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Policy Update: Former Senator Don Perata Tobacco Tax Initiative Proposed

Former Senator Don Perata and a coalition of anti-tobacco organizations have submitted a ballot initiative to the Attorney General designed to raise the tobacco tax by \$1 to fund the California Cancer Research Act. The initiative contains backfill language for all the previous tobacco tax initiatives except PROP 10. It is estimated that Prop 10 revenues will be decreased by \$65-\$70 million a year, or approximately one million a year to San Joaquin County. Read the following article for more information: http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_13809354?source=rss

Job Announcements

UCP is seeking an Assistant Program Manager for one of its Adult Day Programs. Resume and cover letter can be sent to:

UCP/Human Resources Department
333 W. Benjamin Holt Drive
Stockton, CA 95207

Bridges Out of Poverty Seminar: Strategies for Professionals and Communities

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 (Stockton)

In this one-day workshop participants will create a mental model of poverty, review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. The seminar puts into words what many veteran professionals and community members have experienced. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive not only a broad overview of concepts, but also learn specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty. This seminar gives both the social service provider and the community member key lessons in dealing with individuals from poverty.

Topics include:

- Increasing awareness of the differences in economic cultures
- How those differences affect opportunities for success
- Developing an action plan to improve services to clients
- Improving retention rates for new hires from poverty

Continental breakfast, lunch, and materials included. Download the flyer here: www.familyresourcecenters.net

JPMorgan Chase Grants

JPMorgan Chase's philanthropic goal is to be the catalyst to meaningful, positive, and sustainable change within our highest need neighborhoods and communities across the globe. Focus areas include:

- Community development - address issues related to poverty and social exclusion by building economic infrastructure, promoting self-sufficiency, and supporting efforts to narrow social inequities.
- Education - ensure that all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to

high quality educational opportunities with a particular focus on K-12 public schools that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive, engaged citizens.

- Arts & Culture - increase community access to rich cultural resources that foster creativity, promote self-expression, celebrate diversity, and strengthen our environment.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.jporganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community/grants>

Libri Foundation: Books for Children Program

Application Deadlines: January 15, 2010, April 15, 2010, August 15, 2010

The purpose of this program is to aid small rural libraries throughout the United States in acquiring new, high quality, hardcover children's books published in the last three years. Award recipients must select their books from a booklist of more than 700 fiction and nonfiction titles provided by the funding agency. The purpose of the Books for Children Program component is to provide funds for children's books to rural, public libraries throughout the United States. The booklist librarians may choose from is divided into two groups based on the recommended age and grade levels.

Eligible applicants are small rural libraries that display the following characteristics:

- Are located at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000
- Serve a population under 16,000 (for county libraries) and 10,000 (for town libraries)
- Have a very limited budget and active children's department

For more information, visit: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

Welch's Harvest Grants

Application Deadline: February 6, 2010

The purpose of this program is to support indoor and outdoor gardening projects that will provide students with a dynamic and safe learning environment. Funded projects should promote inquiry-based learning through hands-on experiences. Projects should also help promote physical activity and motivate kids to eat and love fruits and vegetables. Awards will consist of a customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and other relevant items.

For more information, visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/harvest/pdfs/learnmore.pdf>.

For more information about **First 5 San Joaquin** or any of its funded efforts, please contact us at:

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