

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families (GCYF) is a membership association of grantmaking institutions.*

Our mission is to increase the ability of organized philanthropy to improve the well-being of children, youth and families.

GCYF involves more than 500 private, corporate, community, and family foundations of all sizes. Member interests range from systemic reform and the development of public policies benefiting children to specific program areas, such as early childhood, youth development and family support.

Those who participate in GCYF are a diverse group, ranging from trustees to executive directors to program officers.

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GCYF serves as a forum to discuss grantmaking strategies, exchange information about effective programs, examine public policy developments, and maintain dialogues with national leaders.

GCYF's robust and diverse 2006 programming calendar provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities for grantmakers, including:

- **2006 Annual Conference: *Healthy Communities: Strengthening Prospects for the Well-Being of Children, Youth and Families***, September 24-27th, Los Angeles
- **Learning Circles:** GCYF is continuing a 2005 Learning Circle sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, to engage a small group of foundations in an ongoing learning process to consider and develop models for more effectively working in diverse communities.
- **Colleague Clusters:** GCYF hosts a series of conference calls/web events on emerging issues of importance for children, youth, and family grantmakers. GCYF's 2006 Colleague Cluster topics include: parent engagement; needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in public in foster care and juvenile justice; and Children's Cabinets as a model for public/private partnerships.
- **Convenings** are held to explore some issues in more depth. GCYF 2006 convenings will focus on issues such as: children's mental health; increasing educational supports for immigrant youth; and, poverty and working families.
- **Insight** is a periodic publication, exploring issues in-depth from funders' perspectives. GCYF's 2006 Insights will focus on early childhood, public/private partnerships, and diverse to address health needs of vulnerable children, youth, and families.

GCYF also hosts an extensive **website** of searchable resources and partners, and ***Just the Facts***, a monthly electronic newsletter.

**GCYF is not a grantmaking organization, nor do we assist organizations in identifying funding.*