

CHALK NEWSLETTER

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411 - Have an issue in your community that needs to be publicly addressed?

Call YouthLine and get your idea to be the topic of an upcoming episode of Youthline Live! Season 2 of YouthLine Live is now on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6pm! Our upcoming topics include LGBTQ, Music, Runaway, Clothing, Foster Care, Gangs, Sports, Employment/Education, and Teen Pregnancy. Want more information? Call YouthLine @ 1.888.977.3399.

Latest

Step Up, Speak Out



Victor Petersen presenting recommendations to the full TYTF - April 2007.

Our very own **Victor Petersen**, age 18, is a young adult member of the Mayor's Transitional Youth Task Force (TYTF). The Mayor has charged the Task Force with making policy recommendations to improve outcomes for Transitional Youth. CHALK's Project Director, Ruth Barajas, is also a member of the TYTF.

Youth Funding Youth Ideas

We're HIRING!

YFYI is hiring 12 youth, ages 14-17, who live in San Francisco to be employed as either program officers or youth evaluators. Applications will be available online at www.chalk.org on May 7, 2007 and are due on May 25, 2007 at 8pm. Pay is \$10.00/hr, no experience necessary, CHALK will provide the training. For more info please contact CHALK's office manager, **Catherine Porchia**, at either 415.977.6949 ext. 303 or via email at cporchia@chalk.org.

Project WHAT! (YFYI Funded Project)

Project WHAT! is hiring additional youth (ages 15-24) to start in July 2007 & work through

Employee of the Month

Please join in congratulating **Shquane** (Listener) for being our newest employee of the month.

She's really stepped up her work these past few months and it's about time she got noticed for it. From being on time (mostly early!) to all of her shifts, to taking the initiative to take on side tasks at the office, to really just contributing to CHALK in many many areas, she's been doin it big! Congratulations Shquane and keep up the good work!

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spring/summer 2008. These are part-time paid positions for youth who have experienced a parent being in prison or jail. See the attached job description and application. Applications are due **May 1, 2007** by email, mail or fax.

For more information about Project WHAT! see our website at:

<http://www.community-works-ca.org/programs/projectwhat.html>

Project HPV

This project is led by a group of young people from Mission High School, who hope to increase awareness of the **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**, its symptoms, causes and a new prevention vaccine. The youth will bring information of the possible complications caused by this virus, such as some cancer in women. This project hopes to also begin a campaign extending outside of their high school, so that all of San Francisco's youth are aware of this epidemic and why they are at risk.

Even though HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) infection is a very common STD, most at-risk females do not know about it. Those who are infected often have no symptoms. However HPV infection can lead to cervical cancer. HPV Types 6 and 11 cause 90% of genital warts cases. This is the first time in human history that the dream of preventing a cancer with a vaccine has been realized. This project hopes to increase awareness of the vaccine.

Colored Ink presents Karmalized Talent

Who: Colored Ink presents Karmalized Talent

What: Decrypting the System

Where: Brava Theater Center

2789 24th Street

San Francisco, CA 94110

When: April 27th, 2007 @ 8:00pm and April 28th, 2007 with a community resource fair @ 1:00pm show starts at 2:00pm

Decrypting the System is a multi-media hip-hop theater play written, produced, directed, and performed by Karmalized Talent. DTS is a movement to give urban youth a voice through hip-hop and spoken word. A way to expose to our communities to the trials and tribulations of San Francisco youth. Karmalized Talent was co-founded by Ashley Smiley and Cherrise Hughes. Karmalized Talent is a group of seven young women and two young men. Insistent on decrypting our current society and and encrypting knowledge, peace, and love. Thud the name *Decrypting the System*. This title personifies our mission as youth not asking, but demanding a necessary change in our community. In November of 2006 Karmalized Talent was granted \$7000 from DCYF/CHALK/YFYI to put this show together and make it pop. Please come and support this revolution.