

## Advocating, Educating and Setting Quality Standards



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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: RFP for STEM Education



### [The Minneapolis Foundation](#)

announces the annual call for proposals to the Proto Labs Foundation. The Proto Labs Foundation will make grants to organizations focused on

## Save the Date! Bagels and Best Practices



**Date:** Friday, May 20 (Third Friday of every-other month)

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

**Location:** Health Counseling Services, The Banks Building, 615 First Ave. NE, Ste. 145, Minneapolis

**Cost:** Free

We hope you can join us for the next installment of our new, free training series, Bagels and Best Practices! In this series, participants learn from **local experts in the mentoring field about a specific best practice in action, innovation or area of success.** The format includes bagels and coffee, a brief presentation from two program

transforming students' interest in STEM fields into a demonstrated ability to succeed in a STEM career, as well as to organizations providing assistance to parents and families to support a child's STEM education. **Maximum Grant: \$50,000. Deadline: April 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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## 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](mailto:maria@mpmn.org).

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## 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](mailto:mentor@mpmn.org). Thank you!

affiliate experts, followed by Q & A, group discussion and networking. Bagels and Best Practices is offered at no cost on the third Friday of every-other month.

We are looking at two possible topics for our May event - **Increasing Depth and Quality in Match Support Contacts** or **Pre-Match Training Strategies for Parents/Mentees**. We are looking for individuals and/or programs who are implementing a best practice, utilizing an innovative approach and/or having particular success in these areas. **If you would like to nominate a program (or yourself) to present on one of these topics or if you have an idea for a future topic, please contact Carolyn Scherer (Director of Program Services) at [carolyn@mpmn.org](mailto:carolyn@mpmn.org).**

We also want to extend a huge THANK YOU to the presenters from our March session. Courtney Kupsch and Laichee Yang from [Free Arts Minnesota](#), and Suzy Piper from [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities](#) did a tremendous job presenting on the topic of "Social Media Best Practices," inspiring a lively conversation on the topic. Please check the [MPM blog](#) for a recap on that informative and exciting session.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Scherer, [carolyn@mpmn.org](mailto:carolyn@mpmn.org), if you plan to attend the May event.

## From the Blog



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## What Does Youth-Initiated Mentoring Mean for Mentoring Programs?

According to *The Mentoring Effect*, only 4% of youth aged 8-18 had a formal mentor. Maria highlights a workshop she attended at the National Mentoring Summit focused on Youth-Initiated Mentoring by our colleagues and friends from the [Midlands Mentoring Partnership](#) in Nebraska.

### Mentoring in the News: Children and Youth Issues Briefing

This month, Carolyn shares her thoughts from The 2016 Children and Youth Issues Briefing hosted by the Start Early Funders Coalition--including moments she wrote furious notes (with stars and underlines) and times she was so captivated by the speakers and stories that she dropped her pen to listen.

### Staff Spotlight :

#### MPM's Director of Program Services, Carolyn Scherer

Maria introduces you to our Director of Program Services: Carolyn! She spent seven years working with one of our [expert partners](#) and now shares her deep knowledge of mentoring best practices with our network through [NMRC](#) contracts!

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