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FROM THE BLOG



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Nicki highlighted what's new with the MPM blog this year!

Quality Corner :

Go-To Blogs and Newsletters for Mentoring Programs

Information comes to us from everywhere. It's hard not to feel overwhelmed! Maria shares some of her go-to blogs and newsletters for resources in the mentoring and non-profit fields.

The Legacy of Bob Dayton

"Sure, you could do lots of things, but I don't think that there's anything more important than what we're doing to help kids."



Robert J. Dayton, Founder
The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota

Dear Friends,

We are deeply saddened by the loss of a civic leader and mentoring champion in Minnesota, Mr. Robert J. Dayton. In 1994, Bob founded the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota and believed that all young people deserved to have caring adults in their lives. He convened business and community leaders around the idea that communities are stronger when our young people are guided and supported by caring adults. For over 20 years, many of Minnesota's largest companies continually invest in mentoring because of Bob's leadership. He always advocated that mentoring was not a "nice to do" but a "need to do." Bob was a true mentor to many, including the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota's staff and board.

MPM has received a number of kind messages and honorariums in Bob's memory. One such **wonderful tribute** was written by Jim Andersen, President and CEO of IWCO Direct, which we share with you.

[Mentoring in the News/Staff Spotlight :](#)

Two for one!

1. Carolyn starts out this post by featuring some of the highlights from National Mentoring Month. MPM and MENTOR saw a spike in views with the #MentorIRL campaign!
2. Next, Nicki shares some of the highlights from the National Mentoring Summit, including ways she capitalized on the theme of: "Connection | Growth | Opportunity"

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FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Mentoring in the Age of Technology

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm CST (1:00 pm - 2:15 pm EST, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm MST, 10:00 am - 11:15 am PST)

Cost: Free

Technology and mentoring have an almost twenty year history. The field is sophisticated and entrepreneurial, connecting youth in isolated communities with mentors rich in experience and willingness. Join Kate Schrauth of [iCouldBe.org](#), Camille Stone of [WeTeachScience.org](#), and Dr. Lindsay Page, a researcher from The University of Pittsburgh, as they discuss the opportunities, cautions and intricacies of tech incorporated with mentoring best practices.

[Read and Register....](#)

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.

We thank Bob and Joanie Dayton for carrying on the true Dayton tradition of giving back to their community. Their contributions to the mentoring field in Minnesota and across the country are widely recognized and appreciated. We will miss you, Bob!

The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota Staff and Board

NEW in 2016! Bagels and Best Practices

Date: Friday, March 18 (Third Friday of every-other month)

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation, 615 First Ave. NE, Ste. 330, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Cost: Free

MPM is excited to announce a new *free* training series **Bagels and Best Practices!** In this series, participants will learn from **local experts in the mentoring field about a specific best practice in action, innovation or area of success.** We are excited to have the opportunity to illuminate best practices from the local mentoring community and facilitate focused conversation on these topics.

The format will include bagels and coffee, a brief presentation from two program affiliate experts, followed by Q & A, group discussion and networking. Bagels and Best Practices will be offered at no cost on the third Friday of every-other month.

The first **Bagels and Best Practices** topic will be on **Social Media Best Practices.** We will feature two of MPM's Expert Partners who are successfully and creatively using various forms of social media to their programs' benefit. The presenters will be:

- Courtney Kupsch (Development and Marketing Manager) and Laichee Yang, (Marketing and Communications Coordinator), [Free Arts Minnesota](#)
- Suzi Piper (Communications and PR Associate), [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities](#)

Training Institute

To learn more about the Training Institute's resources and services, or to schedule a consultation, contact us at 612.399.0239 or email maria@mpmn.org.

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



Presentations will include details on their programs' overall social media strategy and practices, the messages that resonate best, how success is measured, and tips for organizations who would like to build their social media efforts. We will allow time after the presentations for Q and A, a group discussion and networking.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Scherer (Director of Program Services) at carolyn@mpmn.org, if you plan to attend. Please also contact Carolyn if you have questions, a topic that you would like to see featured, or an idea for a future presenter.

We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW in 2016! Peering Learning Circle for Program Managers

We have had a great response so far, but there is still room available in the Peer Learning Circle for Program Managers!

In case you missed the article in our last newsletter, MPM will be offering a new Peer Learning Circle for Program Managers. Peer Learning Circles are based on the belief that programs (and the professionals that work for them) thrive when they are able to break out of their silos and learn from each other. In this Peer Learning Circle, we aim to give program managers/directors/supervisors the opportunity to:

- Network with colleagues who face similar challenges and opportunities
- Get support and coaching from peers
- Experiment with new ideas before 'taking them public'
- Achieve personal goals

The first meeting will take place in March at the MPM office (exact date will be scheduled depending on availability of the group), and will meet every other month going forward. There is no fee for participants.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, discussing whether it is a good fit for you, or have any other questions, please contact Carolyn Scherer (Director of Program Services) at 612.399.0229 or carolyn@mpmn.org.

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to contribute to and grow from the collective experience and wisdom of your peers!

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