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Opportunity Reboot



Youthprise hosted their first technical assistance webinar about [Opportunity Reboot](#), a Social Innovation Fund (SIF) program, earlier this month. (A recording may be found at [this link](#).) Focused on advancing youth development and economic opportunity, Opportunity Reboot will fund career pathway approaches targeting "opportunity youth" throughout the state. MPM, The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), and Search Institute are key partners in the grant.

Youthprise will conduct a

Still Available! Free Technical Assistance from the National Mentoring Resource Center

— WE PROVIDE —
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Looking to strengthen your mentoring program? No-cost technical assistance is still available through The National Mentoring Resource Center (NMRC), a project of The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and MENTOR. The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota is a proud technical assistance provider on this project!

Here's how it works:

First, fill out a [Technical Assistance Request](#) for your program on the NMRC website. The NMRC will then send your request to the closest mentoring partnership (if you are in or around Minnesota, it will come to us at MPM). Next, MPM will review your application, complete an exploratory phone call with you to define the project, and begin working with you on your program's goals.

second webinar on Nov. 16th at 1:30 p.m. The webinar will provide a detailed overview of the RFP, evaluation and evidence requirements, as well as compliance requirements of funded projects.

We encourage mentoring programs with a youth employment focus to register for the Nov. 16th webinar to learn how they may be awarded sub-grants.

Please contact Youthprise's Sonya Lewis at sonya@youthprise.org or 612.564.4858, ext. 96 for more information and to register for the webinar.

Let's Do Coffee!



Caffeinate and Concentrate is a time for you to ask questions of MPM staff, network with other youth workers, discover new resources, and move forward with projects - all while enjoying some coffee and a breakfast treat.

Caffeinate and Concentrate is held on the first Friday of the month.

The next session is Fri., Nov. 6th from 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Please email maria@mpmn.org if you are planning on stopping by.

Training Calendar

For a schedule of all MPM trainings and events, check out the [MPM Event Calendar](#). It also lists trainings from other great organizations like MENTOR, MAVA, MNYWI, HandsOn Twin Cities, YIPA and more.

Training Institute

To learn more about the Training Institute's resources and services, or to schedule a consultation, contact us at

Some recent examples of technical assistance provided to mentoring programs includes:

- Development and revision of mentor training materials
- Creation and review of program policies and procedures
- Analysis of and feedback on risk management strategies
- Guidance and consultation on mentor recruitment plans
- Analysis of mentor/mentee screening processes
- Analysis of match support processes
- Development of logic models and in-depth evaluation planning

Still unsure? Have questions about the application process? Want to discuss possible project ideas? Please feel free to contact Carolyn Scherer, Director of Program Services, at 612.399.0229 or carolyn@mpmn.org.

We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help improve the quality and effectiveness of your mentoring program!

The Mentoring 365 Project: A Passion for Peer Mentoring

In our next Mentoring 365 feature we hear from Jeffrey Bissoy-Mattis, a student at Carleton College who acts as a mentor through the college's [OILL Peer Leader Program](#). His outgoing personality and passion for supporting other students motivated others to nominate him as a mentor for the OILL office. Through his position he has been able to act as a beneficial source of support and knowledge for the mentees in the program.



612.399.0239 or email
maria@mpmn.org.

[Read more....](#)

Let's Keep in Touch



If your organization recently moved or you've had staff transition(s), please help us keep our database current by emailing us your updates at mentor@mpmn.org. Thank you!

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[Hear more about Jeffrey's experience as a mentee and mentor and how he acts as a support system for Carleton College first year students of color in need of advice and direction.](#)

Do you have an uplifting story to share? Help MPM to continue the celebration by [emailing us](#) your mentoring experience today!

We Value Your Input! Join Program Services Council

Share your perspective and help guide our quality initiatives, training resources, conference and other services for Minnesota mentoring programs. We are currently accepting applications to serve as a member on MPM's Program Services Council (PSC) for the 2016-17 term. PSC benefits from a diversity of perspectives, so consider this opportunity whether you are a small or large organization, brand new to the field or have been around the block. Participating in PSC is also great way to learn about MPM's inner workings, make valuable resources available to your organization, and to network with other mentoring program staff. PSC members commit to quarterly meetings with the opportunity to participate in person or remotely via the web.

To apply, [please complete the application](#) and return it to MPM by **November 20th, 2015. Completed nomination forms may be faxed, mailed, or emailed.**

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