

Neighborhood Training Academy Classes for August – November 2009

All classes are held at United Way, 360 S. Third Ave, Columbus, OH. **unless otherwise indicated.**

Grant Writing 101 - 2 sessions	Aug. 4 & 11	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Paraclete Funding Resources, LLC. Learn how the grant process works by understanding the grant process, key grant terms and the best way to research and identify potential grant funders. Class participants will identify grant parts and review existing grant applications.				
How to Develop a Program 101	Aug. 12	Wednesday	6:00-8:30pm	15.00
Facilitator: Lela Boykin, L Boykin Consulting LLC. What is the first step in developing a project or program for your community? Participants will learn the essential steps in developing an organized set of actions which lead to successful and logical program implementation and follow-up measurements.				
Public Speaking 101	Aug. 13	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	15.00
Facilitator: Stephanie H. Glass, OSU Fisher College of Business. Improve your public speaking skills and learn techniques to maximize the effectiveness of presentations that have limited time allowances. Participants will have the opportunity to practice speaking before a small, friendly audience and receive constructive feedback. Overcome your fears and make your speeches powerful and persuasive!				
Effective Advocacy Skills: How to Talk to City Hall	Aug. 27	Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	5.00
Facilitator: Dawn Tyler Lee, Office of Government Relations, The Ohio State University. Effective Advocacy Skills: How to Talk to City Hall. Participants will learn how to be effective with local government in lobbying for community issues and concerns. Civic, grassroots and nonprofit organizations will find that this workshop will provide a basic understanding of how local government is organized, how to access city departments and City Council, how to read City Council agendas and how to best advocate on behalf of their constituents.				
Next Steps in Developing a Program 201	Aug. 19	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	15.00
Facilitator: Lela Boykin, L Boykin Consulting LLC. (Participants must have completed How to Develop a Program 101 before registering for Next Steps 201) This class will focus on writing the actual content required for each element of a basic grant in the program planning process.				
Your Finances in Facing Unemployment	Aug. 20	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Robin T. Green, OSU Extension. This course is designed to provide information, resources and strategic plans on how to maneuver your personal finances while unemployed.				
Public Speaking 201	Aug. 20	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	15.00
Facilitator: Stephanie H. Glass, OSU Fisher College of Business (Participants must have completed Public Speaking 101 before registering for 201) Take your skills to the next level with this participation-focused workshop. Each student will have multiple opportunities to deliver a speech and receive detailed feedback from their instructor and fellow students.				
Grant Writing 201 - 2 Sessions	Aug. 25 & Sept. 1	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Paraclete Funding Resources, LLC. (Participant must have completed Grant Writing 101 before registering for 201) This advanced grant writing workshop uses small-group exercises to develop persuasive credibility statements, define the problems to be addressed and develop methods needed to make grants appealing to the reviewers. This is a hands-on workshop with small working groups to work on sections of a grant that will be reviewed and discussed.				
How to Start a Nonprofit Academy	Aug. 25, 26, 27	Tue/Wed/Thurs.	6:00-8:00 pm	45.00
Facilitators: Patrick Powell, All The Above; Megan Sullivan, The Legal Aid Society of Columbus; Nellie So, Bricker Eckler and Roger Perry, Wichert Insurance. The definition of a nonprofit is provide a public or mutual benefit other than the pursuit or accumulation of profits. The three sessions will provide participants with a broad understanding of starting a nonprofit. Session One, will share an overview of the building blocks required in creating a nonprofit as well in determining if one's project is a nonprofit or a program. Session Two will present the legal framework that				

nonprofits must follow from the creation of an organizational name through registration of articles of incorporation, bylaws, federal exemption forms and charitable trust registrations. Session Three will focus on liability concerns of nonprofits and its impacts on the board of directors, the clients and the organization as a whole. Anyone thinking about starting a nonprofit should take this course.				
Grant Writing 101 - 2 sessions	Sept. 9 & 16	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Paraclete Funding Resources, LLC. (Participant must have completed Grant Writing 101 before registering for 201) This advanced grant writing workshop uses small-group exercises develop persuasive credibility statements, define the problems you intend to address, and formulate the methods you'll use to make your grant readable to the reviewer. This is a hands-on workshop with small working groups to work on sections of a grant to be reviewed and discussed.				
Facing Home Foreclosure: What Should You Do?	Sept. 16	Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Denise Gastesi, Edward Leonard Franklin County Treasurer's Office. You are not alone. There are programs that can help. Representatives from several organizations will share information on services available for foreclosure intervention.				
Creating a Property and Landlord Owners Association	Sept. 17	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Sara Boothe, Greater Linden Development Corporation. Learn about the innovative Linden project of forming a landlord and property owner association. Participants will hear what steps were taken to create a neighborhood resident and rental property owner partnership to maintain a safe and healthy community. Organizational next steps and guidelines will be shared with participants who wish to consider a program in their community.				
Building Safer Communities Through Community Gardening	Sept. 17	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitator: Bill Dawson, Community Garden Coordinator for the Franklin Park Conservatory. Dawson will bring together a panel of experienced community gardeners to discuss ways to start, maintain and sustain neighborhood projects and how these beautification efforts impact communities in making positive changes.				
Grant Research - (Class will be held at Main Library, 96 S. Grant)	Sept. 22	Tuesday	6:30- 8:30 pm	Free
Facilitator: Diana Zepp, Grants Resource Center, Columbus Metropolitan Library. Improve your chances of success in obtaining a grant by learning to use the Grants Resource Center at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. This program, intended for nonprofit organizations, is a basic orientation to researching for grants.				
Investment Strategies for Beginners	Sept. 23	Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Kathryn LaShure, National City, a part of PNC. It is never to late to discover the basics of starting an investment program, even during these challenging economic times. Learn how you can increase your money and overall worth without an increase in your salary				
Neighborhood Mapping: Identifying Your Community	Sept. 23	Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Tim Hawthorne, PhD Candidate in the OSU Department of Geography. Learn how an OSU service learning project resulted in an eastside community developing asset maps that identified issues around access to healthcare, food, major employment sites, and public transportation as well as identifying historical landmarks and points of neighborhood pride.				
Creating Safe and Walkable Communities	Sept. 24	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: Christine Green, Columbus Health Department and Christopher Riley, Columbus Division of Police. Health and safety are related to how you are active in your neighborhood. This class will focus on tools and ideas to create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods. Tools and ideas include neighborhood walk audits, walking maps, neighborhood block watch walks and a development checklist to make walking and biking easier in your neighborhood. The Columbus Division of Police will address the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - or CPTED program. Studies have shown CPTED communities have decreased criminal activity by as much as 40 percent. What is the secret to CPTED crime prevention? Learn how the CPTED design can eliminate or reduce criminal behavior and at the same time encourage people to "keep an eye out" for each other. Officer Riley will show how neighbors can utilize CPTED methods to increase security within their community.				
Neighborhood Projects in Safe & Decent Housing	Oct. 8	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: Meet the 2008 NPG Grant Recipients who conducted community projects in the area of safe and decent housing. Participants will hear how communities defined a need, and designed, implemented and evaluated their programs. The Safe and Decent Housing projects focus on energy efficiency, financial education, blighted and vacant housing and other issues. The Neighborhood Partnership Grants Program is sponsored by The Columbus Foundation, United Way of Central Ohio, National City, Bob Evans and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. The 2010 Neighborhood Partnership Grant application process will be initiated in November 2009.				

Blockwatch Leadership - Community Training	Oct. 13	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: Jay McCallister, Great Western Blockwatch and Civic Association, The Columbus Police Department, the Columbus City Attorney's Office and the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office. This workshop is intended to give participants the tools to develop and support an active block watch. Facilitators will be current block captains and coordinators who will chronicle their experience in establishing and maintaining a block watch. Training will include identity theft, Columbus Police Department (CPD) Radio Room Operation and the CPD Patrol Initiative. This workshop is being conducted by the Great Western Blockwatch and Civic Association as the result of funding from Macy's Foundation and United Way of Central Ohio.				
Grant Writing 101 - 2 Sessions	Oct. 13 & 20	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Jami Huppert, United Way of Central Ohio (See August 4 Description)				
Understanding and Preventing Urban Youth Violence	Oct. 14	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitator: Deanna L. Wilkinson, PhD, Associate Professor, OSU College of Education and Human Ecology, Department of Human Development and Family Science. The dynamics of violence among minority male youths cannot be fully understood without exploring the youths' family situations, perceptions of their environment, and experiences with mainstream institutions such as schools, community agencies, and employers. Wilkinson found that the breakdown in informal social control and fear contribute to violence in the community. The resulting isolation that youth experience away from caring adults allows violence to increase. Exposure to violence in the community shapes the ways youth resolve conflict. By examining the contexts in which conflicts unfold and the decisions youth make in situations when they are armed and angry, Professor Wilkinson was able to identify strategies for violence interruption and prevention. She will also address how her research findings can be applied in community action, developing community-police partnerships, policy making, and parenting.				
Looking for Volunteers in All the Right Places	Oct. 15	Thursday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	5.00
Facilitator: Julie Smith, Rebuilding Together Central Ohio. Why do some organizations always have an abundant volunteer pool and other groups struggle to find volunteers? Executive Director Julie Smith will share the history of Rebuilding Together Central Ohio and why people are knocking on their doors to be engaged in their good works.				
Understanding and Preventing Urban Youth Violence: Lessons from Youth Involved in Violence	Oct. 14	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
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Grant Writing 201 - 2 Sessions	Oct. 14 & 21	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Dinessa Solomon, Ohio State Attorney General's Office. 2 Sessions. (See August 25 Description)				

Neighborhood Projects in Crime Prevention	Oct. 15	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: Meet the 2008 NPG Grant Recipients who conducted neighborhood projects in Crime Prevention and Safety. This area of focus encompasses projects ranging from block watch-crime prevention programs to anti-litter and graffiti. Be inspired by the creative solutions to reduce crime and increase safety in the community. The Neighborhood Partnership Grants Program is sponsored by The Columbus Foundation, United Way of Central Ohio, National City, Bob Evans and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. The 2010 Neighborhood Partnership Grant application process will be initiated in November 2009.				
Reconnecting With Our Disconnected Youth	Oct. 21	Wednesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: Tamara Fournier, Revival Development Corps; Michael Hargrove, D.A.D.D.S, Inc. Weslee Pullen, Columbus Urban League, Derri Russell, and Listen Good Youth. Participants will join in an interactive discussion using the 40 Developmental Assets-It Takes a Village approach to re-engage their community's young people. The value of collaboration and partnerships will be encouraged and discussed. The facilitators bring strong in developing programs that work with at-risk young people and at-risk communities. This is an excellent program for those communities looking for innovative program ideas to empower their youth.				
Grant Review: 2008 Neighborhood Partnership of Economic & Community Development	Oct. 22	Thursday	6:00-8:30 pm	Free
Facilitators: 2008 NPG Grant Recipients will share how they identified a need, and designed, implemented innovative programs to address community and economic development in their neighborhoods. This area of focus had projects ranging from installing gateway signage, community gardening-beautification designs, to communication projects and public events. The Neighborhood Partnership Grants Program is sponsored by The Columbus Foundation, United Way of Central Ohio, National City, Bob Evans and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. The 2010 Neighborhood Partnership Grant application process will be initiated in November 2009.				
Locating Owners of Vacant and Abandoned Properties	Oct. 22	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Dana Rose, City of Columbus. Representatives from the City will present the techniques used to locate owners of vacant properties, including city and county resources. This course will also include insight on how neighborhood leaders can obtain mortgage and property ownership information on distressed properties.				
Grant Writing 201 - 2 Sessions	Nov 3 & 10	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	45.00
Facilitator: Jami Huppert, United Way of Central Ohio (See August 25 Description)				
Community Engagement Through Social Networking	Nov. 13	Tuesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Free
Facilitator: Chris Groves, United Way. Face book, Linkin, Twitter, do they sound familiar? Could these social networking websites be the best way to strengthen communication in your community? Social networking is the fastest growing method of communication engagement on the Internet. See how local neighborhood, block watch and grassroots organizations can develop new ways to engage and communicate with members of their organizations. Learn more about social media and how to use it in your community.				