; tel. 212.532.2454, ext.124; www.SEO-NY.org; for young people in middle school through college. SEO offers **(1) College Admissions Mentoring Program (Adopt a Junior/Adopt a Senior)** which supports students as they research and apply to college; **(2) Esteem Teams Mentoring** which is a team variation of the One-to-One mentoring model where small groups of mentors and mentees participate in a year of activities to help foster self-esteem in the participants; and **(3) Basketball Mentoring**.

SUPPORTIVE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY NETWORK SCAN-NY, 207 East 27th St; tel.212.683.2522; young people, ages 12-19, from East Harlem and the South Bronx. In addition to its mentoring program, SCAN-NY offers “Reach for the Stars,” a college and career teen program, rap groups, SAT preparation, homework help, tutoring and career shadowing.

RANGEL COMMUNITY CENTER, 159-36 Harlem River Drive (at 159th St); tel. 212.491.5400.

THE VALLEY, INC., 1047 Amsterdam Ave., tel. 212.222.2110; ages 6-24. This program empowers young people to become independent, self-sufficient and responsible adults by providing them with the support and resources they need to complete their education, develop important skills and become leaders in their communities.

GLBTQ Resources and Opportunities

Every Wed., 4-6pm, GLBTQ SUPPORT GROUP at Project Reach, *1 Orchard Street, (btw Canal & Division Sts; F train to Broadway), 2nd floor; tel. 212.966.4227 or 800.70-REACH.* Do you or someone you know need a place to come and talk? This group will cover topics like: sexual orientation, homophobia, sexual/verbal harassment, coming out, relationships, dealing with parents and whatever else you want to cover. For more info, email trannieboi88@yahoo.com.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES (Y.E.S.) at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, *208 West 13th Street; tel. 212.620.7310; www.centeryes.org.* Y.E.S. offers a number of programs specifically for young people, ages 13-21, including: creative writing, safer sex kit making; bookmaking; support groups for young men, women & transgendered people; computer lab; digiArts, ArtTIME; and drop-in counseling.

Every Fri., 5:30-7:30pm, Chill Gathering for LBTQ Womyn of Color. Brown Bush Culture (BBC), a project of Sister Outsider, is a weekly supportive space focusing on nurturing LBTQ young womyn, ages 14-22, to grow to their fullest potential. Join BBC for discussion groups, healing work, open mike, learning about politics, activities, events & outings, or just chillin'. For more info, contact Taneshia at tel. 718.282.9586. BBC meets at Sister Outsider, 26 Raleigh Place, 2nd Floor. Take 2 train to Church Ave. It's the first building on your left, at the corner of Church and Raleigh Place.

THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY CENTER, *208 West 13th Street, New York; tel. 212.620.7310; www.gaycenter.org.* The Center offers too many programs and services to list! They include: cultural programs; recreational programs; counseling & social services; youth & family services; and education & outreach. The Center also sponsors many community resources, among them New York's largest lending library of LGBT material; the National Archive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History; the National Museum of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History which provides space for the exhibition of artwork by queer artists. In addition, the Center offers ways for people to get connected with the community via its NYC Resources/Information & Referral Database, a comprehensive database of LGBT and HIV/AIDS resources throughout the metropolitan area, and via its Cyber Center, which is open daily to the public. For more information as well as a schedule of events & meetings, visit their website.

QUEENS PRIDE HOUSE (QPH), *67-03 Woodside Ave (in Woodside); tel. 718.429.5309; http://queenspridehouse.tripod.com.* QPH, the center for the LGBT communities of Queens, offers free and confidential referrals & information for legal services, medical & mental health services, family counseling, social & support services, and social groups &

events. It also sponsors social events & rap groups; has a lending library of LGBT books and videos and houses "Queer Links," a resource referral program. For more information as well as a schedule of events & meetings, visit their website.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS (PFLAG) AWARDS \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS, renewable for up to four years, to college-bound lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth high school seniors. For more information, call Miriam Yeung at the LGBT Community Center and ask about the Asworth/Benov scholarships, 208 West 13th St.; tel. 212.620.7310.

Every other Tues., 5-7pm, COVER LETTER & RESUME-WRITING for LGBT youth. Learn resume & cover letter writing basics with fun activities to get you thinking about how to put yourself on paper! We will be going over what employers want to see in a cover letter & resume. Meets twice a month, every other Tuesday beginning Sept. 23. You must attend one orientation session (offered every Thurs. from 5-6pm) to participate in the workshops. At the LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13th St. Info: 212.620.7310, ext.276.

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING FACILITIES/SERVICES BECAUSE YOU DO NOT LOOK LIKE THE LEGAL SEX LISTED ON YOUR STATE-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION? The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) at Urban Justice Center will make you a new piece of ID with your correct name and gender. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, call or email: 646.602.5638; sylviariveralaw@urbanjustice.org to set up an appointment.

ARE YOU LGBTQ AND IN FOSTER CARE? Are you being teased or harassed for being LGBTQ? Are you having problems in your group home or foster home? Do you want to know about programs for LGBTQ youth? Do you want to talk to someone about coming out or your gender identity? Do you need to see a doctor outside your foster care agency? Do you want a resource guide for LGBTQ youth? The Gay & Lesbian Youth Project at Lawyers for Children (LFC) can help! For more info, contact Cari Pena at tel. 212.966.6420. LFC is located at 110 Lafayette St., 8th floor.

GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT'S Gay and Lesbian Youth Initiative provides youth with a safe space in which to explore issues such as homophobia, loss and bereavement, coming-out, self-discovery, and relationships; trains them to be peer educators; and guides them in developing strategies for living positively in an often negative environment. Grand Street Settlement is located at 80 Pitt Street; tel. 212.674.1740l; <http://www.grandstreet.org>.

TRIANGLE TRIBE, a project of Green Chimneys, offers a range of services for GLBTQ young people in foster care incl. a support group and mentoring program. Info: Megan Kelley, tel. 212.491.5911, ext. 20.

1st & 3rd Wed. of the month, 7-9pm, LOUNGIN' IN GIOVANNI'S ROOM. A free spoken word, poetry venue for all people who love spoken word & the stories behind them. Come & share your pieces & stories. Date: Soul Food/GMHC. At 119 W. 24th St btw 6th & 7th Aves. Take 1/9/C/F to 23rd St. Info: tel. 212.367.1372; anthonym@gmhc.org.

THE HARVEY MILK SCHOOL is the first and largest public school for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people. The School provides a comprehensive High School Curriculum (grades 9-12) with mandatory State Regents Exams. The Hetrick Martin Institute supports the School by providing a comprehensive array of programs including: educational enrichment opportunities (such as college & career advisement, tutoring and mentoring), individual, group and family counseling and case management services, and other supportive services such as leadership skills building, health and wellness education, recreation and socialization activities through HMI's After-School Program (which is open to young people who are not enrolled at Harvey Milk). Req: you must be 14-16 years old & seeking a HS diploma; have 0-15 credits (exception made for 17 year-olds with 21 credits or more); have completed 8th grade; have legal guardian approval and commitment; have submitted all the necessary paperwork (school attendance records, transcripts, social security card, birth certificate, immunization record and IEP, if available). Info: contact Wendy Alloca & Marta Esquilin at tel. 212.674.2400.

Health Care Services

The health care providers listed below know that your health concerns are different from those of adults. They can answer questions about sex, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and pregnancy & family planning. **They can also provide contraception.** All the clinics listed below provide free or low-cost services.

MANHATTAN

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER
462 First Avenue; tel. 212.562.6321

HELEN B. ATKINSON CENTER
81 West 115th Street; tel. 212.426.0088

BORIKEN NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER, Taino Towers
2253 3rd Avenue; tel. 212.289.6650

HERITAGE HEALTH CENTER
1727 Amsterdam Avenue
Tel. 212.862.0054

BOYS AND GIRLS HARBOR
1 East 104th Street; tel. 212.427.2244

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL
1901 First Avenue; tel. 212.423.7408

COMMUNITY LEAGUE CENTER
1996 Amsterdam Avenue
Tel. 212.781.7979

THE MILBANK, Mt. Sinai Medical Group, 14-32 W. 118th Street
Tel. 212. 369.8339

CALLEN-LORDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, 356 West 18th Street; tel. 212.271.7200. *Callen-Lorde is NYC's only medical facility dedicated to meeting the health care needs of the LGBTQ community and people living with HIV/AIDS, regardless of any patient's ability to pay.*

MT. SINAI ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER, 312 East 94th Street
Tels. 212.423.2900/3000

RYAN CENTER MOBILE CLINIC FOR YOUTH, tel. 212.316.7912/212.749.1820
for locations & times

CHARLES B. WANG
125 Walker Street, 2nd floor
Tel. 212.226.3888

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSES, CHILD HEALTH CENTER, 281 West 127th Street
Tel. 212.865.1300

THE DOOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER, 121 Ave. of the Americas; tel. 212.941.9090, ext. 3222.

WILLIAM F. RYAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, 110 West 97th Street
Tel. 212.749.1820

THE FLOATING HOSPITAL
Pier 11, East River at Wall Street
Tel. 212.514.7440

HARLEM HOSPITAL, Ronald Brown Building, 506 Lenox Avenue
Tel. 212.939.8005

BROOKLYN

BMS FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
592 Rockaway Avenue; tel. 718.345.5000

CONEY ISLAND HOSPITAL
2601 Ocean Parkway
Tel. 718.616.3223

DR. BETTY SHABAZZ HEALTH CENTER, 999 Blake Avenue
Tel. 718.277.8303

HEALTH EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES FOR TEENS (HEAT), Kings County Hospital Center, E Building, Clarkson Ave. & E. 39th Street, Room 4147; tel. 718.467.4446. HEAT serves young people, ages 13-24, who are HIV-infected or at risk of becoming HIV-infected. HEAT services: confidential HIV pre- & post-test counseling, STD screening & treatment, & HIV medical services; pregnancy tests & birth control; dermatology, counseling & support groups, substance abuse assessment & referrals. Services are free, & available to straight & GLBTQ young people.

HOMECREST HEALTH CENTER
Coney Island Hospital, 1610 Avenue S.
Tel. 718.399.6243

IDA G. ISRAEL HEALTH CENTER,
Coney Island Hospital
2201 Neptune Avenue; tel. 718.946.3400

PLANNED PARENTHOOD BORO HALL CENTER, 44 Court Street
Tel. 718.965.7000

KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER
450 Clarkson Avenue
Tel. 718.245.3651

DA BRONX

BRONX CENTER

975 Westchester Avenue
Tel. 718.991.9250

BRONX FAMILY CENTER CLINIC

1515 Southern Blvd
Tel. 718.589.3400

BRONX-LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER ADOLESCENT & YOUNG ADULT (AYA) CLINIC at BronxCare,

3rd Ave. at the corner of 146th St.;
Tel. 718.838.1000. AYA offers Basic
Physicals for school or camp; asthma,
diabetes and sickle cell anemia treatment;
crisis counseling (around domestic
violence, GLBTQ issues pregnancy &
parenting, addiction, etc.); special support
groups. **For women**, AYA offers
gynecological exams; testing for sexually
transmitted diseases (STDs) like
AIDS/HIV; pregnancy tests & family
planning; and prenatal care. **For men**,
AYA offers sports therapy; testing for
STDs; family planning & support groups
for young fathers. AYA will also help
people who want to quit smoking or other
bad habits. To make an appointment, call
718.838.1000 or dial 99-BRONX and ask
for the Adolescent & Young Adult Program.
If you just have a question, call
718.838.1016.

JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER

1400 Pelham Parkway
Tel. 718.918.5429

ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL

4422 Third Avenue
Tel. 718.960.9331

MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER

Adolescent AIDS Program

3514 Wayne Avenue, tel. 718.882.0232; and
111 East 210th Street; tel. 718.882.0023

NORTH BRONX HEALTH CARE NETWORK

3424 Kossuth Avenue
Tel. 718.519.4988

PLANNED PARENTHOOD BRONX CENTER

349 East 149th Street
Tel. 718.965.7000

SOUTH BRONX HEALTH CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

871 Prospect Avenue
Tel. 718.991.0605

QUEENS

ELMHURST HOSPITAL CENTER

79-01 Broadway
Tel. 718. 334.3025

JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, 8900 Van Wyck Expressway
Tel. 718.206.7016

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

67-10 Rockaway Beach Boulevard
Tel. 718.945.7150; and
1288 Central Avenue
Tel. 718. 868.8230

MT. SINAI HOSPITAL OF QUEENS

Family Health Center
30-04 Crescent Street; tel. 718.267.4265

QUEENS HEALTH CENTER

97-04 Sutphin Boulevard
Tel. 718.657.7088

QUEENS HOSPITAL CENTER

Pediatric Clinic, 82-68 164th Street
Tel. 718.883.3301

Drew Center, 166-10 Archer Avenue
Tel. 718.883.6520;

Parsons Clinic, 90-37 Parsons Boulevard
Tel. 718.334.6486

South Queens Clinic
114-02 Guy R. Brewer Blvd
Tel. 718.883.6616

STATEN ISLAND

STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTER

475 Seaview Avenue
Tel. 718. 226.6294

BAY STREET HEALTH CENTER at S.I. University Hospital Center

57 Bay Street
Tel. 718. 226.6700

Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Young Men and Women

FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS UNLIMITED, INC., 1749 Grand Concourse, Suite 1A; tel. 718.220.5400, has a Young mothers' Program and parenting training.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MOMS & EARLY HEAD START at The Door, 121 Ave. of the Americas; tel. 212.941.9090, includes: **(1) The Prenatal and Mother's Support Group** gives pregnant and parenting young women both emotional support and concrete parenting skills. The group is led by a social worker and combines counseling with instruction (on nutrition, children's health, etc.) **(2) The LYFE (Living for the Young Family through Education)** is a NYC Department of Education (DOE) program which allows young mothers to continue their high school education or GED program. High quality day care provided. Space is limited and women must enroll or be enrolled in a DOE program to be eligible. For more info, contact Annaleen Carville at ext. 3317. **(3) The Early Head Start Program** helps young parents develop their parenting skills, understand their children's development and connect with other young parents through parent/child playgroups. For more info or to enroll, contact Millie Diaz at ext. 3241.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS YOUNG MOTHERS MENTORING PROGRAM, *Big Brothers Big Sisters Bronx Office, 555 Bergen St., 4th fl.; tel. 718.742.7301.* Based in the Bronx, this programs pairs pregnant and parenting young women with mentors who can help identify community services, attend parenting classes, prepare for childbirth, attend fun activities. In order to participate, you must be 19 and under, currently pregnant or parenting, a resident of the Bronx, interested in forming a relationship with a caring adult, able to meet with your mentor 3-5 hours, twice a week. You must commit for at least 12 months. For additional info, contact Melissa Yugel or Vidhya Rangaiah, tel. 718.742.7301.

ARE YOU PREGNANT &/OR PARENTING? HEALTHY FAMILIES OF NEW YORK CITY (HFNYC) HOME VISITING PROGRAM OFFERS FREE AND VOLUNTARY HOME VISITS by a Family Support Worker once a week before your child is born and in the first six months after your baby is born. You may participate in the program until your child turns five or enrolls in Head Start. The Family Support Worker will help you 1) understand your baby and his or her needs (for example, what does it mean when your baby cries? What does he/she want?); 2) relate to your baby and make bath time, diaper change and feeding time more fun; 3) teach your baby about the world through play; 4) find the best health care for you and your baby; 5) reach your own employment & educational goals; 6) learn

about breastfeeding, nutrition, childbirth, child rearing and much more. The Program is only available to people living in certain zip codes. If you live in the **BRONX** and your zip code is **10453**, call **718.716.4400**. If your zip is **10457**, call **718.466.7758**. If you live in **BROOKLYN** and your zip is **11216**, call **718.638.2828**. If your zip is **11226**, call **718.826.2223**. If your zip is **11237**, call **718.416.1442**. If you live in **MANHATTAN** and your zip is **10026 or 10037**, call **212.690.2229**. If your zip is **10033**, call **212.923.5440**. If you live in **QUEENS** and your zip is **11412 or 11436**, call **718.262.9180**. If you live on **STATEN ISLAND** and your zip is **10301, 10302 or 10303**, call **718.874.4454**. If you live in **YONKERS or MOUNT VERNON** and your zip is **10701 or 10550**, call **914.1663, ext. 1011**.

BOYS AND GIRLS HARBOR Early Parent, Early Child (EPEC) Program provides supportive counseling and assistance for pregnant and parent teens. For info contact: Nadine Doleyres, tel. 212.828.7808; email: ndoleyres@boysharbor.org. (See also under “College Counseling & Support,” “Job Readiness & Vocational Programs” and “Health Services.”)

GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT’S Bushwick Teen Mothers Project helps pregnant girls and teen mothers to stay in school, make responsible and informed decisions, and establish long-range goals. It helps them access health and social services for themselves and their children, and provides them with parenting and child development training. Grand Street Settlement is located at 80 Pitt Street; tel. 212.674.1740l; <http://www.grandstreet.org>.

STRIVE/ POPS (Paternity Optimizes Potential Success) Program. The goal of Strive/POPS is to strengthen the bond between fathers and their children while giving fathers the employment skills they need to help support their children. The program targets 16-47 year old fathers who need help navigating the child support system and learning parenting skills. Fathers participate in Strive’s Core Employment Training while also taking part in weekly peer support groups on topics such as “Relationship Building” and “Communication Skills.” For more information on the Core Employment Training, see above under “Educational, Job Readiness & Vocational Programs.” For more info: call 212.360.1100. Strive is located at 240 East 123rd St (btw 2nd & 3rd Aves), 3rd floor.

P.A.P.A. (Parental Awareness Prevents Abandonment) Program at Loisaida, Inc., 710 East 9th Street, 4th Floor; <http://www.mcnnyc.org/Agencies/PAPA.html>, guides and provides support to young fathers and young men expecting children in the areas of employment, education, health, child visits, and child support. For info, contact Gregory Horta, Program Coordinator at 212.353.0272. Loisaida Inc. is located at 710 East 9th Street, 4th Floor; <http://www.mcnnyc.org/Agencies/PAPA.html>.

Every Thurs., 7-8:30pm, Parenting Group for Fathers at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bx; <http://www.khcc-nyc.org>. For info, contact Michael Halpern, tel. 718.884.0700, ext. 132.

Programs for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

“EACH ONE, TEACH ONE” (EOTO) LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.

The Correctional Association’s Juvenile Justice Project recently launched EOTO which aims to help develop the organizing and leadership skills of young people who have been affected by juvenile justice policies—including both young people who have been incarcerated and those who live in neighborhoods with high rates of youth incarceration. The program has three main goals: 1) to train young people to become activists and leaders in juvenile justice reform efforts; 2) to involve young people in the public debate and decision-making regarding youth and juvenile justice issues; and 3) to effect positive, far-reaching changes in juvenile justice policies in New York. For more info, contact Youth Training Coordinator, Sheldon Petgrave tel. 212.254.5700 ext. 312.

EXODUS TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY (ETC), 161 E. 104th St (btw Lexington and 3rd Ave; 6 to 103rd St); for more info, contact Jevon McDuffie at tel. 917.492.0990, ext. 212.

ETC helps people who are re-entering their communities after being released from prison. ETC’s Youth Initiative assists formerly incarcerated young people, ages 14-18, find and retain housing and jobs, and re-enroll in school.

BRONXCONNECT MENTORING PROJECT at Urban Youth Alliance, 14 West 170th St, Bronx, tel.: 718.402.6872; for young people ages 12-18 who live in the Bronx AND have an open court case in the Bronx OR have recently been released from a secure facility. BronxConnect is faith-based, alternative-to-incarceration program focusing on services for court-involved young people. Activities include visits to cultural and recreational programs and special speakers.

Drop-in and Crisis Centers

PROMESA’S EL CENTRO DROP-IN CENTER, 966 Prospect Ave., Bronx; tel. 718.589.7628; <http://promesa.org>. El Centro provides homeless and/or runaway youth, ages 13-21, with food, shelter and crisis care, as well as counseling, independent life skills workshops, recreational activities, and referrals to medical services, GED programs, computer skill training programs, job corps, substance abuse shelters, transitional living programs, housing programs, and social service agencies.

Sports/Recreation

Your agency should cover any fees or expenses associated with your recreational activities—up to \$400 per year. Make sure to speak with your caseworker before registering for a class or program. If you have any trouble getting your agency to pay fees, contact your law guardian or Lynne Echenberg, tel. 917.286.1532.

EVERY WED., JAN. 12-MARCH 2, 5:30-6:45PM, HATHA YOGA AT OAK RIDGE in Forest Park, Queens. Learn to breathe, stretch and move into postures that cultivate harmony of body, mind and spirit. Treat yourself to a non-competitive, safe and healing experience through this popular form of yoga. Registration is required! Suggested donation: \$7 per session. For more info or to register, call 718.235.0815.

SAT., JAN. 15-FEB. 19, 10:30AM-12PM, FREE YOGA AT THE GREENBELT NATURE CENTER, 700 Rockland Ave., Staten Island. Join certified Yoga teacher Nancy Kaufman for yoga sessions overlooking beautiful inspiring woods of the Greenbelt. All fitness levels welcome.

EVERY THURS. IN JAN., 2PM - 6PM, AFTER SCHOOL SKATING SPECIAL AT WOLLMAN RINK & FLOWER GARDEN in Prospect Park, (at Parkside & Ocean Aves, Bklyn; Q train to Parkside; buses B16, B12 & B41). Buy one admission to Wollman Rink and receive another for free. Adult admission \$5; children & seniors \$3; skate rentals \$5. For more info, call 718.287.6431.

THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM, at the Bronx Defenders, 860 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx; tel. 718.838.7878/800.597.7980; <http://www.bronxdefenders.org>. The Basketball Program is joint project of the Bronx Defenders, the Sports Foundation and the Bronx School of Law Government and Justice. The program aims to build and strengthen basketball skills, teamwork, and leadership among youth participants. Using The Sports Foundation's "5 Spot Drill" curriculum, we will hold 5-week training cycles for a group of 15-20 young people, ages of 16-20 from the Morrisania neighborhood. Volunteers of The Bronx Defenders staff provide guidance, mentoring, and help coach the young people as they work their way towards competitive tournaments and an action-packed evening.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (CAS), DUNLEVY MILBANK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, 1432 W. 118th Street; tel. 212.996.1716. Heated indoor swimming pool, gym, lounges, game room, huge outdoor playground with lighting, library and picnic area. Programs include: martial arts, African & hip hop dance, swimming and girls' fitness classes.

SKATING RINKS

BROOKLYN

Abe Stark Rink, *Coney Island Boardwalk & Broadway at W. 19th St.*; tel. 718.946.6536. **Kate Wollman Rink**, *Prospect Park East Drive near entrance on Parkside & Ocean Aves.*; tel. 718.287.6431.

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Lasker Rink, *Central Park at 107th St.*; tel. 917.492.3856.
Wollman Rink, *Central Park at 63rd St.*; tel. 212.439.6900.

QUEENS

World's Fair Ice Skating Rink, *NYC Building, Flushing Meadows, Corona Park*; tel. 718.271.1996

STATEN ISLAND

S.I. War Memorial Ice Skating Rink, *Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd, west of Clove Rd*; tel. 718.720.1010.

BRONX

Mullaly Recreation Center, *East 164th (at Jerome Ave.)*; tel. 718.822.4191.

NYC Recreation Centers

Check out NYC's Recreation Centers for all kinds of free and low-cost sports and recreational activities including indoor pools, weight rooms, basketball courts, dance studios, boxing rings, art studios, game rooms, libraries, aerobics, tai chi, fencing, dancing, theater and sculpture. Membership for young people under 18 is free; an annual membership for adults (18 and up) is \$50 for centers without pools and \$75 for centers with pools. Your agency should cover the fee. Call the Centers for hours of operation and program schedules.

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St. Mary's Recreation Center, *450 St. Ann's Ave. (at 145th St.)*, tel. 718.402.5160.
Facilities: indoor pool, gym, fitness room, boxing room, dance room, game room, basketball courts, baseball field, athletic field, outdoor running track, tennis courts, computer resource center, arts & crafts room, kitchen, locker rooms.

Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, swimming, flag football, soccer, karate/tae kwon do, boxing, basketball, boxing and arts & crafts.

St. James Recreation Center, 2530 Jerome Ave. (at 192nd St.), tel. 718.822.4271. Facilities: fitness room, game room, basketball courts, tennis courts, computer resource center, arts & crafts room, handball courts, a learning center and a performance stage. Programs/classes/activities: cooking, dance, visual arts, music, computer training and fitness.

Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center, 3225 Reservoir Oval East (btw 208th & Bainbridge Sts.), tel. 718.543.8672/822.4508. Facilities: fitness room, game room, basketball courts, tennis courts, outdoor track and playground.

Mullaly Recreation Center, East 164th (at Jerome Ave.), tel. 718.822.4191. Facilities: outdoor skate park & gymnasium.

Hunts Point Recreation Center, 765 Manida St. (btw Lafayette St. & Spofford Ave.), tel. 718.860.5544. Facilities: fitness room, gymnasium, cardio machines, basketball courts, volleyball court, outdoor baseball fields, computer resource center, performance stage, kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: track, karate, dance, visual arts and homework assistance.

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Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Blvd (btw Mother Gaston & Christopher Sts.), tel. 718.345.2706. Facilities: indoor pool, gym, fitness room, dance room, handball courts, game rooms, performance stages, computer resource center, arts & crafts room, kitchens, locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, hip hop, Young Savior Cadet Academy, instructional basketball clinics, girl scouts, Double Dutch Youth Advisory Board, martial arts, track & field, baseball, softball and Fire Explorers Club.

Red Hook Recreation Center, 155 Bay St. (btw Henry & Clinton Sts.), tel. 718.722.3211. Facilities: outdoor pool, gym, fitness room, basketball court, athletic field, performance stages, computer resource center, locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, martial arts, yoga and computer classes.

St. John's Recreation Center, 1251 Prospect Place (btw Troy & Schenectady Sts.), tel. 718.771.2787. Facilities: indoor pool, gym, fitness room, basketball courts, dance room, handball court, athletic fields, game room, playground, computer resource center, arts and crafts room, locker room. Programs/classes/activities: swimming, exercise, quilting, tai chi, math classes, aerobics and SAT program.

Sunset Park Recreation Center, 7th Ave. (at 42nd St.), tel. 718.965.6533. Facilities:

outdoor pool, gym, fitness room, basketball courts, dance room, handball courts, athletic field, boxing room, game room, playground, computer resource center, locker room and a kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, computers, Tae Bo class and drama.

Von King Cultural Arts Center, 670 Lafayette (btw Marcy & Tompkins Aves), tel. 718.622.2082. Facilities: half-court basketball court, dance room, handball courts, athletic field, game room, playgrounds, computer resource center, performance stage, arts & crafts room and a kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, acrobatics, African/Caribbean dance, chess club, computer workshop, drama workshop, arts & crafts, handicrafts (quilting, tile and banner-making), steel band workshop, step class, table tennis, tap dance and Tae Kwon Do/Karate.

Metropolitan Pool & Fitness Center, 261 Bedford Ave. (at Metropolitan Ave), tel. 718.599.5707. Facilities: pool, fitness room, computer resource center and locker room. Programs/classes/activities: swimming lessons, Masters Swim Team, Teen Challenge, mentoring USA and fitness programs.

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Alfred E. Smith Recreation Center, 80 Catherine St. (btw Madison & South Sts), tel. 212.285.0300. Facilities: gym, fitness room, basketball courts handball courts, playgrounds, arts & crafts room, computer resource room and locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: computers, break dancing, basketball, cardio kickboxing (rape prevention), homework assistance, AES Drum & Bugle Corps, badminton, karate, video production club, teen club, chess club and intramural activities.

Asser Levy Recreation Center, E. 23rd St. & FDR Drive, tel. 212.447.2020. Facilities: indoor & outdoor pools, fitness room, basketball court, handball courts, playground, arts & crafts room, kitchen and locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: body toning, aerobo, multi-impact aerobics, Tai-Ji/Qi, body sculpting, boxing fitness, total body workout, Tai-Chi, swimming classes, aqua exercise and personal training.

Tony Dapolito Recreation Center (formerly Carmine Recreation Center), 1 Clarkson St. (btw 7th Ave. & Hudson St.), tel. 212.242.5228. Facilities: indoor & outdoor pool, fitness rooms, handball courts, gyms, dance room, athletic field, bocce court, indoor track, playground, arts & crafts room, computer resource center, kitchen and locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: basketball, swimming & swim team, flag football, computer classes, yoga, karate, kick boxing and pilates.

Hamilton Fish Recreation Center, 128 Pitt St. (btw Stanton & E. Houston Sts.), tel. 212.387.7687. Facilities: outdoor pool & outdoor training pool, outdoor exercise equipment, cardio room, free weight room, fitness gym, handball courts, basketball courts, playground, arts & crafts room, computer resource center, performance stage and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, wrestling, karate, computers, ping pong and swimming.

Hansborough Recreation Center Recreation Center, 35 W. 134th St. (btw 5th & Lenox Ave.), tel. 212.234.9603. Facilities: pool, gym, fitness room, arts & crafts room, dance room, outdoor rooftop sundeck, gym, game room, basketball court, locker room and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: computers, aerobics, volleyball, women's basketball, free salsa dance, Ju-Jitsu, African dance and swimming.

Jackie Robinson Recreation Center, 85 Bradhurst Ave. (at W. 146th St.), tel. 212.234.9607. Facilities: outdoor pool, gym, fitness room, arts & crafts room, basketball court, handball court, baseball field, computer resource center and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: computers, Harlem Little League, teen cooking class, aerobics and volleyball.

Pelham Fritz Recreation Center, 18 Mt. Morris Park West (at W. 122nd St.), tel. 212.860.1380. Facilities: outdoor pool, fitness room, basketball courts, dance room, game room, performance stage, athletic field, playgrounds, barbecue area, computer resource room and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, African dance, drumming, Youth Committee, chess night and martial arts.

Thomas Jefferson Recreation Center, 2180 1st Ave. (at E. 112th St.), tel. 212.860.1383. Facilities: outdoor pools, fitness room, basketball courts, game room, athletic fields, playground, handball courts, computer resource room, arts & crafts room, locker rooms and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics, martial arts, table games and ladies night-weight room.

Recreation Center 59, 533 W. 59th St. (btw 10th & 11th Aves); tel. 212.397.3159. Facilities: pool, fitness room, gym and locker rooms. Programs/classes/activities: Youth Awareness and "Learn To" clinics.

J. Hood Wright Recreation Center, 351 Ft. Washington Ave. (at W. 147th St.); tel. 212.927.1563. Facilities: fitness room, handball courts, playground, athletic fields, tennis court, game room, basketball courts, computer resource center, library and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: computers, evening teen program and Working About program.

Morningside Park Recreation Center, 410 W. 123rd St. (at Morningside Dr.); tel. 212.280.0209. Facilities: handball court, playground, basketball court, baseball field, man-made pond & falls, and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: homework help, arts & crafts and table games.

QUEENS

Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Blvd (btw 62nd Ave. & 62nd Rd); tel. 718.263.1163. Facilities: playground, basketball courts, fitness room, Olympic weights platform, playground, boxing ring, arts & crafts room and computer resource center. Programs/classes/activities: volleyball, badminton, basketball, boxing, computers, Gymboree, karate, Learning Can Be Fun, rhythmic gymnastics, Olympic weightlifting and table tennis.

Sorrentino Recreation Center, 18-48 Cornaga Ave. (at Beach 19th St.); tel. 718.471.4818. Facilities: fitness room, gym, game room, arts & crafts room and computer resource center. Programs/classes/activities: computers, double dutch program, homework help, basketball, Brownies, soccer, art class, teen fitness, dance, Sunshine Girls and music programs.

Passerelle Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park (near USTA Tennis Center & Shea Stadium); tel. 718.699.4236. Facilities: fitness room, computer resource center and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: computer training, karate, fitness improvement and woodshop.

Det. Keith L. Williams Recreation Center, 173rd St. (btw. 106th & 107th Aves.); tel. 718.523.6912. Facilities: game room, basketball courts, tennis courts, outdoor pool, playground, outdoor track, handball courts, athletic field, arts & crafts room and kitchen. Programs/classes/activities: teen program, cooking class and Rap 101 (music program).

Roy Wilkins Family Center, Baisley Blvd & 177th St., tel. 718.276.8686. Facilities: basketball courts, tennis courts, pool, game room, fitness room, gym, pond, playground and outdoor track. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics & Learn to Swim.

Louis Armstrong CBO, 108th St. & Northern Blvd; tel. 718.446.8010. Programs/classes/activities: Elmcot Youth Basketball Program, soccer, open gym, handball and weight rooms, Shield Institute, Latino basketball, GED Program, karate, boxing, tutorial, martial arts and Youth Council/Mentor Program.

A.R.R.O.W., 35-30 35th St., tel. 718.349.3408. Facilities: game room, dance room, arts & crafts room and garden. Programs/classes/activities: ESL classes, Capoeira, Mommy & Me and Teens at Parks.

George Cromwell Recreation Center, Pier #6, Murray Hulbert Ave.; tel. 718.816.6172. Facilities: art/ceramics/kiln room, boxing ring & training area, dance/aerobics/conference room, basket court, gym, nautilus fitness room, computer resource center and photography dark room. Programs/classes/activities: aerobics (incl. step aerobics), water color painting, oil painting, art classes, basketball, boxing, ceramics, life skills lecture series, Nia technique, step movement, pilates, woodcarving, yoga, Teens

at Parks and Starlight Memories Dance Series.

Hotlines and Other Supportive Resources

ACS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS HOTLINE for **young people in foster care** who are experiencing difficulties in the child welfare system (e.g. with placement, SPRs, discharge planning, visiting family, racism, sexism, homophobia, etc.) that they are unable to resolve with agency staff. CALL Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm, tel. 212.676.9421.

GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS (GMHC) for questions or concerns about **HIV/AIDS**. CALL 212.807.6655.

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE for **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people in foster care** who feel unsafe or harassed in their placements. CALL 1.866.LGBTeen (1.866.542.8336).

LIFENET HOTLINE NETWORK for people in **crisis** who need help with emotional, drug or alcohol problems. CALL 1.800.543.3638. For Spanish, call 1.877.298.3373. For Asian languages, CALL 1.877.990.8585.

SAFE HORIZONS for people dealing with **abusive relationships or domestic violence**. CALL 1.800.621.HOPE (4673).

SAMARITANS for those who are feeling **suicidal**. CALL 212.673.3000.

YOUTHLINE offers free, **confidential info, referrals & crisis intervention** to young people. It also offers peer-run workshops and forums on subjects such as: adolescent development, alcohol abuse, anger management, child abuse prevention & education, conflict mediation, grief, loss & bereavement, eating disorders, peer pressure, sexuality & safe sex, suicide, teen violence and youth empowerment. CALL 1.800.246.4646.

Glossary and Table of Abbreviations

Apt: Apartment

Commensurate with: Corresponding in size, extent, amount or degree

EOE: Equal Opportunity Employer;

Exp: Experience

F/T: Full-time job

HBCU: Historically Black Colleges & Universities

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Info: For more information

Pref: Preferred but not required

P/T: Part-time job

Req: Requirements

Sal: Salary

Avail: Available, availability

Dep't: Department

Etiquette: Proper way of doing things; manners

HACU: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Hrs: Hours

Incl: Includes, including

Per Diem: Per Day; usually refers to the way a worker is paid. A per diem worker is paid (and often employed) on a day-to-day basis

Qual: Qualifications

Resp: Responsibilities of the job

t/o: Throughout

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