



Weekly YAPPER

Weekly e-updates, networking & info sharing for
YAP Coordinators who are making a healthy difference with Maine's youth!

Welcome to the YAPPER, a fresh new e-list for Healthy Maine Partnerships' YAP Coordinators!

The purpose of this once-a-week email will be to consolidate and distribute important and practical information, announce upcoming trainings and opportunities, and distribute statewide YAP updates all in one power packed, weekly email!

Week of July 14th, 2003

*******MARK YOUR CALENDARS*******

YAP Coordinator Summer Meeting

July 31 & August 1st, Lucerne Inn

YAP Coordinator Summer Retreat Update:

- We have over 40 YAP coordinators registered for the upcoming summer meeting! Wow! We'll send out an updated list of people who have RSVP'd to make sure we have an accurate count!
- Looking for a Bangor restaurant for Wednesday night?? Check out <http://www.bangorinfo.com/restaurants.html>.
- Remember! Please bring some sort of simple or elaborate visual description of what your YAP group has been up to in the past year! Make sure it has the name of your Partnership and your YAP Coordinator's name(s) on it.

*****Submit your upcoming events, workshops and meetings which may be of interest to other YAP Coordinators. To submit, hit the 'reply' button.**

*****CELEBRATIONS!*****

*****Submit your YAP team's accomplishments to Celebrations! We want to celebrate your team's awesome work! To submit, hit the 'reply' button.**

*****RESOURCE ROOM*****

Maine Youth Voices – These folks are doing amazing work around the state. Our YAP network could potentially learn a lot from the great work they've done over the past 5 years. Maine Youth Voices (MYV) is a grant-funded youth organization dedicated to creating the opportunity for youth to pro-actively engage in examining issues surrounding underage alcohol use in their schools and communities throughout the state of Maine. For more info, check them out at <http://www.neias.org/MYV/>.

****The Resource Room invites you to submit resources you have come across that might be of interest to other YAP Coordinators. Please keep these focused on advocacy, physical activity, nutrition and anti-tobacco, youth/adult collaboration, and group development. To submit, hit the 'reply' button.***

*****COORDINATOR CORNER*****

- Sign up for ‘Youth Organizing for Advocacy’

Web & Teleconference series

Wednesday, August 6, 2003

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m (Eastern Standard Time)

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 23RD!!!

Meaningfully involving youth in leadership and organizing roles is a crucial need among state and local advocacy initiatives. Join us for a presentation by Taj James, Executive Director, Movement Strategy Center and Ditra Edwards, Executive Director, Listen, Inc., two leaders in the movement to build progressive organizational and program capacity for youth advocacy and organizing. For more info,

http://www.thepraxisproject.org/learning_circle.html#web.

*****Any YAP Coordinator looking for ideas, advice and/or resources can post in the Coordinator Corner! To submit, hit the 'reply' button.**

*****NEWS, INTERESTING TIDBITS, \$\$\$, FEATURED WEBSITES*****

- NEW REPORTS EXPOSE HOW HOLLYWOOD AND THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY CAN GET KIDS HOOKED ON SMOKING. Check it out at

http://www.mediafamily.org/enews/6_24_2003.shtml

- GRANT OPPORTUNITY OF THE MONTH:
Teaching Tolerance offers a variety of funding help, including \$250 grants for so-called “Mix It Up” student-led projects that focus on identifying, crossing and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Even though the application says Spring 2003, these grants are available throughout the entire year. Contact: Carol Aitken, Teaching Tolerance, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104 (334) 956-8272
<http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

- MAINE FUNDERS FOR CHANGE

Cultivating social change philanthropy statewide. Social Change giving is about reaching those that most charitable giving ignores, but who are in the greatest need of help. These include the poor, youth, the disabled, the elderly, gay/lesbian communities, low-income women and children, and people of color. Social change philanthropy addresses root causes and supports the work of grassroots groups where the people most affected organize to change their own communities, public policy and their individual lives. A basic premise of social change philanthropy is that those in need can usually solve their own problems if they have the power and opportunity to do so.

In 1996, five social change funds joined together to form a unique collaboration called Maine Funders for Change. Our goal is to promote social change giving in Maine and to give the organizations we fund the technical support they need to succeed. The five partners are the [Genesis Community Loan Fund](#), the [Haymarket People's Fund](#), the [Maine Women's Fund](#), [MaineShare](#), and Maine Initiatives at <http://www.maineinitiatives.org/#anchor1100193>.

*****Submit your news, interesting tidbits you've discovered, grant opportunities available or great websites! To submit, hit 'reply'!**

SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S YAPPER DUE NEXT THURSDAY, JULY 24TH AT NOON

WHY AN E-LIST?

One thing we have heard consistently from YAP Coordinators is excitement about getting in touch and sharing ideas with other coordinators around the state. We believe this e-list can be a valuable tool for all coordinators. We welcome any feedback, positive or critical, you may have about it. Just send it on to the keeper of the list, Sage Hayes at rhayes@usm.maine.edu.

CAN YAP COORDINATORS POST ON THE YAPPER?

You sure can! Feel free to send me upcoming events, your victories & challenges, resources & information, and requests for information, support or ideas from other YAP Coordinators. Please keep it brief, clear and concise. Include your contact info. Submissions for any YAPPER will be due on Thursdays by noon.

WHO SENDS THE YAPPER OUT? WHO WILL RECEIVE IT?

Sage Hayes created and sends out the **YAPPER**. Sage, based at the Muskie Institute in Portland, works with the Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN) as the training and advocacy specialist to support Healthy Maine Partnerships' Youth Advocacy Programs build capacity across the state. All YAP Coordinators who have registered their email addresses with Sage or the Bureau of Health Healthy Maine Partnerships are on this list. If you received this email, you're on the list! The Maine Youth Action Network staff and HMP related Bureau of Health staff will also be on the **YAPPER** list. If you would like to add a name to the list or be taken off the list, please email me at rhayes@usm.maine.edu.

WHY IS IT CALLED 'YAPPER'?

It's cute. Actually, if you don't like the name, feel free to suggest a new one!

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