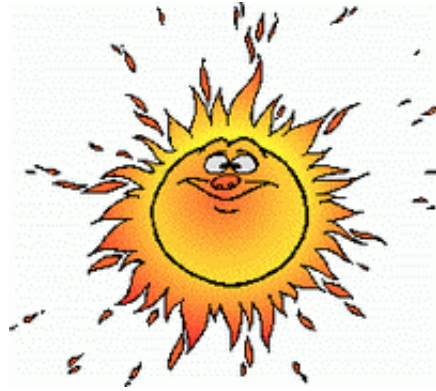


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**"WE ALL DO 'DO, RE, MI,' BUT YOU HAVE GOT
TO FIND THE OTHER NOTES YOURSELF."
- LOUIS ARMSTRONG (1901-1971), JAZZ TRUMPET
VIRTUOSO, SINGER & BANDLEADER**

**"THE WORLD IS BEFORE YOU AND YOU NEED
NOT TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT AS IT WAS WHEN
YOU CAME IN."
-JAMES BALDWIN (1924-1987),
AUTHOR & CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST**

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Activities and Events

Political & Cultural

EVERY THURS., 4-6PM, GLOBAL KIDS' HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PROJECT (HRAP) at the Door, 555 Broome St. (btw Varick & 6th Ave.; 1/9/A to Canal or E to Spring). This year's student-led campaign will focus on advocating for homeless youth in New York City and abroad. HRAP will look into the struggles of street children in Kenya and Brazil and the impact of the tsunami on children in South Asia. Participants will develop and lead an "action." Past actions have included rallies, speak-outs, street theater presentations, murals and peer education workshops. Participants will also have the chance to meet with local, state and federal policy-makers, non-profit executives and media representatives. The project is open to high school students who can earn service credit for participating. For more information, contact Amita Swadhin at tel. 212.226.0130 or amita@globalkids.org.

Creative Writing/ Spoken Word/Hip Hop

(See also under "Dance, Music & Theater" & "GLBTQ Resources & Opportunities".)

NEW! SAT. JUNE 18, 1-7PM, THE FIRST ANNUAL BROOKLYN HIP HOP FESTIVAL at The Brooklyn Brewery, 79 North 11th St., Williamsburg, Bklyn, tel. 718.486.7422. Subway: L to Bedford Ave. (stay at the rear of the train). This first annual Hip Hop Festival will feature artists Brand Nubian, Little Brother, Leela James, Rhymefest, Geology, Medina Green, DJ Language, and more. Also the festival will pay homage to the visual aspect of Hip Hop: New York native, Jackson Brown, will create a painting live the day of the show (to see some of his works, check out: <http://www.eyejammie.com>). **You must be 18 to get in so don't forget your ID.** Tickets are FREE but you need one to get in. Pick up tickets at: FatBeats, 406 6th Ave, 2nd floor, Manhattan, tel. 212.673.3883; Turntable Lab Storefront, 120 East 7th St., Manhattan, tel.212.677.0675; or Halcyon, 57 Pearl St., Dumbo, Bklyn, tel. 718.260.9299 (Halcyon is open Tues.-Wed & Sat. 12-8pm; Thurs.- Fri. 12-9pm; & Sun. 12-6pm). For more information about the festival, including ticket information, go to www.brooklynhiphopfest.com or call 718.408.1151.

WORD OF MOUTH AUDITIONS. Are you a poet? Do you rap? Can you sing? Then call Jan, tel. 718.651.4406, to get more information on how to participate in a June 21st performance at Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd, Long Island City.

NEW! SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP AT REPRESENT! Like to write? Have a story to

tell? Getting ready to leave foster care? Want to learn more about living on your own? From early July to mid-Aug., *Represent!* will offer a writing workshop with a special focus on aging out. Writers will talk about getting ready to make the transition to life on their own. To be eligible to participate, applicants must be 15-21. Those selected will write articles for publication in *Represent!*, and will receive a stipend of \$400 once they finish the course satisfactorily. Space is limited so apply early. For more information or to request an application, call 212.279.0708, ext. 113. **Deadline for submitting completed application: June 10.**

CALL FOR ARTICLES! The National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) wants articles written by current and former court-involved youth about their experience in the system. Selected articles will be published in *The Guardian*, NACC's quarterly publication. NACC will pay authors \$100 if their article is selected for publication. Submissions are open to any topic related to a young person's experience with the court system or his/her attorney. The essays will be accepted on an on-going basis this year. NACC is a non-profit professional membership organization dedicated to training and educating child advocates. NACC is dedicated to improving the quality of representation young people receive. NACC believes that in order to best serve court-involved youth, youth must be given a legitimate voice in their cases and the legal system. For more information, please contact: Amanda George Donnelly, NACC Staff Attorney at 303.864.5321 or donnelly.amanda@tchden.org. Or visit: <http://naccchildlaw.org>

BRONX WRITERS' CENTER AT 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.

EVERY WED. 3:30-5:30PM, WEEKLY AFTERSCHOOL WRITING WORKSHOP at Bronx Writers' Center, Downtown Bronx Café, 141 E. 149th Street at Walton Avenue. Do you like to write rhymes, lyrics or poetry? The Bronx Writers' Center is offering a weekly,

after-school writing workshop for teens, ages of 14-18. Emphasis will be on exploring the connections between spoken word, performance, hip-hop and poetry. Writers' Corps instructor and poet Andre Alexander will teach. For more information, or to RSVP for a workshop, call 718.409.1265.

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".

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>.

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.

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>.

Open Mics

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION (CK), 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; www.citykids.com. Citikids' **CK Jamz** includes 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.

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.

EVERY SUN., 7PM, OPEN MIC AT VOX POP, 1022 Cortelyou Rd (at Stratford St.), Flatbush, tel. 718.940.2084. Come listen to poets, musicians and activists speak and sing their minds at this new Brooklyn coffeehouse. Sign up at 7pm if you want to grab the mic

yourself.

Journalism/Media/Film

NEW! THURS., JUNE 9-23, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, Walter Reade Theater, Lincoln Center, 165 W. 65th St. (btw Broadway & Amsterdam Ave.), plaza level. Subway: 1/9 to 66th Street; \$10 general admission; \$7 for students with valid ID. For information on films and showtimes, visit: <http://www.hrw.org/iff/2005/ny>

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”.)

YOUTH IN PROGRESS (YIP), <http://youthinprogress.org>. The mission of the Youth In Progress is to enhance and advance the lives of today's and tomorrow's foster youth by giving them a sense of self responsibility. To do this, YIP works to educate everyone involved in the system to the realities of the foster care experience. With staff guidance and peer-to-peer mentoring, YIP youth also listen and advise other young people in care to help them “achieve success in their lives and to realize their full potential”. YIP members have already completed a *Know Your Rights Handbook* for youth in care in New York State. Other YIP goals include: taping a video introduction to the handbook; recruiting more youth leaders for regional and statewide YIP teams; planning and facilitating regional Youth Speak-Outs; and hosting events to gain input from all young people in care across the state. If you would like more information or to become involved, contact Cortez Stallings, YIP Advisor, Hunter College School of Social Work,

Independent Living Resource Center, tel. 212.452.7483; email: Cortez_LS@hotmail.com.

“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 P.R.Y.D.E., 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 Elisa Brown, 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. For more information, contact Waayl Shahid, tel. 212.932.7895.

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.

Rap Sessions (a.k.a Talk Back Groups)

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.

EVERY THURS., 4:30 TO 6PM, YOUTH POWER PROJECT, JUSTICE SESSIONS AT MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING, 301 Grove St, Bklyn, tel. 718.418.7690. Do you want to fight to make a difference in your community? Have your voice heard by joining the “Youth Power Project” at Make the Road by Walking. For teens, ages 13-21, who want to express their opinions and work to change their communities. For more information, contact Yaritza Mercado or Brenda Batista at ext. 224.

Visual Arts/Exhibits

AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM, 45 W. 53rd St. (btw 5th & 6th Aves; E/V to 5th Ave—53rd St.); tel. 212.265.1040; \$9; students & seniors \$7; children under 12 free. Fri. 5:30-7:30pm, free. Hours: Tues.-Thurs. & Sat.-Sun. 10:30am-5:30pm, Fri. 10:30am-7:30pm; www.folkartmuseum.org. “**Ancestry and Innovation: African-American Art from the Collection**” (thru Sept. 4): The museum has selected quilts, paintings, works on paper, and sculpture from its permanent collection for this celebration of contemporary African-American artists both established and emerging. “**Self and Subject**” (thru Sept. 11): Portraiture, one of the oldest art forms, is seen through modern eyes in this collection of painting, sculpture, textiles and photography by self-taught artists who explore the psychological aspects of character and image.

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>. “**Basquiat**” (thru June 5): Jean Michel Basquiat started his career as a graffiti poet in lower Manhattan and became an art star in the 1980s before dying at the young age of 27. About 70 of his Neo-Expressionist paintings are on display at the museum. His diverse inspirations included Leonardo Da Vinci and hip hop.

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. “**Collection Remixed**” (thru June 5): Five museum staffers mix it up like DJs with various works in a show focusing on artists of African, Asian and Latino descent. “**S-T-E-R-E-O-V-I-E-W: Javier Teliez in Collaboration with Patients at the Bronx Psychiatric Center**” (thru June 5): An animated photonovella that includes 19th century stereoscopic cards featuring images of African-Americans. “**Romare Bearden: New York Scenes**” (thru June 5): Watercolors commissioned for the opening credits of Cassavetes’ 1980 film *Gloria*, set in the Bronx and upper Manhattan.

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.

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>. **“Mexico: The Revolution and Beyond, Photographs by Casasola, 1900-1940”** (thru July 31): This exhibit traces the early 20th century history of Mexico through approximately 100 photos from the Archivo Casasola.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 133 Sixth Ave. at 43rd St., (B/D/F/V/N/Q/R/W/1/2/3/7/9 to 42nd St.); tel. 212.857-0001; students & seniors \$7; members & children under 12, free. Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 10am-5pm; Fri. 10am-8pm; Sat.-Sun. 10am-6pm. **“Larry Clark”** (thru June 5): Director of the film Kids and longtime photographer, Clark presents a serious portrait of teenage sex, violence and masculinity in this show of photos, collages, films and more.

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1220 Fifth Ave. (at 103rd St.); tel. 212.534.1672; www.mcny.org; students, seniors and children \$5; members free. Hours: Tues.-Sun. 10am-5pm. **“El Barrio: Puerto Rican New York”** (thru June 12): Experience the culture and history of NYC’s Puerto Rican community through this exhibit and photographic essay chronicling El Barrio, the area in Spanish Harlem that housed the largest concentration of Puerto Ricans in America from the 1950s-1980s. **“Glamour, New York Style”** (thru July 7): More than 120 dresses and other objects are on display in this show which celebrates NYC’s history as the fashion capital of the world.

P.S. 1 CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City, Queens; tel. 718.784.2084; \$5 suggested donation. Hours: Thurs.-Mon. 12-6pm; www.africanart.org. Subway: E/V to 23rd St.-Ely Ave.; G to 21st St.; 7 to 45th St.-Court House Sq. **“Greater New York 2005”** (thru Sept. 22): 145,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space filled with the work of approximately 150 contemporary local artists who have emerged since 2000, including Carol Bove, Paul Chan and Michelle Segre.

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.

NEW! THE SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE, 515 Malcolm X Blvd (at W. 135th St.), tel. 212. 491.2200; <http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/sc.html>. Free admission. Hours: Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm; Sun. 1-5pm. Subway: 2/3 to 135th St. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is pleased to present **Malcolm X: A Search for Truth**, an exhibition in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Malcolm X/El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. The exhibition is based in part on the collection of personal and professional papers and memorabilia of Malcolm X that was rescued

from auction in 2002 and placed on deposit at the Schomburg Center by the Shabazz family. This exhibition provides the first opportunity for the public to view significant aspects of this collection. Complemented by an epilogue focusing on courtroom evidence from the New York City Municipal Archives and courtroom images by Tracy Sugarman in the Schomburg Center's Art and Artifacts Division, *Malcolm X: A Search for Truth* uses the materials from this extraordinary collection as well as other collections from the Center. These never-before-exhibited materials present a provocative and informative perspective on the life of the person known variously as Malcolm Little, "Detroit Red," Malcolm X, and El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. More significantly, the exhibition poses questions about the nature of the developmental journey that Malcolm Little pursued to become El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. The subtitle *A Search for Truth* highlights the exhibition's focus on the process and products of Malcolm X's driving intellectual quest for truth about himself, his family, his people, his country, and his world. If you can't make it to the Schomburg, check out their online Malcolm X website at <http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/malcolmx>.

NEW! VISUAL ARTS MUSEUM AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, 209 E. 23rd St. (btw 2nd & 3rd Aves.), tel. 212. 592.2010; Free admission. Hours: Mon.-Wed. & Fri. 9am-6:30pm; Thurs. 9am-8pm; Sat. 10am-5pm. Subway: 6 to 23rd St. **"The Design of Dissent"** (thru July 2): Explore more than 40 years of political objection through posters, books, buttons, magazines and other material from around the world.⁶

THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM, 144 W. 125th St. (btw Adam Clayton Powell & Malcolm X Blvds; tel. 212.864.4500; <http://www.studiomuseum.org>; students & seniors \$3; children under 12 & members, free. Hours: Wed.-Fri. & Sun. 12-6pm, Sat. 10am-6pm; 1st Sat. of every month, free. Subway: A/B/D/2/3/4/5/6 to 125th Street. **"Bill Traylor, William Edmondson, and the Modernist Impulse"** (thru July 3): This the first large-scale exhibition focusing on the works of two major figures in American and African-American art history: Bill Traylor (1854-1949), a draftsman, and William Edmondson (1874-1951), a sculptor. Although Traylor and Edmondson are often defined as "folk" or "outsider" artists that reflect the roots of African-American culture, their work was actually discovered and first discussed in the broader context of modernism. This exhibition includes over fifty drawings and paintings made by Traylor, and twenty-five sculptures by Edmondson, along with photographs of them by their contemporaries, drawn from private collections and museums across the country. **"Chris Ofili: Afro Muses 1995-2005"**: More than 100 watercolors created during the last decade which show Ofili's love of color and bold line.

Dance, Music and Theater

(See also under “Creative Writing/Spoken Word/Hip Hop” and “Free Summer Concerts”.)

NEW! SAT. JUNE 4, 1-5:30PM, REDHOOK WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL, on and around Beard Street Pier, Red Hook, Bklyn, tel. 718.624.4719. Free. Subway: A/C/F to Jay St./Boro Hall or 2/3/4/5 to Boro Hall or R to Court St. and then B61 bus to Beard & Van Brunt Sts. Check out Haitian drummer Bonga’s Voodoo Jazz Ensemble; Rennie Harris Puremovement hip hop/modern dance; tap and step dancing performances by local youth groups; a film festival of teen-made documentaries and spoken word by the 2005 winners of the Urban Word Poetry Slam...just to name a few. You can also picnic and take a boat ride.

NEW! THURS., JUNE 9-AUG. 11, 12-2PM, THE BAM RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL at the Concert Stage in the Metrotech Commons at the Civic Center / Borough Hall, downtown Brooklyn (corner of Flatbush and Myrtle Aves.); Free. Subway: 2/3 to Hoyt Street (& walk 2 blocks north on Bridge St.); 4/5 to Boro Hall (& walk 5 blocks east); M/R to Lawrence St. (& walk 1 block north); A/C/F to Jay St./Boro Hall (exit at Myrtle Promenade). Information: <http://www.bam.org>; tel. 718.636.4100. Every week, enjoy the soulful brilliance of legends such as:

THE FUNKY METERS, Thurs., June 9: Considered by many to be the “Founding Fathers of Funk,” the reconstituted The Meters (now officially known as The Funky Meters) create unique musical romps that made them the pre-eminent funk band of the ‘60s and ‘70s. With a trademark sound blending blues and funk into an upbeat New Orleans gumbo, they have toured with the Rolling Stones and were the studio band for Paul McCartney, Robert Palmer, and Dr. John.

ANNE PEEBLES, Thurs., June 16: Soul legend Anne Peebles unleashes her Acoustic Soul tour with her extraordinary soul ensemble the “Dream Team.” Known for soul classics like “I Can’t Stand the Rain” [re-worked by Missy Elliot on her 1997 smash “The Rain (*Supa Dupa Fly*)”], Peebles’ powerful voice and strong attitude helped craft the Memphis sound on Hi Records in the 1970s with husband Don Bryant. Peebles has blown away multitudes with a sound as acoustically intimate and soulfully real as it gets.

LALAH HATHAWAY, Thurs., June 23: With royal lineage as daughter of soul maestro Donny Hathaway and classical singer Eulalah Hathaway, music is Lalah Hathaway’s first language. In possession of a luscious, resonantly smoky voice that hypnotizes fans the world over, Hathaway’s credits include collaborations with Mary J. Blige, Dizzy Gillespie, Meshell Ndegeocello, and Stevie Wonder. Her latest recording, *Outrun the Sky*, is a candid reflection on love and relationships that displays Hathaway’s soaring musical resiliency.

EDDIE PALMIERI, Thurs., June 30: Eddie Palmieri’s musical career spans 40 years as bandleader of salsa and Latin jazz orchestras. His virtuosity on the piano has earned him seven Grammy Awards, including the first presentation for Best Latin

Album for the 1975 *The Sun of Latin Music*. Born in Spanish Harlem, Palmieri's influences include not only hot Cuban players of the 1940s and jazz luminaries Art Tatum, Bud Powell, and Miles Davis, but also his family's Puerto Rican roots. Palmieri seeks to captivate and elevate the senses with his music, taking audiences where percussive, pounding piano swings hot and wild.

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.

CITIKIDS FOUNDATION (CK), 57 Leonard Street; tel. 212.925.3320; www.citykids.com. Citikids offers: **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; and **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.

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.

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. Contact Richards, tel. 212.427.2244, ext. 558; e-mail: drichards@boysharbor.org.

THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 940 Garrison Ave., Bx (6 train

to Hunts Point Ave.); tel. 718.542.4139; www.thepoint.org. The Point's **1) 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 max), free for teens and children, and 30-40 minutes in length. For more information, contact Craig Tendel ext. 31. The **2) "Live from the Edge" 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.

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 Troup 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!

SONGWRITING CONTEST. The Eighth Annual John Lennon Songwriting Contest is underway, and accepting 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>. **Deadline for submission for Session I of the Contest: Aug. 15, 2005.** For additional information, visit <http://www.jlsc.com> or call 888.884.JLSC.

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>.

NEW! Free Summer Concerts

For more information on performing arts festivals, cultural events and free outdoor concerts in NYC this summer, visit:

www.celebratebrooklyn.org

www.summerstage.org

www.RiverToRiverNYC.com

FRI., JUNE 17, 7:30PM, BAD PLUS/CHARLIE HUNTER TRIO/JAMES ORGAN TRIO at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit <http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. An unbeatable jazz triple: Maverick piano/power trio BAD PLUS shatters genre boundaries with high-energy rock covers and intense originals. The eight-string guitar wizard **Charlie Hunter makes a huge sound that's "astonishing...dirtily funky" and **James Carter**, whom Lester Bowie once called "the greatest sax player to come around since Coltrane," swings in with his organ trio to complete the best jazz night of the summer.**

FRI., JUNE 17, 7PM, WILL CALHOUN PRESENTS AZA FEATURING PHAROAH SANDERS, GRAHAM HAYNES, BUSTER WILLIAMS AND ORRIN EVANS/BURNT SUGAR BY GREG TATE at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield, Central Park; free. Subways: 6 to 66th or 72nd St.; 1/2/3/9/B/C to 72nd St. Enter park at 69th St. & 5th Ave. or 72nd St. & CPW. For more information, call 212.360.2777 or visit <http://www.summerstage.org>. Drum Master **Will Calhoun presents a far-reaching mix of Jazz, World, and Urban Music. Known for his groundbreaking drumming/composing with Living Colour, Pharoah Sanders, Mos Def, Wayne Shorter, B.B.King, Master Gnawan Musicians and many others, his influences are laced from almost every corner on the Globe. The Bronx born two-time Grammy winner will perform with his amazing group of all-star musicians including an interactive media set of music and personal photographic imagery. Author and musician Greg Tate saves his most creative impulses for **Burnt Sugar**, the free-floating improvisational "arkestra" he formed in 1999. Created to explore the fusion of jazz, rock, funk and African music famously realized by Miles Davis on the seminal "Bitches Brew" album, Burnt Sugar features artists from every persuasion, including Egyptian DJ Mutamassik; trumpeter Lewis 'Flip' Barnes, bassist Jared Nickerson and pianist Vijay Iyer.**

SAT., JUNE 18, 8PM, PHILADANCO at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit <http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. Philadelphia's spectacular company comes to Brooklyn for a full evening of

breathhtakingly athletic dance. A trailblazer in the African-American dance community since 1970, **Philadanco** has become one of the country's leading ensembles with a consistently imaginative and compelling repertoire and a joyful, exuberant approach to performance.

SAT., JUNE 18, 3PM, JOHN LEGEND/LYFE JENNINGS/DJ REBORN at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield, Central Park; free. Subways: 6 to 66th or 72nd St.; 1/2/3/9/B/C to 72nd St. Enter park at 69th St. & 5th Ave. or 72nd St. & CPW. For more information, call 212.360.2777 or visit <http://www.summerstage.com>. Singer and musician **John Legend** combines classic soul, contemporary R&B and a touch of hip-hop for his own unique sound. Over the last few years he's played with the cream of the hip-hop and R&B crop, including Lauryn Hill, Jay-Z, Alicia Keyes, Janet Jackson and Kanye West. Legend contributed gospel-influenced vocals to West's smash hit "Jesus Walks," and West returned the favor earlier this year by helping produce Legend's major-label debut "Get Lifted", the album that produced hit singles such as "Ordinary People". **Lyfe Jennings** knows how quickly things can change. During a long prison sentence for arson, the future singer-songwriter got a hold of Erykah Badu's neo-soul classic *Baduizm*, and it inspired him. Two days out of prison he was recording a demo. The next day he played at a club. About a month after his release, he was appearing on *Amateur Night* at the Apollo Theater: he won that contest five times in a row. Lyfe's soulful music is a mixture of deep introspection and open-eyed realism. His major label debut *Lyfe 268-192* (his prison ID number) is a song-cycle of poetic yet gritty narratives that paint a remarkably complicated picture of modern relationships—all delivered in a warm, supple voice that approaches the sexiness of Al Green or D'Angelo. The Chicago-born **DJ Reborn** has been navigating the mix in various NYC locals (clubs, parties, hip-hop shows, even museums) for over a decade. Her sets are an ever-flowing blend of soul, hip-hop, house, afro-beat and reggae.

THURS., JUNE 23, 7:30PM, HUGH MASEKELA/WILLIAM KENTRIDGE: 9 DRAWINGS FOR PROJECTION at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit <http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. This once in a lifetime event featuring two of South Africa's greatest artists begins with a performance by iconic jazz trumpeter and world fusion pioneer **Hugh Masekela**. Following the concert, internationally renowned visual artist **William Kentridge** presents his astonishing film/live music project **9 Drawing for Projection**—a collection of vibrant animations accompanied by a string quartet with voice, piano, and trumpet, with music composed and conducted by Kentridge's longtime collaborator Philip Miller.

FRI., JUNE 24, 7:30PM, SOULIVE/ANTIBALAS AFROBEAT ORCHESTRA at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit

<http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. Dueling grooves are on tap as the organ-driven jazz-meets-Sly Stone soul of **Soulive**, “a righteous soul machin” says *Entertainment Weekly*, goes head to head with **Antibalas**, whose thunderous concoction of Afrobeat, Latin dance rhythms, and good old American funk has made them a Brooklyn favorite. “(Antibalas) does best when they’ve got a hip-to-hip crowd they can heat up by degrees...with ultra-tight Fela covers and original songs that might as well be.” *Village Voice*

SAT., JUNE 24, 7PM, CASSANDRA WILSON/TAMAR-KALI PSEUDOACOUSTIC at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield, Central Park; free. Subways: 6 to 66th or 72nd St.; 1/2/3/9/B/C to 72nd St. Enter park at 69th St. & 5th Ave. or 72nd St. & CPW. For more information, call 212.360.2777 or visit <http://www.summerstage.com>. **Cassandra Wilson** is regarded by many as the most accomplished vocalist in jazz. She has achieved that distinction by ranging far beyond the traditional vocal jazz repertoire, offering radically re-imagined versions of songs by Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, U2, Ann Peebles, Robert Johnson and others. Even when singing a standard from the Great American Songbook, she imbues her performance with powerful blues alchemy and nuanced sophistication that is a wonder to experience. Cassandra Wilson first performed at SummerStage in 1995. Once again challenging the narrow precepts of musical genre, **Tamar-Kali Pseudoacoustic** brings a passionate expression of original material written and composed by Tamar-Kali for both electric and orchestral instrumentation. Born in New York and raised between Brooklyn and the scenic islands off the coast of South Carolina, Tamar-kali harnesses gut-based, hardcore-tinged rock with the honest, melodic inflections of soul.

SAT., JUNE 25, 7:30PM, NEW PORNOGRAPHERS/STARS/THE SADIES at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit <http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. A host of indie rockers descends on the Bandshell for an early Canada Day fete, led by Vancouver supergroup the **New Pornographers**. Fresh off the release of its extraordinary third album *Set Yourself on Fire*, Montreal’s **Stars** is one of the Great White North’s hottest bands. **The Sadies** come from Toronto with a distinctive sound that incorporates everything from traditional country to surf music to garage rock.

SAT., JUNE 25, 3PM, THE OFFICIAL CENTRAL PARK SUMMERSTAGE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE PARTY WITH TORTURED SOUL, LADY ALMA, RICH MEDINA AND HOSTED BY TIMMY REGISFORD presented in association with Club Shelter at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield, Central Park; free. Subways: 6 to 66th or 72nd St.; 1/2/3/9/B/C to 72nd St. Enter park at 69th St. & 5th Ave. or 72nd St. & CPW. For more information, call 212.360.2777 or visit <http://www.summerstage.com>. Proclaiming themselves pioneers of “live soulful house,” the members of **Tortured Soul** operate under a simple premise: why not make house

music with a live band instead of a DJ? With the pared-down instrumentation of a classic soul trio—drums, electric bass and keys—the band creates hypnotic grooves that recall vintage masters like Stevie Wonder and contemporary dance culture stars like St. Germain.

A fixture on the Philly soul scene, **Lady Alma's** amazing voice has made her one of the most sought after singers in the international dance scene. Her fans include artists like Moby, Joan Osbourne and Musiq Soulchild, and she's collaborated with producers from London to Tokyo to New York. The Philadelphia Weekly has said of her: "Even if you're into something completely different—punk, indie rock, bluegrass—you won't be able to resist the Power of the Pipes: She just blows you away."

A respected DJ and spoken word artist, **Rich Medina** has worked with Jill Scott, King Britt, Bobbito, DJ Spinna and many others. He's a fixture at clubs up and down the East Coast, with residencies at New York's S.O.B.'s, ATP and Table 50, and Philadelphia's Tragos and Fluid. With a strong message of self-empowerment and hope, a typical Medina set is equal parts call to party and call to action.

Veteran turntablist / remixer / producer **Timmy Regisford** is famous for his marathon DJ sets at New York's Club Shelter. Spinning everything from deep soul and Afro-beat to Detroit house and techno, Regisford knows how to keep a crowd moving. The Trinidad-born producer has worked with artists as varied as Stevie Wonder, Patti Labelle, dancehall king Shabba Ranks and Afro-beat prince Femi Kuti. Timmy Regisford has previously performed SummerStage in 2003 and 2004.

About Club Shelter: Founded by DJ Timmy Regisford and producer Kevin Hedge in 1991, Club Shelter is New York City's home for soulful house music. Though for many years it was a roving party that bounced from club to club, Shelter found a permanent home in 2002 on West 39th Street. The club's warm vibe and the family-like community it engenders have made Shelter a true oasis in New York's nightlife. In the words of Time Out NY: "Shelter has managed to retain an old-school NYC clubbing aesthetic that has nearly disappeared from the city's after-dark scene."

SUN., JUNE 26, 3PM, CANADA DAY WITH TEGAN AND SARA/RON SEXSMITH/KYLE RIABKO/ EAST VILLAGE OPERA COMPANY at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield, Central Park; free. Subways: 6 to 66th or 72nd St.;

*1/2/3/9/B/C to 72nd St. Enter park at 69th St. & 5th Ave. or 72nd St. & CPW. For more information, call 212.360.2777 or visit <http://www.summerstage.com>. Canadian folk-rock sisters, **Tegan and Sara**, specialize in quirky tales of love gone bad, good and everywhere in between. Marked by close vocal harmonies and a multitude of sharp pop hooks, the duo's songs are both charmingly off-beat and surprisingly muscular. Tegan and Sara have grown from their initial acoustic phase and incorporated drums and electric instruments into an insistent, wry and empowered version of classic girl-group pop. Said Entertainment Weekly of their 2004 album *So Jealous* "The twin sisters fully embrace new-wave synths and fuzzy rock rave-ups... while their reedy voices trace the cork-screw path of relationships." *Rolling Stone* named *So Jealous* one of the top 50 albums of 2004.*

Forty-year old singer-songwriter **Ron Sexsmith** is often described as "boyish." Whether

that's due to his appearance (he looks like he just graduated from the 8th grade) or the dogged optimism of his songs, it's hard to say. What's completely clear is the esteem in which he is held by his fellow tunesmiths, people like Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello and John Haitt. All-Music Guide has called Sexsmith "gloriously one of a kind, a man who can write about love without sounding either cloying or bitter, and can document both the bright and dark sides of life with honesty, heart, and clear perception." Rolling Stone was equally enthusiastic reviewing his 2004 album *Retriever*: "Sexsmith has always known how to deliver a gentle melody, but his work has a new gravity on *Retriever*; it adds up to his best album yet."

Kyle Riabko has no right to sound so soulful. The handsome, blond-haired young man from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is only 17 and still in high school: hardly the kind of life experience that qualifies you to sing the blues. But Riabko has been making music since he was 10 (which, OK, is only seven years—but still...). He's also pretty fearless: he's opened for stars like John Mayer and Maroon 5, as well as bluesmen like Keb Mo and Buddy Guy, appearing in front of huge audiences with nothing but an acoustic guitar. On his debut album, *Before I Speak*, he shows a strong neo-soul influence, a taste for gutsy guitar solos and a surprisingly mature vocal style. He even gets hot and heavy with Liz Phair, no less, on the sexy duet "Chemistry."

THURS., JUNE 30, 7:30PM, THE DEL MCCOURY BAND/CHIP TAYLOR & CARRIE RODRIGUEZ at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th Street, Prospect Park Brooklyn; suggested donation: \$3. Subways: F to 7th Ave.; 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Ave.; S to Prospect Park. For more information, call 718.855.7882 or visit <http://www.celebratebrooklyn.org>. Bluegrass elder statesman **Del McCoury brings the authentic high lonesome sound to Brooklyn. "There's no voice quite as distinct in bluegrass as that of Del McCoury." (Dirty Linen) The soulful country of acclaimed singer-songwriter **Chip Taylor** (author of the seminal *Angel of the Morning*) and **Carrie Rodriguez** sets the mood.**

Educational Programs

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs)

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs) 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.

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: (1) Remedial: Vocational Academic Preparation Lab; Adult Basic Education; English as Second Language; GED (in English & in Spanish); College Preparation. **(2) 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 Advising, Crisis Intervention, Referrals, Advocacy, Computer Lab Access, Employment Services (incl. 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: NYC 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 Advising, 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.

**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.

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

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

**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

The Door

121 Ave. of the Americas
Tel. 212.941.9090

Education Opportunities Center

163 W. 125th St., Rm 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

**Dunlevy Millbank Career Education
Center, 14-32 W. 118th St. (btw 5th &**

Lenox); tel. 212.996.1716 ext. 229 or 223

**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

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.**

**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

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

GRACE Outreach Program

1183 Franklin Ave.; tel. 718.328.0580

The HOPE Program

157 Montague St.; tel.718.852.9307

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

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

Red Hook Community Court

88 Visitation Place; tel. 718.923.8256

Vocational Foundation, Inc.

One Hanson Pl., 14th fl; tel. 718.230.3100

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

East Side Settlement House
337 Alexander Avenue
Tel. 718.665.5250

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

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

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 & 2nd Aves); tel. 212.427.0404. Homework help, tutoring and library access.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC), 199 Chambers Street; tels. 212.346.8350/233.5533/220.8350. BMCC offers an SAT prep class for \$190.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTER SOL, 512 W. 143rd St. (btw. Broadway & Hamilton Place), 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.

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").

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.

MINDS MATTER OF NYC, INC., COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM pairs college-bound high school students, in the 10th and 11th grades, with dedicated mentors for help preparing for the SAT and navigating the college and financial aid application process. Students must maintain an 85 average and complete a 3-6 week summer program to be in the program. Enrollment begins each fall. For more information, contact Dennis Kuhl, tel. 646.621.5213 or Lincoln Singleton, 212.837.2845; 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

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

Brotherhood/Sister Sol
512 West 143rd St.; Tel. 212.283.7044

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
Tel. 212.862.6401

Jackie Robinson Recreational Center
85 Bradhurst Avenue; tel. 212.234.9607

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

New Heights Neighborhood Center
216 Ft Washington Ave.; tel. 212.781.6388

CAMBA, 2211 Church Avenue (btw Flatbush & Bedford Aves)
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 Aid Society, Hope Leadership Academy
1732 Madison Avenue
Tel. 212.534.5221

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

Columbia University, Double Discover Center Upward Bound Talent Search, 2920 Broadway, Rm 306
Tel. 212.854.3897

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

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

Green Chimneys' Basic Center & Transitional Living Program
456 West 145th Street
Tel. 212.491.5911

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

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

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. 718.542.0109/620.1900

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

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

W.L. Bonner Youth Enrichment Center
130-136 West 124th Street
Tel. 212.280.5266
Tel. 212.865.1883

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 & 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 aide 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. Free individual appointments to explore colleges and careers. Call to make an appointment.

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.youthernet.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.”

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”.

EASTSIDE HOUSE SETTLEMENT (ESHS), 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), 1775 Third Avenue at 98th Street, tel. 212.828.6138; <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. SCRP 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 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 SCRCP 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 & 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 May & September 2005.

BOTTOMLESS CLOSET, 545 8th Avenue (btw 37th & 38th Sts) 12th floor, tel. 212.563.2499; <http://www.bottomlessclosetnyc.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: Jason Morin at ext. 531; email: jmorin@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. For more information 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 (btw Bergen & Brook Aves); 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), 1720 Church Avenue, 2nd floor (btw Flatbush & Bedford), 2nd floor, Brooklyn; tel. 718.287.2600. 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.”

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 FECS 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 more information, including the program location nearest you, call 212.360.7625 or 212.828.6123.

FEDERATION EMPLOYMENT AND GUIDANCE SERVICES (FECS), 105 Bruckner Blvd, tel. 718.292.3930; www.fecs.org. FECS 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, FECS students have interned with HSBC & other banks, dance studios, law firms, medical offices, and more. After your internship, FECS 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. FECS does not have any application deadlines, and applicants are accepted on a rolling basis. To enroll, go to the FECS 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. For more info: contact Michael Halpern, ext. 132.

MANHATTAN NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK (MNN) YOUTH CHANNEL, *537 West 59th St., tel. 212.757.2670*; <http://www.youthchannel.org>; *Manhattan Time Warner Cable Channel 34 and RCN Channel 109 at selected times*. The Youth channel is run and programmed entirely by young people, ages 25 and under, who want to make a difference. The Youth Channel strives to be an alternative to mass media created to provide equal access to all young people, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or social status. The Youth Channel offers a free video production training, peer training, and internships.

NONTRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN (NEW), *243 W. 20th St., tel. 212.627.6252*; www.new-nyc.org. NEW trains, places, and advocates for women seeking economic self-sufficiency through work in construction and other skilled blue-collar trades. NEW offers: **1) "Blue Collar Prep"**, a six-week training program prepares

women for employment in skilled blue-collar jobs. This comprehensive full-time program combines hands-on classes in carpentry, basic electricity, plumbing, and blueprint reading; an introduction to the trades; health and safety training; trades math; and physical fitness training; **2) Construction Trades Prep** is for women who have significant blue-collar work experience, military experience, or technical training and are interested in careers in the building and construction trades. This accelerated program is held three evenings and one Sat. a week for six weeks. The curriculum includes hands-on shop work, trades math and an overview of career opportunities in the apprenticeship system; and **3) Customized Training** offers other training modules that have been created for specific industries or populations. Graduates are placed in the building and construction industry through a variety of union apprenticeship programs; in the transportation industry as track and train maintenance workers; and in the cable, telephone, and utilities industries. To participate, you must be over 18 years old; have a GED or high school diploma; be interested in a career in the building and construction trades or other blue-collar work; be able to accommodate the scheduled hours for either the day or evening programs; be in good health and willing and able to participate in vigorous and sustained physical activity; and meet any additional, program-specific, eligibility criteria. For more information on the programs listed or others, call or visit www.new-nyc.org.

NEW YORK BILINGUAL INSTITUTE (NYBI), 413 East 120th St (btw 1st Ave & Pleasant); tel. 212.860.6820, ext. 211 or 256. NYBI provides free job training and job placement assistance. Clients must be 18 years and older, no HS diploma required. Registration is Tues.-Thurs., 9am. Come with a picture ID, birth certificate, SS Card, proof of income, proof of address and proof of family size. For more information, call Florentino.

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 young people in the Point's After School program as well as young people in the community. For more 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 rachelsroom@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) 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 currently recruiting young people ages 17-21 who are out of school for its two-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 next recruiting cycle starts in July.

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.

YOUTHBUILD helps young people, ages 16-24, work toward their GED or high school diploma while learning job skills by building affordable housing for homeless and low-income people. Strong emphasis is placed on leadership development, community service, and community-building. YouthBuild has 6 programs in NYC:

Brooklyn
St. John's
YouthBuild
1630 St. John's Place
Bed-Stuy
Tel. 718.771.7720

Bronx
Banana Kelly
YouthBuild
863 Prospect Ave.
Tel. 718.328.1064

Manhattan
Youth Action
Program and
Homes
1325 5th Ave. (enter on
E. 111th St. & 5th Ave.)
Tel. 212.860.8170

Queens
Flushing
YouthBuild
138-46 Northern Blvd,
Flushing
Tel. 718.961.6880

Urban Strategies
YouthBuild
294 Sumpter St.
Bushwick
Tel. 718.919.3600

YouthBuild SOBRO
555 Bergen Ave.
Tel. 718.292.3113

Jobs and Internship Opportunities

NEW! MON., JUNE 13- FRI. JULY 22, FREE SUMMER COURSES at the Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), 163 W. 125th St. (& 7th Ave.); tel. 212.961.4400; www.meoc.suny.edu. The Manhattan EOC is offering courses in: Keyboarding & Computer Literacy; Web Design; PC Repair Technician; Xerox Document Technician; College Preparation; GED Preparation, Security Officer Training, Global Trade & Export Studies; and English as a Second Language. Space is limited so enroll now.

NEW! FRI. JULY 1- 29, CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM. The School of Cooperative Education will offer a 20-day introductory career and technical education exploratory in Culinary Arts and Computer Applications. Students who enroll will attend 2-hour classes each day, one in each subject. The courses will include live food preparation and experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access applications. Students will earn 1/2 credit in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for each subject amounting to one full CTE credit for the summer. To apply, call 212.369.8800, ext. 121.

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:

- ☆ **Limited Supervision.** Caseworkers generally visit SILP apartments once a week to check in on residents.
- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **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.

- ✧ **Independent Living Workshops.** SILPs require residents to participate in independent living training.
- ✧ **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

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.

ACS Office of Housing Policy & Development (HPAD)

Current and former foster youth under age 23 can now go to the Housing Eligibility Unit at HPAD for housing assistance. Staff will determine which housing programs you are eligible for and help you complete applications. The office is located at 150 William Street, 1st floor (2/3/4/5/A/C/J/M/Z trains to *Fulton St.-Broadway Nassau*). For more information, contact Desiree Williams, HPAD Deputy Director, tel. 212.341.8973; or Gary Sutnick, HPAD Director, 212.341.0886.

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. 212-674-1740; <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, Bkln; 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 & Opportunities

NEW! THURS. JUNE 2-SUN., JUNE 12, NEWFEST: THE 17TH ANNUAL NYC LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL. Visit <http://www.newfest.org> for film information and venues.

NEW! FRI., JUNE 3, 7-9PM, YOUTH PRIDE OPEN MIC at the LGBT Community Center, 208 W. 13th Street. Come out! Speak out! Express your realness and honor your fabulous self through song, spoken word, dance, vogue, poetry, speech, hip hop, comedy, manifestos or whatever moves you.

NEW! CELEBRATE PRIDE IN ALL FIVE BOROUGHES:

SAT., JUNE 4, 12-8PM, FIRST ANNUAL STATEN ISLAND PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE, South Beach Boardwalk & Midland Beach Promenade. The parade begins at noon and is a one-mile walk along the South Beach Boardwalk. The festival begins at the end of the parade. Call Allyson, tel. 718.273.5833, for more details.

SUN., JUNE 5, 11AM-7PM, QUEENS PRIDE COMMITTEE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL & PARADE, Jackson Heights, Queens. The parade begins at noon from 37th Avenue &

89th Street. Call 718.592.8650 or visit www.queenspride.com for more details.

SAT., JUNE 11, 11AM-9PM, BROOKLYN PRIDEFEST & PARADE 2005, Park Slope, Bklyn. Pridefest begins at 11am at Prospect Park West (btw 9th & 15th Streets). The parade begins at 9pm. Call 718.670.3337 or email brooklynpride@aol.com for more details.

SAT., JUNE 18, 10AM-2PM, BRONX PRIDE HEALTH DAY at Montefiore Medical Center, Montefiore & Gun Hill Rds (btw Bainbridge & Dekalb Aves). Subway: 4 to Mosholu Parkway Station (walk north on Jerome Avenue and turn right on 208th St. At the fork, follow 210th St. to Bainbridge Ave., cross the street and turn left) or D to 205th St. (walk north on Bainbridge Ave.).

WED., JUNE 22-SUN. JUNE 26, BLACK PRIDE NYC. The Black Pride Visitors' Center is at the LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th St., Rm. 306; June 23-25, 2-6pm. For more information on Black Pride NYC, call 212.613.0097; email blackpridenyc@yahoo.com; or visit: www.blackpridenyc.com.

WED., JUNE 22, 7PM-10PM, OPENING RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY FORUM at the LGBT Community Center, 208 W. 13th St., Rm. 301.

THURS., JUNE 23, 7PM, SCREENING OF THE FILM STRANGE FRUIT AND TALK BACK at Tribeca Films, 54 Varick St. (at Laight St.); \$15, purchase tickets at <http://www.blackpridenyc.org/prod02.htm>.

SAT., JUNE 25, 4-6PM, A BURST OF LIGHT: NEW DIRECTIONS IN BLACK GAY & LESBIAN LITERATURE at Nuyorican Poets Cafe, 236 E. 3rd Street.

SAT., JUNE 25, 5PM, THE DYKE MARCH, starts at Bryant Park (Sixth Ave. & 42nd St.) and ends at Washington Square Park (one block south of East 8th St. Line-up time is 4:30pm.

SUN., JUNE 26, 11AM-10:30PM, THE 36TH ANNUAL LGBT HERITAGE OF PRIDE MARCH & PRIDEFEST, Pridefest begins at 11am at Greenwich & Washington Streets (btw Christopher & Spring Streets). The Pride March starts at noon on 5th Ave. & 52nd St. and ends at Christopher & Greenwich Sts.

NEW! SAT., JUNE 4, 5-7PM, TRANSFORMING IDENTITY HOUSE at Identity House, 39 West 14th St., Suite 205; tel. 212.243.8181; www.identityhouse.org; Free. Trans folk and their allies are invited to come share their experiences at this unique workshop/social event. Join Identity House for pizza and help them develop new services to meet your needs.

SAT., JUNE 4, 8PM-12AM, PRIDE PARTY FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED YOUTH AND THEIR FRIENDS at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, 208 West 13th St. (btw 7th & 8th Aves), tel. 212.620.7310; www.gaycenter.org; Free. For young people ages 13-21; ID req'd. No alcohol, no drugs, no shade. Come dance to the beats of DJ Vito Fun and celebrate Pride Month. Free dinner buffet & refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Center's Y.E.S. Program, Black Pride NYC & ACS.

THE ALI FORNEY CENTER (AFC), 3151 Broadway, Suite 2C, tel. 212.222.3427; <http://www.aliforneycenter.org>. Ali Forney provides emergency housing and youth leadership training to GLBTQ young people. If you are in need of shelter, call 917.822.5011. For more information on AFC's youth leadership training, contact Joey Lopez at 212.222.3427.

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.

FIRST WED. OF THE MONTH THRU JUNE, 6-7:30PM, TRANSGENDER HEALTH INITIATIVE at The LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13th St., tel. 212.620.7310. Join the Initiative, hosted by Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund, the Gender Identity Project and the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy, as it works to create a movement to provide access to health care to the trans community.

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 YOUNG PEOPLE. 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? ARE YOU BEING HARASSED BECAUSE YOU ARE TRANSGENDERED? Call or visit the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP), 322 8th Ave., 3rd floor, tel. 212.337.8550; www.srlp.org. SRLP provides free legal services to transgender, intersex and gender nonconforming people. They can advise you on a number of issues including public benefits, identity document change, housing, criminal justice, family law, and discrimination. Call to make 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, at GMHC, 119 W. 24th St. (btw 6th & 7th Aves; take 1/9/C/F to 23rd St.); tel. 212.367.1372; email: anthonym@gmhc.org. A free spoken word, poetry venue for all people who love spoken word & the stories behind them. Come & share your pieces & stories.

HETRICK MARTIN'S (HMI) 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 & Insurance

Health Insurance

Are you leaving foster care? Make sure you have health insurance before you leave! If you are leaving foster care—whether you are going home, being adopted or being discharged to independent living—your caseworker should ensure that you take your health coverage with you. This means you must have your “ Medicaid eligibility recertified”. If you are having any problems getting health coverage before or after you are discharged, call the Children’s Aid Society Health Care Access Program (HCAP), tel. 212.831.9850, the Legal Aid Society’s Health Law Unit, tel. 212.577.3575, or Lynne Echenberg, tel. 917.286.1532.

DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY NEED HEALTH INSURANCE? THE CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM (HCAP) CAN HELP! Most young people, under age 19, who are NOT in foster care, are eligible for health insurance regardless of their immigration status. (Note: If you ARE in foster care, you have automatic health insurance through your agency.) HCAP can help you get enrolled or recertified, and can answer your questions about Medicaid, Family Health Plus and/or Child Health Plus. To make an appointment to meet with HCAP staff **any Tuesday** from 8:30-10:30am at P.S. 50, 433 E. 100th St., call 646.672.1454. To make an appointment to meet with HCAP staff **Tues., 1-4:40pm, Thurs., 11am-7pm or Fri. 9am-5pm** at Millbank Mt. Sinai Medical Group, 14-32 W. 118th St. (btw 5th & Lenox Aves), call 212.831.9850. To enroll in a health insurance program, you will need proof of address, proof of identity, proof of income (in you work) and a Social Security Number (if you have one). To have your coverage recertified, you will need proof of income.

Health Care Providers

The health care providers deal specifically with young people. They can answer questions about sex, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and pregnancy & family planning. **They can also provide confidential testing and contraception.** *All the clinics listed below provide free or low-cost services.*

Manhattan

ALIANZA DOMINICANA, 715 W. 179th St.;
2340 Amsterdam Ave. (at 176th St.); 2410
Amsterdam Ave (btw 179th & 180th Sts); 515
W. 182nd St. (btw Amsterdam & Audubon
Aves); tels. 212.740.1960/927.6810.

AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
429 W. 127th Street
Tel. 212.222.3882

THE FLOATING HOSPITAL, Pier 11 (East
River at Wall St.; tel. 212.514.7440

HARLEM HOSPITAL, 506 Lenox Avenue
Tel. 212.939.8005

HELEN B. ATKINSON CENTER, 81 W. 115th
St. (btw Lenox & 5th Ave); tel.
212.426.0088

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER
462 First Ave.; tel. 212.562.6321

BORIKEN NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER 2253 3rd Ave., tel. 212.289.6650

BOYS & GIRLS HARBOR
1 East 104th St., tel. 212.427.2244

COMMUNITY LEAGUE CENTER
1996 Amsterdam Avenue
Tel. 212.781.7979

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

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

THE DOOR, 121 Ave. of the Americas
Tel. 212.941.9090, ext. 3222

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

HERITAGE HEALTH CENTER
1727 Amsterdam Ave. (at 145th St.), 4th floor
Tel. 212.862.0054. *For women only.*

METROPOLITAN HEALTH CENTER
1901 First Avenue; tel. 212.423.7408

MILBANK MEDICAL GROUP
14-32 W. 118th St., tel. 212. 369.8339

MT. SINAI ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER
312 E. 94th St. (btw 1st & 2nd Aves)
Tels. 212.423.2900/3000

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK
26 Bleecker St.; tel. 212.965.7000

PROJECT S.T.A.Y. & THE YOUNG MEN'S CLINIC
21 Audubon Avenue (btw 166th & 167th Sts)
tel. 646.284.9732

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSES, CHILD HEALTH CENTER, 281 W. 127th St., tel. 212.865.1300

WILLIAM F. RYAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, 110 W. 97th St., tel. 212.749.1820

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 Ave., tel. 718.277.8303

HOMECREST HEALTH CENTER, Coney Island Hospital, 1610 Avenue South
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 St., el. 718.965.7000

HEALTH EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES FOR TEENS (H.E.A.T.), 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.

KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER
450 Clarkson Avenue; tel. 718.245.3651

Da Bronx

BRONX CENTER, 975 Westchester Avenue
Tel. 718.991.9250

JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER, 1400 Pelham Parkway, tel. 718.918.5429

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, BRONX FAMILY CENTER, 1515 Southern Blvd
Tel. 718.589.3400

ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL, 4422 3rd Ave.
Tel. 718.960.9331

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

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 Ave., tel. 718.519.4988

PLANNED PARENTHOOD, BRONX CENTER,
349 E. 149th St., tel. 718.965.7000

SOUTH BRONX HEALTH CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, 871 Prospect Ave.
Tel. 718.991.0605

for the Adolescent & Young Adult Program.
If you just have a question, call
718.838.1016.

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 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

S.I. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTER
475 Seaview Avenue
Tel. 718. 226.6294

BAY STREET HEALTH CENTER
S.I. University Hospital Center
57 Bay Street, tel. 718. 226.6700

Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Young Men and Women

THE BRONX NEW MOMMIES GROUP, INC. offers new moms **and** dads support and discussion groups; social activities; yoga, meditation, and exercise classes; a baby-sitting “co-op”; support in emergency situations. \$10/month membership fee (which foster care agencies should cover). For more information, call 718.415.2018.

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. 212.674.1740; <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.

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; www.childrensaidsociety.org. Heated indoor swimming pool, gym, lounges, game room, outdoor playground with lighting, library and picnic area. Programs include: martial arts, African & hip hop dance, swimming and girls' fitness classes.

Good Websites for Sports/Athletics/Recreation in NYC	
www.nycgovparks.org	Lists a variety of sports and recreational activities (double-click on "Things to Do" in the left-hand column).
www.nyc.gov/html/sports	Lists a variety of sport activities (including biking and park workouts).
www.nyrrc.org	Lists running and marathon events;
www.empirestategames.org	Lists tryouts and competitive sports activities incl. organized summer & winter games for amateurs as well as the physically challenged.
www.metrosportsny.com	Lists a variety of sport activities including triathlons, organized workouts and running events.
www.nysol.com	Lists a variety of sport activities incl. basketball, soccer, pool, softball, boxing, swimming, hockey lacrosse, inline skating, fishing, climbing, hiking, hockey, rugby, volleyball, tennis, football, handball, skiing, sailing, paintball, gymnastics, golf & more.
www.dailyyoga.com & www.yogasite.com	Yoga listings
www.dancemagazine.com	Lists modern dance activities & events.
www.usfencing.org :	Lists fencing events & activities.

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.

Bronx

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.

Brooklyn

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.

Manhattan

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, aerobic, 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.

Joseph P. Kennedy Community Center, 34 West 134th Street; tel. 212.862.6401. Facilities: gym, arts & crafts room, basketball court, computer resource center, dance, martial arts, cheerleading groups.

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: Elmcors 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 & 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.

BREAK THE CYCLE NEW YORK provides legal services and advocacy for young victims of dating and relationship abuse. If you are between 12 and 22 and are being hurt by someone you're dating, Break the Cycle New York can help. All assistance is free and confidential. Call 1.800.214.4150 for services.

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

@: At

Avail: Available, availability

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

Dep't: Department

EOE: Equal Opportunity Employer

Etiquette: Proper way of doing things; manners

Exp: Experience

F/T: Full-time job

HACU: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

HBCU: Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Hrs: Hours

Incl: Includes, including

Info: For more information

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

Pref: Preferred but not required

P/T: Part-time job

Qual: Qualifications

Req: Requirements

Resp: Responsibilities of the job

Sal: Salary

T/o: Throughout

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YOUR SILENCE, OR DENIES YOUR RIGHT TO
GROW."**

**-ALICE WALKER (1918-1996), "THE FIRST LADY OF SONG,"
ARTIST, COMPOSER, VOCALIST**