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1st Quarter Update to the COIN JAR CHALLENGE

By Jerry Fest

One of my guiding principles for human relations is to not expect anyone to do anything that I am not willing to do myself. So, when I asked you to accept the Coin Jar Challenge ([information here](#)), I dedicated my personal coin jar to the effort. Now, 3 months into the challenge, how am I doing?

The insert to the left is a photo of my personal coin jar. It may not look too full, but I had estimated that my coin jar usually collects about \$150.00 per year. To be on track for that goal, my jar would currently need to have collected \$37.50. The amount that you see in the jar equals (drum roll, please) ... \$38.49! I'm on target!

In the original Networker challenge I stated that if all subscribers collect as much as my jar collects, we could send an extra \$75,000.00 to youth in need next December. But the subscriber list has grown; meaning \$75,000.00 could be the *low* end of our contribution. So, if you haven't yet started your coin jar, what are you waiting for? *Start now* – there's plenty of time left, so take up the challenge today! I'll be reporting on the progress of *my* jar in future issues of the Networker.

Be the change you want to see in the world.
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

Save the **change you want to give to the world.**
- JT (Jerry) Fest



April 8, 2010

Runaway and Homeless Youth: Prevalence, Programs, and Policy
a 90 minute public policy panel discussion

Attend in person in Washington, DC
or listen to a live audio webcast

[Click here for more information or to register](#)



The next Conference Call with Jerry and Gary: Thursday, April 8, 2010, 11 AM PDT (2 PM Eastern)

Please note the day change, from FRIDAY to THURSDAY

Topic: **Discuss the Runaway and Homeless Youth Panel featured above**

Advance Reading Requirement: **Attend or listen to the webcast**

To join the group, email Gary at gary@nwny.org. *The first 5 participants* to email will be provided with the call-in number and access code.

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Back issues of the **Northwest Youth Networker** are archived at [the InterNetwork for Youth](#)

Do you have an idea or suggestion for a Networker Feature article? [SUBMIT HERE](#)

State by state

<p>Alaska State Coordinator Marylee Bates</p>	<p>Homeless youth face abuse and sexual assault, report says The Youth in Crisis report by Covenant House says 46 percent of Alaska's youth are victims of sexual assault. MORE</p>
<p>Idaho <i>Included with Oregon</i></p>	<p>Restorative Justice comes to Teton High This week is Anti-bullying Awareness Week in Teton School District 401. Every school in the district is addressing the topic of bullying through various assemblies and activities. MORE</p>
<p>Oregon State Coordinator (including Idaho) Galen Phipps</p>	<p>Looking Glass to offer at-risk youth local treatment options At-risk youth in Lane County will no longer have to travel to Portland to receive treatment for mental illness and substance abuse. Looking Glass Youth and Family Services have built a new treatment facility in Eugene. MORE</p>
<p>Washington State Coordinator Laura Hamilton</p>	<p>Going mobile to feed homeless youth One man's quest to start a homeless meal service and shelter in Kingston has raised hopes and eyebrows. MORE</p>
<p>Beyond the Region</p>	<p>Support the Key to Overcoming Homelessness: Report Australia's first longitudinal study into youth homelessness launched on Wednesday has revealed that homeless youth supported by family, friends or agencies eventually find stable housing. MORE</p>

topic by topic

<p>Runaway/Homeless Youth</p>	<p>Supes told of LGBT harassment in city shelters San Francisco Supervisor David Campos was among those expressing support last week for an LGBT-friendly shelter after dozens of people testified at a Board of Supervisors committee hearing about harassment in San Francisco's shelters. MORE</p>
<p>Youth Development <i>Editor's Note: This will cost you 2 hours of your time (not necessarily at once), but is well worth the investment. Highly recommended!</i></p>	<p>Ken Ginsburg 'resilience' talk online A presentation by noted Philadelphia pediatrician/author Kenneth Ginsburg entitled "Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Preparing our children for life" is available for viewing online in two parts. <i>(see Editor's Note on left)</i> MORE</p>
<p>Juvenile Justice</p>	<p>Freed from prison, some juveniles have no place to go Placement can be difficult, resulting in some youths staying in prison for months — or years — after their release date MORE</p>
<p>Foster Care</p>	<p>Foster kids can't be jailed for their own `best interest,' court says A Miami appeals court has ruled that children in state care who also are facing delinquency charges cannot be jailed simply for their own `best interest.' MORE</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>A new agenda for school reform If we are serious about school reform, we will look for long-term solutions, not quick fixes. MORE</p>



The Northwest Youth Networker is pleased to offer FREE position announcements to members of the Northwest Network. Please send a *brief* copy for publication along with an internet link to more information. Submissions must be received by 5 PM Thursday for publication on Friday. Non-members are invited to post announcement for \$25.00. Please contact [Gary Hammons](#) for payment information.



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Bits 'n Pieces

Miscellaneous Stories/Resources:

Now on Facebook: the InterNetwork for Youth -- [Become a Fan](#)

From the [National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#)

Some of you may be interested in this brief review of the impacts of various intervention strategies on youth well-being outcomes during the transition to adulthood (ages 18 to 25): http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2010_03_09_FS_WWOlderYouth.pdf

Two of the programs that had some positive impacts on education, college attendance and employment also have special provisions for McKinney-Vento students:

1. **Upward Bound:** one of the federal TRIO programs, must identify and make services available to McKinney-Vento children and youth. Services include mentoring and tutoring. Also, **homeless students are automatically eligible for the TRIO programs.** For more information about Upward Bound and TRIO, visit http://www.naehcy.org/dl/hea_summ.doc and <http://www.coenet.us/>

2. **Job Corps: homeless students are automatically eligible** and are an identified priority population. Also, youth can participate without parental consent, if the parent cannot be located or if the parent is not willing to sign, but does not actually say they don't want the youth to participate. (This policy is in the Policy and Requirements Handbook (PRH), on page 11 of Exhibit 1-1, available at http://www.jobcorps.gov/AboutJobCorps/program_admin.aspx

Conferences: *Do you know of a conference that should be listed?* [SUBMIT HERE](#)

April 2010:

13-14: "Best Practices – New Approaches" 2010 Adolescent Sexuality Conference ~ Seaside, OR: [MORE](#)
21-23: Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness 22nd Annual Conference ~ Hood River, OR: [MORE](#)

May 2010:

12-14: "Footsteps to the Future" 17th Annual National Foster Care Conference ~ Clearwater Beach, FL: [MORE](#)
18-20: 26th Annual Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency ~ [MORE](#)

June 2010:

14-17: "Turn it Up" Idaho Youth Summit 2010 ~ Coeur D'Alene, ID: [MORE](#)

August 2010:

24-26: Pathways to Adulthood 2010 National Independent Living/Transitional Living Conference ~ Chicago, IL: [MORE](#)

September 2010:

7-10: "Growing Pains" 23rd Annual National Independent Living Conference ~ National Harbor, MD (Washington D.C.): [MORE](#)
14-16: National Center for Victims of Crime 2010 National Conference ~ New Orleans, LA: [MORE](#)

November 2010:

6-9: NAEHCY 22nd Annual Conference ~ Houston, TX: [MORE](#)

Funding Opportunities:

From the Grants.gov Find Opportunities service:

Corporation for National and Community Service
Nonprofit Capacity Building Program Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53337>

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
FY 2010 Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53369>

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP FY 2010 Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53383>

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA FY 10 National Initiatives: Addressing Substance Abuse Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53384>

Foundation Center's Grants related to Children and Youth [HERE](#)

"Do Something" Youth Grants [HERE](#)

Children are a wonderful gift . . . They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are.

~ Desmond Tutu