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A Special Thanks to Our Funders

- Ned & Sherry Ann Dayton
- General Mills Foundation
- Mark & Katie Mortenson
- Sanger Family Foundation

Funding Opportunity: Workforce Development and Education Grants from Bank of America

Bank of America



Beginning on January 19, the [Bank of America Charitable Foundation](#) will begin accepting applications for their first grant round of 2016.

In order to further their goal of reducing unemployment, the Workforce Development and

National Mentoring Month Dates to Remember



We are over halfway through [National Mentoring Month \(NMM\)](#) but there are still important dates for you to remember!

January 18, 2016: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

[Learn how you can honor the holiday.](#)

January 21, 2016: "Thank Your Mentor Day"

[Learn more about how you can thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and had a lasting, positive impact on their lives.](#)

January 27 - 29, 2016: National Mentoring Summit

[Learn more about this annual convening of practitioners, researchers, MENTOR's network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships, corporate partners, and government and civic leaders.](#)

Education Grants will focus on two areas: 1) connecting youth to employment and 2) investing in the workforce. These initiatives should focus on education, financial literacy, job skills training, mentoring opportunities and first-time work experience.

Applications must be submitted by February 12. Please [check the Foundation's website](#) for the posted application on January 19.

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 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 MPM keep our database current by emailing us your updates at mentor@mpmn.org. Thank you!

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FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Assuring Your Financial Future: Strategies to Sustain Your Program

Date: Thursday, January 21, 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

Program sustainability presents a constant challenge for mentoring programs and mentoring program staff. Most programs cannot survive without the grants and fundraising projects that support them, yet obtaining these funding sources isn't always easy. Join Dr. Susan Weinberger (Mentor Consulting Group) and Jerry Dash (VIP Mentoring) as they discuss how to take your fundraising strategy to the next level

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

NEW in 2016! Peering Learning Circle for Program Managers

MPM is excited to offer a 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.

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!

From the Blog



Happy New Year from all of us at the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota! 2015 was a year of change for us and our entire staff is looking forward to what 2016 will bring to our organization and our network.

One of the things we're most excited about is a new, revamped blog experience. MPM staff is dedicated to sharing all of the exciting things happening at not at our organization but also out in the mentoring and youth development fields.

Each month, we'll be bringing you the following topics:

- Staff Spotlight
- Mentoring 365
- Mentoring in the News
- Quality Corner

Read all about it over in our first [Staff Spotlight!](#)

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