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IMPORTANT LEARN & SERVE PROGRAM CHANGES

The only thing constant is change! Some very important changes are taking place in the field of service-learning.

Recent research has shown there are certain key elements when implementing service-learning that make a difference in the classroom. In the past year the National Youth Leadership Council and RMC have released K-12 Service-learning Standards for Quality Practice that lay out eight critical components that should be evident in a quality program. According to Shelly Billig, National Researcher with RMC, "It is the way in which service-learning is implemented that makes a difference. In short, quality matters and it matters even more as service-learning practice spreads." With that said, L & S Ohio will undergo some changes in order to fully integrate these eight K-12 service-learning standards into our grants, training and evaluation process for 2010-2013.

Key changes will include: 1) All grants will be competitive each year; we will not offer any continuation grants in the future. 2) Applicants will apply for either a development, implementation or model grant. The adult volunteer, transition and model renewal grants have been eliminated. 3) All grants will be evaluated primarily on how well they implement the K-12 Service-learning Standards for Quality Practice into their program.

More details are available in the updated grant guidelines in the CCIP Doc Library at www.ode.state.oh.us or the new URL: address: <http://www.education.ohio.gov>

Important: Several weeks ago, the new Web URL, [education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov), was activated. If you have not done so already, you should begin to include the new Web address on any new publications or other materials. The old address, www.ode.state.oh.us, will continue to work, as well as www.education.ohio.gov, for those who feel they must use the www.

Web Site:

- Check the web site for the 2009 Learn and Serve Directory of programs.
- Send me your success stories electronically with a picture and I'll post them on the web site

08-09 New Grantees:

Arts & College Prep
Goal Digital Academy
Madison Local
Mercer County
Southern Hills
St. Henry Con. Local
Worthington City

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Several trainings are being offered around the state January – March, so please encourage those who are interested to attend. See the Learn and Serve Ohio website for the brochures offering more details on the following trainings. www.learnandserveohio.org

January 23-24, 2009 at The Family Center, Findlay, Ohio. You can register at kbash@community-foundation.com. There is a \$30 registration fee to cover meals.

February 6, 2009, at the Worthington Schools Education Center, Worthington, OH. You can register at chamilton@uaschools.org. There is a \$30 registration fee to cover meals.

February 13-14, 2009 at Xavier University, A.B. Cohen Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. You can register by contacting Nancy Downing at

downingn@xavier.edu or (513) 745-3477. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover meals.

March 10, 2009 a Service-learning In-Service Workshop for Educators at North Olmsted, Ohio 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No Fee. To register call 444.779.8794 or email at NOHSSITES@gmail.com

April 3, 2009, at the Mandel Center, Cleveland, OH. Contact Jennifer Shiner at jennifer.shiner@case.edu for registration information.

June 8-12, 2009, at Xavier University. Graduate course "Integrating Service-Learning and Character Education into the K-12 Classroom." Contact Dr. Tom Kessinger (kessinger@xavier.edu) for registration costs and information.



*If opportunity
doesn't knock,
build a door*

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ohio.org](http://www.learnandserveohio.org)**

MLK Day Celebration

You may have heard that the Corporation is planning what they anticipate will be the largest King Day of Service event in history. They expect that the record-setting crowds in DC for the Inauguration will engage in many of the local activities while many others will serve within their own communities. As they prepare for the event, they want to highlight some of the most promising activities planned for

the celebration. So, what are *you* doing? I encourage you to share the details of your most impressive King Day, so remember to register all of your King Day activities (whether they occur on the 19th or in celebration of the day) on <http://www.mlkday.gov/>.

A special thanks to those who have recently sent me your projects and registered your activities!

About the Student Web site...

It is a service-learning project that students at Tri-Village Local School District are eager to maintain. It serves as a computer applications class and is taught by computer teacher John Wise and service-learning coordinator Kim Puckett. The site is designed to reflect the needs of the service-learning participants. Links on the site will take students to information

sites, reflection blogs, brainstorming activities, funding ideas, video & audio pod casts (informational and reflections) and other ideas generated by students engaged in service-learning. If you would like to share your ideas contact Kim Puckett at tvhskpuckett@mdeca.org or contact the Learn and Serve Office.

National Service-learning Clearinghouse
www.servicelearning.org
offers many valuable
resources to download



Important Dates So Mark Your Calendar!

- 20th Annual Service-learning Conference March 18-21, 2009.
- Ohio's Statewide Conference Forging New Links Conference March 30-31, 2009, Columbus Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, Ohio