



## The Connector

**The Connector** is Youth Community Connections' (YCC) monthly E-Newsletter.

### Recent News & Events

#### Youth Community Connections Releases Annual Progress Report

Youth Community Connections highlights its collaborative work in its [Annual Progress Report](#) for fiscal year 2008.

#### Youth Community Connections Updates Website

[Resources Pages](#) Updates Include:

- Webpage for [Schools and Educators](#) on Afterschool and Summer Learning
- Tips on [Finding Afterschool or Summer Learning Opportunities](#)
- [Funding](#) Afterschool or Summer Programs
- [Information, Research and Tools](#) includes
  - Some of the latest research on afterschool and summer learning,
  - [Program quality assessment tools](#),
  - [Professional development tools](#), and
  - Information on the [Governor's Afterschool Summit](#).

[Take Action Pages](#) Updates Include:

- Communication materials and [messages promoting afterschool](#) learning opportunities.
- [Fact sheets](#) on the benefits of afterschool and summer learning (more coming soon)
- [Advocacy Information and Updates](#) on Afterschool and Summer Learning

#### Leveraging Resources for Afterschool

Youth Community Connections is working with public agencies as well as private and corporate foundations to leverage resources in support of afterschool and summer learning opportunities in Minnesota. The state-funded Afterschool Community Learning Opportunities Grant program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Education and ends in June 2009 without further action by the State Legislature.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact our offices at 612.627.0160.

## **Free one-year subscriptions to Youth Today**

Youth Today is offering FREE one-year subscriptions to youth serving professionals in Minnesota (\$29.50 value) thanks to a grant from The McKnight Foundation.

Youth Today is the national trade newspaper for the youth work field. Published ten times a year, Youth Today provides youth-serving organizations with feature stories on program models, research, funding, and policy, editorials from leaders in the field, and resources including book reviews, conference listings, and grants available and awarded.

For over 15 years, Youth Today has written extensively about such topics as youth development, afterschool programs, civic engagement, job training, literacy, adolescent health, violence prevention, mentoring, and much more. Visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.youthtoday.org/minnesota>"[www.youthtoday.org/minnesota](http://www.youthtoday.org/minnesota) to sign up for a free subscription.

## **Future Events**

### **Youth Advisory Committee Applications will be Available Early August 2008**

Youth Community Connections has joined forces with the Minnesota Alliance With Youth to co-sponsor a statewide Youth Advisory Council. Applications recruiting youth serving organizations as partners will be released early August. For more information prior to the release of the application contact Michael Messinger at 612.627.0157 or [michael@youthcommunityconnections.org](mailto:michael@youthcommunityconnections.org).

### **YCC Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting September 12, 2008**

Youth Community Connections invites you to join us statewide elected officials to speak about priorities in the upcoming legislative session and where afterschool learning opportunities fit into the big picture.

### **SAVE THE DATE: November 13, 2008**

### **Youth Community Connections' Bi-Annual Meeting**

Youth Community Connections invites you to attend its bi-annual meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. More information will be coming soon.

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