



Jobs for Youth Program Launches in Chicago

The Sun-Times Jobs For Youth/Chicago Bridge Program, which gives access to post-secondary education to disadvantaged Chicago youth ages 17 - 24, has launched. Bridge programs meet an important need to build the academic, technical and workplace skills of low-in-

come, low-skilled young adults. This new initiative will prepare Jobs For Youth's (JFY) young adults — those specifically who lack adequate basic skills to enter and succeed in education, training, leading to career-path employment — with an overarching goal of postsecondary education.

Jóvenes Trabajadores se Gradúan de Chicago Area Project

Ciento catorce jóvenes trabajadores fueron homenajeados por terminar los Programas de Certificación *Advancing Youth Development* (AYD) y *Youth Development Practitioner* (YDPCP) durante una ceremonia de graduación. Los programas AYD y YDPCP son dos

programas de superación profesional, ofrecidos como parte de la sociedad entre Chicago Area Project (CAP), el Departamento de Apoyo y Servicios Familiares de Chicago y los Colegios de la Ciudad de Chicago. Los graduados de varias agencias comunitarias, gubernamentales y educativas de la Ciudad de Chicago, se unieron a más de 1800 jóvenes trabajadores de Chicago y los suburbios que han ampliado sus destrezas gracias a estos programas. Para información sobre clases futuras de AYD y YDPCD, o para el Diploma de Asociado en Ciencias Aplicadas en Trabajo Juvenil, llamar a Joy Hernández al 312-588-3845.

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Chicago and the suburbs who have enhanced their skills through AYD and YDPCP. For information on future AYD and YDPCP classes, or the Associate Applied Science Degree in Youth Work, call Joy Hernandez at 312-588-3845.

The program will enable students to advance both to better jobs and to further education *and* training, and thus are designed to provide a broad foundation for career-long learning on the job and formal post-high school education and training. At the Kendall College Day last Thursday, March 18, 2010, fifteen Jobs For Youth Graduates attended. More information is available at www.jfychicago.org.

Programa Jobs for Youth se Inicia en Chicago

Se ha dado inicio al Programa Trabajos para Jóvenes/Chicago Bridge Program del Sun-Times, que brinda acceso a la educación post-secundaria a jóvenes de Chicago en desventaja, de 7 a 24 años. Los programas Bridge atienden la importante necesidad de fortalecer las destrezas académicas, técnicas y del trabajo, de jóvenes adultos de bajos ingresos y pocas destrezas. Esta nueva iniciativa preparará a los

jóvenes adultos de Jobs for Youth (JFY) — específicamente a aquellos que carecen de las destrezas básicas adecuadas para entrar y triunfar en la educación y el entrenamiento que los lleve a una carrera — con una meta en educación post-secundaria. El programa hará que los estudiantes avancen para obtener mejores empleos y promover una mayor educación y entrenamiento, que les

propvea una amplia base para cursar una carrera en el trabajo y una educación y entrenamiento post-secundario formal. En el Día del Colegio en Kendall, el jueves pasado, 18 de marzo de 2010, asistieron quince graduados de Jobs For Youth. Más información disponible en www.jfychicago.org.

Foundation Selects Chicago School for Green Initiative

MGR Foundation Board Member Jayni Chase launched the organization's new GREEN Community Schools Initiative on Monday, March 22 at Al Raby School for Community and Environment—the first school selected for the program, which will be expanded in urban cities across the country. Partners in MGR Foundation's new initiative, which kicks off in Chicago, include the Garfield Park Conservatory, U.S. Green Building Council, National Wildlife Federation, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, and Chicago Public Schools to name a few.

The GREEN Community Schools Initiative is



Mayor Daley, Jayni Chase and Chevy Chase.

designed to “green” urban schools by teaching students sustainable practices that they can take home and apply to their daily lives and within their local community. The initiative also places an MGR Foundation GREEN Resource

Coordinator at Al Raby, a Chicago Public School, at 3545 W. Fulton Blvd. This new staff member's sole responsibility is to bring green and sustainable resources into the school community and work side-by-side with Al Raby's

teachers and students to weave lessons of sustainability through the school's curriculum. For more information on the GREEN Community School Initiative, visit www.greencommunityschools.org.