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### Local News and Events

1. "[Costs of Homelessness: Collecting Data to Effect Change.](#)" a public research presentation, will be Monday, March 28, 2011: 3:00-4:30 p.m., at 201 Student Union on the University at Buffalo's North Campus. The featured speaker will be Dennis Culhane from the University of Pennsylvania. This presentation is organized by UB2020 Civic Engagement & Public Policy Research Initiative and the Homeless Alliance of WNY.
2. A Financial Wellness Fair will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Buffalo Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square. The fair will feature free tax preparation and information on the earned income tax credit. Call 887-2706 for more information.
3. Neighborhood Housing Services of South Buffalo is offering a free four-week workshop on [Financial Fitness](#). Topics will include budgeting, repairing credit scores, and eliminating bad credit. The workshops will be Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 823-3630.
4. A number of workshops will be held as part of the [WNY Pre-Law Success Initiative](#), including "Getting into Law School: Nuts and Bolts" on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 829-3131.

### National Conferences and Workshops

1. "[Community Schools: Effectively and Efficiently Investing In Our Youth](#)" will be March 31st at 3 p.m. The webinar will highlight how two community school initiatives (Evansville, IN and Multnomah County, OR) are successfully leveraging resources – both public and private, to support and improve outcomes for students and their families.
2. The Canadian Alliance for Community Service-Learning (CACSL) is sponsoring a symposium "[Community-Campus Partnerships: What Makes Them Work?](#)" on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Wilfrid Laurier University. Registration is \$100.
3. Registration is now open for the Community Food Security Coalition's conference "[Food Policy from Neighborhood to Nation](#)," to be held in Portland, Oregon from May 19-21, 2011. Major goals of the conference include fostering information exchange among local elected officials, public sector staff and advocates, catalyzing a network to increase future food policy communication and coordination, further legitimize the emerging field of local food policy among existing policymaker associations, and identify local policies that could be adapted to the federal level to reach a broader base.
4. The Community College National Center for Community Engagement's (CCNCCE) conference "[Hand in Hand: Service Learning and College Completion](#)" will be May 25-27, 2011 at the DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona.

### Call for Proposals and Papers

1. Workshop proposals on best practices, innovative strategies, and research-based solutions for strengthening children, youth, families, schools, and communities are sought for the [2011 BigTent Conference](#), November 3-5 in Omaha, NE. Proposals are due **April 3, 2011**
2. Abstracts are being accepted for the [2011 Water and Health Conference: Where Science Meets Policy](#), to be held October 3-7 at UNC Chapel Hill. This year's Water and Health Conference will feature themes ranging from Freshwater Availability and Climate Change Adaptation to Human Right and Ethics. The deadline for submissions is **April 30, 2011**.

## New Resources

1. The [Interactive - CBPR Conceptual Model](#) is available as a tool allowing users to download surveys (instruments) and individual items measures (variables) with associated information useful for evaluating CBPR partnerships and assessing partnership characteristics. This tool was developed as part of the "Research for Improved Health: A National Study of Community-Academic Partnerships."
2. The Center for Student Opportunity's [Opportunity Scholars](#) blog features articles written by students who are the first in their families to attend college. The purpose is to allow the students to share their remarkable college journeys and offer advice to other underserved students like them on how to make it to college.
3. The Urban Institute's [Elected Official's Toolkit for Jail Reentry](#) is designed to help cities and counties meet the challenges of addressing jail reentry in their communities. The toolkit provides information local elected officials can use to improve the jail-to-community reentry process, whether their jurisdiction is implementing a jail reentry initiative for the first time or seeking to expand or improve an existing initiative.
4. "[This is Dropout Nation: The Foster Care Ghetto and School Reform](#)" looks at the relationship between children in foster care and their high school dropout rates.
5. [Priorities for a New Decade: Making \(More\) Social Programs Work \(Better\)](#) proposes an evaluative approach that fully engages nonprofit practitioners as partners in evaluation efforts, reflects a deep understanding of local circumstances and constraints, and suggests guidelines for evaluation and scaling that actually support on-the-ground program quality and performance.
6. In line with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Seven Priorities for EPA's Future, the Office of Environmental Justice has announced the availability of the [EPA's Environmental Justice Listserv](#). The purpose of this informational resource is to notify subscribing individuals about activities at EPA in the field of Environmental Justice.
7. In "[Toward a Fourth Generation of Disparities Research to Achieve Health Equity](#)," the authors examined a conceptual framework of three generations of health disparities research to understand data trends, factors driving disparities and solutions for closing the gap.
8. "[Integration of Social Epidemiology and Community-Engaged Interventions to Improve Health Equity](#)" looks at the explosion of concern about widening health inequities in the United States and worldwide.

## Grant Opportunities

1. Chamber Music America's [Classical Commissioning Program](#) provides support to U.S.-based professional classical, contemporary, and world music ensembles and presenters for the creation and performance of new chamber works by American composers. The deadline is **April 8, 2011**.
2. The [Ann Bancroft Foundation's Dare to Dream](#) grant program funds small experiences for girls designed to help them gain a new perspective on their own abilities and goals. The deadline is **April 15, 2011**.
3. The Environmental Protection Agency's [Science to Achieve Results Program: Extreme Event Impacts on Air Quality and Water Quality with a Changing Global Climate](#) program provides support for the development of assessments, tools, and techniques, and demonstration of innovative technologies for providing information and capacity to adequately prepare for climate-induced changes in extreme events in the context of air and water quality management. The application deadline is **April 18, 2011**.
4. The Department of Labor's [Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program](#) provides support to expand and improve the ability of community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations. The application deadline is **April 21, 2011**.
5. [Target Early Childhood Reading Grants](#) are awarded to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as afterschool reading events and weekend book clubs. Grants are intended to support programs that help foster a love of reading and encourage children to read with their families. The deadline is **April 30, 2011**.
6. [Target Arts and Culture in Schools Grants](#) are intended to enhance classroom curricula by bringing music, dance, drama, and visual arts programs into the classroom. These grants are designed to help bring performers to schools so children can experience the arts and learn new forms of self-expression. The deadline is **April 30, 2011**.
7. The [American Honda Foundation](#) makes grants to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused nonprofit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. The deadline is **May 1, 2011**.
8. Theatre Communications Group (TCG) and the MetLife Foundation are accepting grant applications for the [A-ha! Program](#), designed to enable theaters to try new approaches to solving artistic, managerial, production, and/or technological challenges. The deadline for applications is **May 2, 2011**.
9. [State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants](#) address the issues of environmental responsibility, natural and societal disaster preparedness, driver safety, financial education, and accessing higher education/closing the achievement gap. The deadline for applications is **May 2, 2011**.
10. The [Preserve New York](#) grant program will provide funding for historic structure reports, historic landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. This year, the Preservation League especially encourages projects that advance the preservation of neighborhoods and downtowns that qualify for the NYS Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, preserve architecture and landscapes of the recent past, and continue the use of historic public buildings. The application deadline is **May 2, 2011**.

11. The Department of Justice's [Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative](#) program provides support to develop, implement, and expand mentoring programs and transitional services designed to facilitate the successful and safe transition of juvenile offenders from correctional facilities to their communities. The application deadline is **May 2, 2011**.
12. The EPA's [Environmental Education Grants](#) support environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. The deadline is **May 2, 2011**.
13. The Department of Agriculture's [Community Connect Grant Program](#) provides support for broadband transmission service initiatives in currently unserved rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less. The application deadline is **May 3, 2011**.
14. The National Endowment for the Humanities' [Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#) program provides support to small and mid-sized institutions in order to improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections, including special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. The deadline is **May 3, 2011**.

#### **Misc.**

1. Do Something and HP invites teams of U.S. students to help protect the environment and fight climate change by participating in the [Green Your School campaign](#). Students are invited to create and implement team projects to help make their school campuses more eco-friendly.
2. The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations and applications for the [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching \(PAEMST\)](#) program. The deadline is **April 1, 2011**.
3. Applications are being accepted for the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Youth Advisory Board](#) (for 2011-2012). Applicants should be committed, enthusiastic young people who wish to serve as role models in their communities and empower their friends, families, schools and communities to get healthy. Applications are due **April 8, 2011**.
4. [IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards](#) honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities. The early deadline for entries is **April 15, 2011**; the final deadline is May 20, 2011.
5. The [Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize](#) is awarded annually to an organization making extraordinary contributions toward alleviating human suffering anywhere in the world. Online nominations will be accepted until **April 29, 2011**.
6. The [2011 Wachovia Wells Fargo NEXT Awards for Opportunity Finance](#) are for CDFIs that have a market-tested product, a market, or a strategy with clear growth potential that will benefit the people and communities you serve in a big way and are ready to go to the next level. Applications are due **April 29, 2011**.
7. Reading Rockets and AdLit.org's new writing contest, [Citizen Writer](#), offers writing prompts with connections to civics, citizenship, and our communities. The deadline is **April 30, 2011**.

8. The IARSLCE is soliciting applications for the positions of [Conference Proceedings Editor and Editorial Fellows](#). The Conference Proceedings Editor and Editorial Fellows will oversee the publication of a new online IARSLCE Annual Conference Proceedings. Applications are due **May 2, 2011**.
9. Applications are being accepted for an editor for the [Advances in Service-learning and Community Engagement Journal](#). The Journal Editor will solicit manuscripts at large annually in January and will send them out for peer review, with the aim of making final decisions by April of each year. Applications are due **May 2, 2011**.

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