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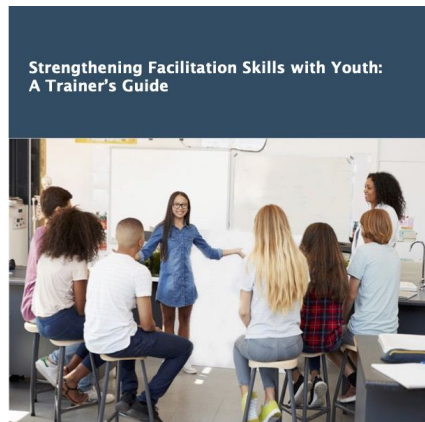
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The Dibble Institute is pleased to provide Spanish translations of all our participant materials to better help you serve more young people.

[See Spanish Materials...](#)



Up your Game! Essential Skills for Great Facilitators Training

Join Scott Roby from Public Strategies for “Up Your Game! Essential Skills for Great Facilitators” a dynamic 1.5-day professional development training in Oklahoma City on June 26 and 27.

Scott will help you elevate your teams' facilitation process, captivate both youth and adult participants, enhance engagement, and maximize learning outcomes.

You'll receive valuable resources including training manuals, supplementary materials, presentation slides, and handouts to support ongoing development.

Don't miss this professional development opportunity to take your team's facilitation skills to the next level!

Who should attend: All supervisors who manage facilitators working with young people and adults in teen pregnancy prevention, healthy relationships/marriage, responsible fatherhood, juvenile justice, corrections grants and more.

Register at the [NARME website](#) for the June training. (Training registration is forth from the bottom)



Curious about the “Up your Game!” Essential Skills for Great Facilitators Training and want to know more?

Join Scott Roby, the "Up Your Game" facilitator, for a brief 20-minute overview on April 25th to learn more about this dynamic 1.5-day training in June.

Register [here](#)...

THE LATEST



Romance Matters: The Role of Dating in Adolescents' Friendship Beginnings and Endings

This study examines the influence of romantic relationships on the formation and dissolution of adolescent friendships with a longitudinal network sample from age 14 to 15. Using a dynamic, network statistical model, they found that engagement in a romantic relationship shaped friendship homophily over time, with daters becoming friends with other daters, and singles forming friendships with other singles. Partnered adolescents were not more likely than those who were unattached to dissolve their friendships; however, they were significantly less prone to form new friendships over time.

[Read more...](#)



Teen Pregnancy Tied to Increased Premature Mortality Risk in Early Adulthood

Teen pregnancy may be an indicator for future premature mortality risk in early adulthood up to age 25 years.

[Read more....](#)



Literature Review: Teen Dating Violence

Teen dating violence affects millions of youths in the United States every year. The information in this article discusses rates of victimization for physical, sexual, and psychological dating violence.

[Read more...](#)

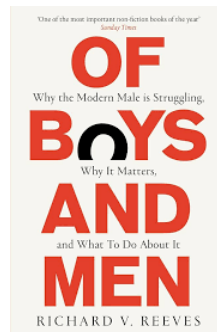
NEWS YOU CAN USE



Why the Young and the Singles Can't Commit to Dating Apps

The two largest dating-app companies are facing serious problems with younger users. So how do Gen Z singles prefer to meet instead?

[Read more...](#)



How Men Can Be Invaluable at the Dance

Relational skills matter more than ever, especially for men, so how and where are they best developed?

[Read more...](#)



Political Divides Cut Through Marriages and Families

For many Americans, politics has become far more personal, and divisive, than it once was. Now, in the run-up to the November election, that's creating some friction within families.

[Listen here...](#)

TOOLS YOU CAN USE



Teen Economic Abuse

As 13 to 19 year-olds move toward adulthood and independence, they begin making decisions without parental or guardian involvement, have their first romantic relationships, hold their first job or internship, and start to handle their own money. Experiencing abuse during these formative years can have lasting harm on future independence and well-being, particularly if such abuse impacts economic opportunity.

[Read more...](#)



Essex County Council

Health Relationships Animation

'Relationships: Bee-ing healthy' have launched an animation about healthy relationships for young people. The animation outlines what a healthy relationship looks like and how to develop one. It aims to equip young people with the knowledge to be able to maintain positive relationships but also know how to safely exit unhealthy ones.

[Read more...](#)



6 Ways to Reveal Teen Strengths

Adolescence is a period of rapid development during which teen strengths are revealed. A time when teens uncover what comes naturally to them.

[Read more...](#)

WEBINAR



April 10, 2024

"But you know I'm just like you, right?" Exploring Adolescent Dating and Disability

Join Dr. Heidi Rueda as she discusses her research on adolescent dating and disability. She will explore young people with disabilities' romantic and sexual experiences highlighting the unique challenges and assets across the stages of relationships (initiation, sustainment, and termination). She will also cover dating and sexual violence prevention along with pregnancy and parenting considerations.

She will highlight how, through advocacy, parents and educators can help young people with various types of disabilities obtain sexual citizenship via comprehensive sexual health education plus tailored dating and sexual health resources.

The qualitative data for this webinar came from interviews with social workers who served children and adolescents with disabilities, as well as from interviews with young adults with disabilities and with parents of youth with disabilities

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

- Describe the intimacy desires of youth with disabilities with the aim of advocating for their full sexual citizenship.
- Explore youth with disabilities' unique challenges and assets with regard to dating and sexual health.
- Promote inclusive and tailored sexual health programming.

Presenter: Heidi Rueda, Ph.D.

John E. Christensen Community Chair in Child Welfare
Grace Abbott School of Social Work
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Who should attend: Teen pregnancy prevention staff, healthy relationship facilitators, disability advocates, federal project officers, policy makers, researchers, community-based program managers and administrators, special ed educators and administrators

When: *Wednesday, April 10 @ 1:00pm Pacific/4:00pm Eastern*

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: Free!

[Register Now >](#)

FUNDING STREAMS



Office of Children
and Family Services

[NYS Learning and Enrichment After-School Program Supports \(LEAPS\)](#)

Application Due Date: April 11, 2024

OCFS has released this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit competitive applications to the NYS Learning and Enrichment After-school Program Supports (LEAPS) initiative to serve youth from Pre-K (with SACC waiver) through high school. Eligible not-for-profit (NFP) organizations may submit proposals for the development and/or continuation of quality after-school programs in partnership with local schools and/or school districts.



Office on Violence Against Women Fiscal Year 2024 Research Initiative Solicitation

Application Due Date: April 11, 2024

The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to research and evaluate approaches to **preventing** and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By generating more knowledge about strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, communities that benefit from Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding will be better equipped to align their work with practices that are known to be effective as well as build their own capacity to evaluate new and promising ways of doing things.



After School Education and Safety

Application Due Date: April 16, 2024

These ASES programs are created through partnerships between schools and local community resources to provide literacy, academic enrichment and **safe, constructive alternatives** for students in kindergarten through ninth grade. Funding is designed to: (1) maintain existing before and after school program funding; and (2) provide eligibility to all elementary and middle schools that submit quality applications throughout California.



[Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program](#)

Application Due Date: April 26, 2024

This program is authorized by annual appropriations acts. The Children and Youth (CY) Program solicitation is one of two solicitations issued under the Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program. The CY Program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.



[Second Chance Act Community-based Adult Reentry Program](#)

Application Due Date: April 29, 2024

The Second Chance Act (SCA) Community-based Reentry Program supports organizations and tribal governments providing comprehensive reentry services to individuals who have been incarcerated. With this solicitation, BJA seeks applications for funding from community-based non-profit organizations and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance or implement evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and support successful transitional planning for individuals who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system. Following release from incarceration, participants will receive intensive case management services and they will be connected to **evidence-based programming designed to assist with a safe and seamless transition to their communities.**

(Ed. Note: [Love Notes](#) has been successfully used with this funding.)

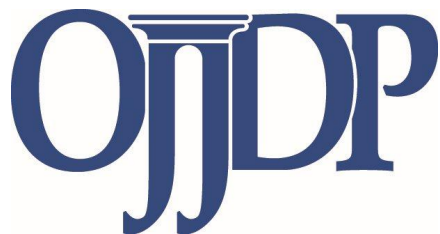


Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Application Due Date: April 30, 2024

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to support the efforts of communities to develop **prevention** and intervention responses that identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by opioid use and other substance use disorders. OJJDP asks applicants to integrate youth and family partnership strategies into projects and partner with law enforcement, **education, mental health service providers, child welfare agencies, community health agencies**, and community-based organizations that address the needs of individuals and families experiencing substance use.

(Ed. Note: [Mind Matters](#) and [Love Notes](#) are currently being used as substance use prevention efforts.)



Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program

Application Due Date: May 6, 2024

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to address and improve the reentry and recidivism challenges encountered by youth returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities.

(Ed Note: Both [Mind Matters](#) and [Love Notes](#) are successfully being used with this funding.)

FORCASTED

(Ed. Note: If you would like to review any Dibble program in anticipation of these grants being released, please email RelationshipSkills@DibbleInstitute.org.)



Maternity Group Home Program

Estimated Post Date: March 20, 2024

The Maternity Group Home (MGH) program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth and young adults ages 16 to under 22 who have runaway or are experiencing homelessness, and their dependent child(ren), for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. MGH services