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ABSTRACT

This directory lists 24 locations for various "rite of passage" programs. These programs are designed to empower youth at a time of life transition, especially during the middle school years, when children feel most vulnerable and are most "at-risk." The directory gives a brief description of each program and provides the names of contact persons, addresses, and, in most cases, telephone numbers. The directory also lists 7 individuals who are experts and consultants, 11 resources, and 12 organizations which also offer various programs. The directory notes that the person, programs, and organizations listed were selected on the basis of their potential usefulness to persons working in New York State. (CR)

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CURRENT PROGRAMS

ARBOR HILL COMMUNITY CENTER
 Arbor Drive
 Albany NY 12210

PHONE: (518)463-1516
FAX:

CONTACT:

Services:

Funding
 Policy
 Research
 Publications

Consultant
 Training
 Y Program
 Education

Age Focus:

Y Youth Services
 Adult Services

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 Youth Empowerment
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BROTHER TO BROTHER Program: mentoring and counselling program linking African-American men and boys as "extended family";
BLACK MALE TRAINING Program: 6-month Rite of Passage program for male youth 12-16 yrs. Focus on independent thinking, Kwanzaa values, personal finances, etiquette, community responsibility, study of criminal justice system.

ARBOR HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Arbor Drive
 Albany NY 12210

PHONE: (518)433-9084
FAX:

CONTACT: Hakim Abdul-Salaam Program Dir.

Services:

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 Policy
 Research
 Publications

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OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH: Part of community-school programming; focus on strengthening ethnic identity, positive after-school and vacation programming (tennis, archery, martial arts). Volunteer curriculum designers, Nancy Dawson (instructor, College of St. Rose, Albany), Zaphet Zawanna (Africana Studies, SUNY New Paltz).

BRIDGE BUILDERS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

Empire State Plaza, P.O. Box 2047
Albany NY 12220-2047

PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: Lawrence Rosenbaum Committee Memb.

Services:		Age Focus:	Network:
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Consciousness-raising programs intended to bridge the gap between the African American and Jewish communities, designed specifically for Elementary school students. Includes cultural diversity awareness exercises and activities such as cultural storytelling, Israeli and African dancing, and a shared meal ("Kosher soul food"). Assisted by SUNYA student volunteers trained in the National Coalition Building Institute method.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1182 Genesee St.
Buffalo, NY 14211

PHONE: 716 895-3642
FAX: 716 895-2740

CONTACT: Thelma Roberts Director ROPM

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ROPM: Rites of Passage Ministry. Purpose, "to promote Spiritual and Educational Growth in the Church youth membership from a Wholistic perspective."

CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE, Inc.
Pine West PL#2, Washington Ave. Ext.
Albany, NY 12205

PHONE: 518-427-8361
FAX:

CONTACT: Alice P. Green, PhD Exec. Director

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Community-based, not-for-profit organization since 1985 founded to address criminal justice issues that significantly impact on poor communities and powerless groups and individuals. Clearinghouse, advocacy, support, referral. Quarterly newsletter, ADVOCATE.

PREP: Prevention and Empowerment Project. Program for youth, ages 12-20, in Troy, New York. Director, Carol Bourne.

DOLPHIN SCHOOL at South Brunswick High School
PO Box 183, Major Road
Monmouth Jctn NJ 08852

PHONE: 908 329-4044
FAX:

CONTACT: Dixie Crownover Director

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Rite of Passage experience for middle school and high school students. 9-day program of travel, cooperative-living, skill development, recreation, and an emphasis on marine ecology. Adventure takes place at Marine Resource Development Foundation in Key Largo, Fla. Expenses paid by individual.

EAST END NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
 2749 Woodhill Road
 Cleveland, OH 44104

PHONE: (216)791-9378
 FAX: (216)791-9754

CONTACT: Paul Hill, Jr. Exec.Dir.

Services:	Age Focus:	Network:
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East End Neighborhood House offers variety of community programs, including a Rite of Passage for youth, an Afrocentric program including history and values. Offered also in local Cleveland public schools.

Paul Hill, Jr., received Kellogg Fdtn. grant to research male socialization patterns, esp. of those of African descent. Presenter, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium, "Forward to the Past: Rites of Passage as an Adolescent Development Strategy." Editor, THE DRUM, Newsletter of the National Rites of Passage Institute.

EAST NEW YORK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 2644 Atlantic Avenue
 Brooklyn, NY 11207

PHONE: 718-495-3232
 FAX: 718-385-0673

CONTACT: Bernard Waiters Exec. Director

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A school-based community center. After-school program for African-American male youth, ages 10-15, at the Center-sponsored Beacon School.

HALES FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL
 4930 Cottage Grove
 Chicago, IL 60615

PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: Charles E. Payne PhD President

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Hales Franciscan is a nationally-known all male high school for African American students. Regular programming includes RITE OF PASSAGE celebrations.

INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: RITE OF PASSAGE
 22421 39th Ave. SE
 Bothell WA 98021-7941

PHONE: 206-486-5164
FAX:

CONTACT: Stanley Crow Director

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An international, not-for-profit organization acting for positive, community-based change. Local office, Troy, New York. Programs include RITE OF PASSAGE JOURNEYS for youth 11-13 yrs., and TOUR DE CULTURES cycling experiences in the Pacific Northwest for 8th-10th graders.

LEAKE & WATTS CHILDREN'S HOME
463 Hawthorne Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10705

PHONE: (914)963-5220
FAX: (914)963-7048

CONTACT: David Silberstein ROP Program Dir

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RITE OF PASSAGE: A MENTORING COMMUNITY. Transition into adulthood for boys in foster care. Mentoring links with a cross-cultural community of men who volunteer for one year. Healing, empowerment, and independent living skills; integration of African, Native American, and Hispanic traditions, Eastern philosophy, Western technology, and Outward Bound programming. Emphasis on community.

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
534 E. 37th St. Dept. P
Chicago, IL 60653

PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: Gil Walker, Exec. Director

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Program for young urban men, 17-26 yrs., begun in Maryland in 1986. Now in more than 50 cities across USA, including New York State. Program includes workshops on interpersonal skills.

MEN'S COUNCIL OF SHAWANGUNKShawangunk Corr. Facility/PO.Box 700
Wallkill, NY 12589-0700PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: Robert Vosper Associate

Services:		Age Focus:	Network:
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A group of inmates forming community and committed to effecting positive change "within and without." Each man who participates assumes responsibility for communicating with respect and reaching out to others. Program started by Harris Breiman.

NEW YORK CITY OUTWARD BOUND CENTER
 140 West Street, Suite 2626
 New York, NY 10007
PHONE: (212)608-8899
FAX: (212)608-9250

CONTACT: Richard Stopol Exec.Dir

Services:		Age Focus:	Network:
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Not-for-profit organization serving youth, especially urban youth at risk. School-based programs in 5 NYC public high schools and 1 middle school have 4 dimensions: guided classroom time for discussion of character development and personal experiences; outdoor activities that are challenging yet ensure success (e.g., rope climbing and rappelling, backpacking, etc.); community service and cross-cultural involvement; journal-keeping for self-reflection. Outward Bound staff are trained professionals. EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING OUTWARD BOUND, a new partnership effort for developing a learning model based on in-depth projects that call for "intellectual inquiry, physical exploration, and community service." For information, phone (617)576-1260 / fax (617)576-1340.

NYS DIVISION FOR YOUTH, Rites of Passage Program
52 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

PHONE: (518)473-7793
FAX:

CONTACT: Folami Gray Director

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R.I.T.E.S.= R-ealities I-n the T-transformation of E-bony S-isters.
Pilot project in Staten Island, residential rehabilitative program
for young women. Focus on Nguzo Saba 7 Principles.

NYS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INST. FOR NON-VIOLENCE
41 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

PHONE: 518 426-2300
FAX:

CONTACT: Alan Weeks Coordinator

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STOP: Student Theater Outreach Program for Racial Harmony. High school students in Capital District are trained in King's non-violence philosophy and method, and given instruction in technical and artistic dimensions of theater and communication. Group is multicultural and leaders have professional theater experience.

OUR CITY FOREST

4 North Second Street, Suite 600
San Jose, CA 95113

PHONE: 408 277-3969
FAX:

CONTACT: Rhonda Berry Director

Services:		Age Focus:	Network:
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A citizen-based urban forestry program. Start-up funds from City of San Jose (\$225,000 for 2 years) generated nearly double that from outside agencies.

"Tree Amigo" training for volunteers (3 hrs. wkly. for 6 wks.) who then facilitate tree planting and maintenance projects for schools, neighborhood groups, churches, and others. Goal: "One Million People, One Million Trees." Program initiatives: education & outreach; neighborhoods & schools; business & industry; planning & policy. Newsletter: The VOICE of our City Streets.

PAUL ROBESON PERFORMING ARTS CO.
P.O.Box 396 Syracuse Univ. Station
Syracuse, NY 13210

PHONE: (315)443-4302
FAX:

CONTACT: William Rowland, II Executive Dir.

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ENHANCING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH THE ARTS: 30-40 youth, grades 5-9, participate in performing arts workshops led by professional artists from PRPAC. Sat. mornings for 18 weeks at Community College facility. Workshops include stage presentation, Jumoke values, and rehearsals for final production. Attempts to mix three different social groups of young people (urban poor, lower class, middle class). Volunteer leaders include members of "Jack and Jill" & "Links" (org. promoting opportunities for children of African descent).

THE UNION INSTITUTE CENTER FOR WOMEN
1731 Connecticut Ave. NW - Suite 300
Washington, DC 20009-1146

PHONE: 202-667-1313
FAX: 202-265-0492

CONTACT: Arlene Fong Craig DCGirls Program

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DCGirls: an afterschool program for girls, 11-15 yrs., at the Latin American Youth Center in DC. Participants include Latina, African American, and Southeast Asian girls across several neighborhoods who come together for a cross-cultural arts program designed to strengthen self-esteem and form bonds across communities. Components include the transformation of oral histories collected by girls into works of creative writing and mural art.

DCGirls in Performance: a demonstration video available from Center for Women. Explores themes of community, violence, the mother-daughter bond, and the internal strength and vision of young girls.

DCWomen for DCGirls: a supportive group of women in the DC community committed to the program's growth and charged with securing the resources essential to its future.

UNLIMITED MINDS
79 Central Ave
Albany, NY 12210

PHONE: (518)434-8933
FAX:

CONTACT: Victoria Santos Director

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A Mentoring Program designed to give skills and experience to African and Latino American High School students to help them bridge the gap to college and professionalism. 8 week program includes workshops on personal skills (conflict resolution, leadership, self-esteem, individual/social responsibility), thinking skills (decision making, problem solving, etc.) and basic academic skills in reading, writing, math and science. Links teens with community volunteers and peers.

URBAN LEAGUE OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK
95 Livingston Ave.
Albany, NY 12207

PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: Victor Brown, Prog. Manager

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AESPP: Adolescent Employability Skills Plus Program. For inmates of Albany County Correctional Facility. Designed to help remove obstacles to training and employment for young people involved in the criminal justice system, to reduce recidivism, and to enable them to become productive members of society.

VISION QUEST NATIONAL, LTD.
P.O. Box 12906
Tucson, AZ 85732

PHONE: (602)881-3950
FAX:

CONTACT: Robert Burton

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A positive rite of passage program for marginal youth. Vision Quest organization contracts with courts and social agencies to provide rehabilitative and educational services for youth 13 to 18, many of whom have records of misdemeanors. High impact programs are geared to replace the negative past experiences of youth with positive traditions and ceremonies borrowed from Native American cultures which emphasize recognition for accomplishments and cooperation.

BUFFALO SOLDIERS: traveling group which provides structure for marginal youth; program focuses on group interdependency and negates individualism; quasi-militaristic, boot-camp approach.

KEYSTONE WAGON TRAIN: since 1976, more than 30 wagon trains of 12 wagons each, pulled by mules, have traversed the country.

WHITNEY M. YOUNG Jr. HEALTH CENTER
 Arbor Drive and Lark st.
 Albany, NY 12210

PHONE: 518 465-4771
 FAX: 518 432-3632

CONTACT: Aaron Carter Director MERIT

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MERIT PROGRAM: M-anifested; E-steem; R-eflection; I-nherit; T-eachings. Educational and cultural enrichment, physical programs, lifestyles issues (Nguzo Saba, 7 Principles), African language, invited speakers, trips. Collaborative effort, Arbor Hill Elementary School and Whitney Young, Jr., Health Center.

YOUTH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY SERVICES, Inc.
 164 Farmstead Lane
 Glastonbury, CT 06033

PHONE:
 FAX:

CONTACT:

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Model R.O.P.E.@ One of the longest-running Rite of Passage programs for youth; evolved under leadership of David Blumenkrantz (see Fulfilling the Promise of Children's Services, 1992). Collaborative effort of parents, school staff, and community leadership to provide in-depth program through public schools. Three stages: (1) 6th graders are led through rope climbing challenge and rite of passage orientation; (2) middle school emphasizes positive leisure-time activities available for all youth; (3) high school emphasis on community service, with involvement by community and business leaders.

EXPERTS & CONSULTANTS

Individuals

Harris Breiman
Mustard Seed Center, PO Box 632
Woodstock, NY 12498

PHONE: (914)679-7441
FAX:

CONTACT:

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Harris Breiman, M.Th., works with groups of homeless men, male prisoners, and others who have great need for "freeing the imprisoned soul." Facilitates local Men's Councils (Woodstock and Shawangunk). Group sharing follows a community-building process which draws from the 12-Step self-help traditions and M. Scott Peck's model (THE DIFFERENT DRUM: Community Making and Peace, 1987). Group is envisioned as having potential for being sacred transformative space for individuals, who are empowered by ancient myths and stories of transformation and self-discovery.

Milne Kintner-Dee
1222 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

PHONE: (612)690-3917
FAX:

CONTACT:

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Independent scholar, writer, consultant.
Participation and leadership in Intuitive Leadership project at U. Minnesota; Curriculum and program development related to adolescents, for school districts; consultant on mentoring issues; contributor to Utne Reader; founding member, Saturn Institute. Focus: adult mentoring of adolescents, esp. those in foster care. Designed "Coming of Age" seminar for 9th graders. Presenter, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium: "Virtual Reality: the Role of Shared Experience."

Herbert L. Martin, Jr., PhD
 CSUS Teacher Education 6000 J Street
 Sacramento, CA 95819

PHONE: (916)278-6154
 FAX:

CONTACT:

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Professional interest in social studies methods and mythology.
 Focus on use of Joseph Campbell's work on mythical heroes and use
 of rites of passage stories in elementary and middle school levels.
 (See bibliography).

Miriam Minkoff
 210 Saranac Ave.
 Buffalo, NY 14216

PHONE:
 FAX:

CONTACT:

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Eighteen years experience with sacred dance and ritual. Interests:
 making creativity accessible to people, providing a safe place with
 a guide to oversee; dance, drumming as empowering forms of communal
 or self expression, connecting with spirituality. Presenter, with
 Robert Minkoff, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium: "Elements of Ritual."

Edith Turner
Brooks Hall, Rm.303, Univ. Virginia
Charlottesville VA 22903

PHONE: (804)924-7044
FAX:

CONTACT:

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Lecturer in anthropology, University of Virginia: symbolism, ritual, and cultural rites of passage. 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium speaker, "Tapping the World's Resources for our Troubled Youth." Principal academic consultant, THE CIRCLE OF LIFE (1992).

James Azad Volckhausen
Star of Peace Ctr. 330 West King Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

PHONE: (607)277-4564
FAX:

CONTACT:

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Rites of Passage training; Sufi Order Retreat guide; Cornell outdoor Education instructor; Cornell Ropes course. Co-presenter w. Christian Dean in 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium; "Rites of Passage, an Empowerment Perspective."

Richard M. Williams, Ed.D
 HEMA Associates PO Box 23977
 Rochester, NY 14692

PHONE: (716)334-7490
 FAX: (716)334-2849

CONTACT:

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Former administrator, social service agencies. Lecturer, consultant: issues of the black family, health. Designed Rite of Passage program model and workshops for black male youth. Author, They Stole It But You Must Return It (1992).

Organizations

AEGIS, ABODE OF THE MESSAGE
 R.D.1 Box 1030D
 New Lebanon NY 12125

PHONE: (518)794-8095
 FAX:

CONTACT: Melissa Clare Director

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Guided Vision Quest Retreats, 1-3 days. Classes, workshops, retreats in Sufi tradition (e.g., "Heart of Rhythm and Sound"). Free program catalog.

EARTHRISE FOUNDATION
70 Mountain Rest Road
New Paltz, NY 12561

PHONE: 914-255-5177
FAX:

CONTACT: Joseph Jastrab Director

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TOUCH THE EARTH: Contemporary wilderness quests for men and (separately) for women; include solitary retreat, ritual and ceremony, transformational stories. Joseph Jastrab, nationally known leader of the vision quest experience.

KEEPERS OF THE CIRCLE
PO Box 255
Gowanda, NY 14070

PHONE:
FAX:

CONTACT: John Mohawk

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Network of Native American persons in the Northeast. Leadership includes John Mohawk, professor at SUNY Buffalo.

LIFE INSTITUTE

Star Route Box 34
Paul Smiths, NY 12970

PHONE: (518)327-3554
FAX: (518)327-3487

CONTACT: Robert Eckert Director

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LIFE: Learning Institute for Functional Education.

LIFE Institute for Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles, a training program for student leaders. Students apply through schools and learn empowerment skills, public speaking, conflict resolution, health and nutrition: the latest in knowledge about human potential and how to maximize it. A model Rite of Passage program.

Robert Eckert is a prevention professional, trainer in use of Shamanic Journey in Rites of Passage. Presenter, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium, "Appropriate Rites for Appropriate Passages: When and How to Make it Happen."

MEN'S WORK

P.O.Box 603
Woodstock, NY 12498-0603

PHONE: 914-246-3316
FAX: 914-247-9602

CONTACT: Onaje T. Benjamin Director

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Counseling services, prisoner advocacy, rehabilitation. Onaje Benjamin is workshop leader in national men's movement; coordinator for hospital-based center for men; expert in criminal justice issues and rehabilitation.

RESOURCES

AFRICAN AMERICAN IMAGES
1909 West 95th Street
Chicago, IL 60643

PHONE: 800-552-1991
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Books, videos, curriculum on rites of passage, empowerment of all age groups, interpersonal communication, etc., with focus on African American perspective and experience. Catalog of publications and videos available.

BROAD BASE
431 Brown St.
Iowa City, IA 52245

PHONE: 319-338-2203
FAX: 319-338-2289

CONTACT: Wendy Deutelbaum, PhD Exec. Director

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NOAH (Network of Advocates and Helpers) electronic, interactive family-centered consultation and training for human-service providers (both not-for-profit and public agencies). By subscription. Training in use of story-telling as a mode of empowerment. Includes following on-line tools: NOAH's Guide (directory); NOAH's Interview (assessment); NOAH's Compass (planning); NOAH's Ark (forum of service providers); NOAH's Archive (shared stories); NOAH's Notebook (report format).

COMMUNITY BOARD PROGRAM

1540 Market St., Suite 490
San Francisco, CA 94102

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FAX: 415-626-0595

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A not-for-profit conflict resolution organization offering training for staff and management of youth programs, classroom curricula, and videos.

CONFLICT MANAGER PROGRAM for elementary, middle, or high schools: communication skills, problem-solving, leadership skills, prejudice reduction. Training institutes for educators.

PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM for juvenile treatment facilities.

Semi-annual resource guide to current research and information available by subscription (see bibliography).

CSAP/ Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
P.O. Box 2345
Rockville MD 20847-2345

PHONE: 800-729-6686
FAX:

CONTACT:

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NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFORMATION. Catalog of publications free. Print and video resources; many are free for the asking. Includes resources produced by Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the Departments of Education and Labor, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. **PREVENTION PIPELINE:** bimonthly information service from CSAP. By subscription. **PREVENTION MATERIALS DATABASE** available for modest cost on disk: access to thousands of prevention materials developed across the country.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, Inc.
P.O. Box 392
Freeport, NY 11520

PHONE: 516-223-4666
FAX: 516-623-9282

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Videos and programs for K-12 in health education, conflict resolution, alcohol and drug prevention, peacemaking. Catalog available.

INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY SUPPORT AND DEVLPMT. of MICA
212 West Ingledue Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158

PHONE: 515-752-7162
FAX: 515-752-9724

CONTACT:

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Family Development Associate Certification Program.
Publications, assessment tools, residential intern programs,
leadership training.

MIDWAY CENTER FOR CREATIVE IMAGINATION
 2112 F Street, Suite 404
 Washington, DC 20037

PHONE: (202)296-4466
 FAX:

CONTACT: David Oldfield Director

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THE JOURNEY: a psychoeducational program of creative and expressive exercises to help teenagers tap their imaginations for self-understanding. Workbooks and audio tapes available. 40 hrs. to complete. Draws on myths and ancient rites of passage.

THE LEGACY: Parents' manual for JOURNEY. Abbreviated versions: BRIDGING THE GAP (suitable for schools, churches, youth groups). David Oldfield, M.A. Religion, Yale Divinity School. Presenter, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium, "The Journey: an Experiential Rite of Passage for Modern Adolescents." Midway Center for Creative Imagination Newsletter: WAYFARER. Training courses for professionals and others offered.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1319 F Street, NW, Suite 601
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CONTACT: Gordon A. Raley Exec. Director

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National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations. Seminars and publications for professionals: management, capacity building, public policy promotion, public education of social issues, human resources development, including youth and adolescents. See bibliography, BUILDING RESILIENCY: WHAT WORKS.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR YOUTH SERVICES

 Univ. Oklahoma, 202 West 8th Street
 Tulsa, OK 74119-1419

PHONE: 918 585-2986

FAX: 918-592-1841

 CONTACT: James M. Walker Director

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Offers certified training for youth program staff and volunteers.
 Publications and video resources for service providers and managers;
 curriculum for youth programs. Free catalog available.

NYS OFF. ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

 194 Washington Ave.
 Albany, NY 12210

PHONE: 518 473-3460

FAX:

 CONTACT: Marguerite T. Saunders Commissioner

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OASAS Liaison to the Recovering Community. OASAS Video Library.
 OASAS statewide prevention/intervention network of 400 agencies
 in schools and communities. One of largest such agencies in USA.

TEACHING STRATEGIES, Inc.
 P.O. Box 50550
 Eugene, OR 97405

PHONE: 800-323-8819
 FAX: 503-345-6431

CONTACT: Randall S. Sprick, PhD

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Teacher training resources: video, audio, books (catalog available). "Positive strategies for improving student motivation, classroom management, school-wide responsibility. For use in regular public schools.

SUPPORT & RESEARCH

BLACK COMMUNITY CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

25 E. St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

PHONE: 202 628-8787

FAX: 202 662-3580

CONTACT: Tanya Murphy Special Asst.

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Advocacy organization part of CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND. Purpose, to improve the life chances for black children and their families.

CAPIT / BOCES
47 Cornell Road
Latham, NY 12110

PHONE: 518-786-3211

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CONTACT: Peter Kopcha Prog. Director

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CAPIT: Chemical Abuse Prevention Intervention Team. Assistance to participating school districts. Programs include:
O.K. CLUB: support group for 4th graders who have completed 6 sessions of alcohol education.
POWER OF NO: 10-session classroom skills-training in decision-making and "saying no" for 7th, 8th grade students.
PEER LEADERSHIP: 10-wk. training for high school students to work with elementary and middle school students in attitude and skill development.

CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
130 Ontario St.
Albany, NY 12206

PHONE: 518 463-3686
FAX: 518 463-3680

CONTACT:

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Community-based, not-for-profit organization established by Quakers in 1979. Provides training and services designed to encourage nonviolent conflict resolution. 6 service components, also training and staff development. Hosted NYS "Safe Schools - Safe Communities" Conference, May, 1994.

CORNELL EMPOWERMENT GROUP, Dept. Family Studies
M. Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell Univ
Ithaca NY 14853

PHONE: (607)255-2531
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CONTACT: Christiann Dean Research Assoc.

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Research and training in Empowerment and families: Process-centered in local community, involving mutual respect, critical reflection, group participation and caring.

Christiann Dean, Training Director for Family Matters and Sr. Extension Associate. Presenter, 1992 NYS Rites of Passage Symposium: "Bringing an Empowerment Perspective to Rites of Passage." Workshop presenter, "In Support of Families," May, 1994, Albany, NY.

CORNELL YOUTH AND WORK PROGRAM
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Ithaca, NY 14853

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Cornell Youth and Work Program, College of Human Ecology. Focus on youth apprenticeship as preparation for adulthood. (See bibliography: Hamilton.)

EDUCATIONAL LEARNING CORPORATION
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Albany, NY 12205

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CONTACT: Richard J. Thomas, President

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Programs and support services for school districts and related populations: technical assistance in planning and funding for future technologies; training for grant writing; professional training workshops.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF ALBANY, Inc.

12 South Lake Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

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FAX: 518-462-0181

CONTACT: Kathleen K. State EPIC Prog. Dir.

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EPIC Programs (Effective Parenting Information for Children, Inc.):
skill workshops on parenting adolescents: e.g., expressing love, supporting
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Manuals for workshop leaders, for parents, and teacher guides for schools.

NATIONAL COLLABORATION FOR YOUTH

1319 F Street, NW Suite 601
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Collaboration of 15 of the largest national youth-serving organizations
in the USA. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
focuses on public policy and advocacy.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS IN EDUCATION
 900 Second St. NE, Suite 8
 Washington, DC 20002

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Sponsor of WITH AND FOR PARENTS, a long-term school-based project in Baltimore, Maryland, involving African-American families in the education of their children (see bibliography, Joyce A. Garlington, HELPING DREAMS SURVIVE, 1991).

NEW YORK AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION
 State University Plaza
 Albany, NY 12246

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CONTACT: Anne Pope, Exec. Secretary

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Established in 1986 as a statewide entity to support research initiatives intended to improve the quality of life for African Americans in New York State. Sponsored NYS Symposium, "A Matter of Access and Equity" May, 1994.

Research studies sponsored by the Foundation will be used to augment policy decisions within state government and to strengthen the teachings of African American Studies throughout the state.

NYS DECADE OF THE CHILD INITIATIVE

Office of the Governor
Albany, NY

PHONE: 800 345-KIDS
FAX:

CONTACT: Matilda R. Cuomo Chair

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NEW YORK PARENTS: electronic database of over 1000 parent education and support programs and services focusing on child development, family communication skills, prenatal care, alcohol & substance abuse, nutrition, etc.

NYS MENTORING PROGRAM: statewide effort links corporations and small businesses to schools at the school's request (currently over 200 school involved). Employees volunteer to be mentors; they are screened and must attend training sessions "to enhance their understanding of the pressures children face today." Director, Jay North. Program has helped more than 3,000 students to finish high school.

OHIO RITES OF PASSAGE NETWORK

2749 Woodhill Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44104

PHONE:
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CONTACT: Paul Hill, Jr.

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An organization to promote ROP programming statewide.

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