

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Division of Criminal Justice Services  
4 Tower Place  
Albany, NY 12203

## LOCAL FORENSIC DNA LABS NYS DNA Lab Capacity Enhancement

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit applications for awards to enhance the ability of local Forensic DNA labs to process evidence for DNA within an average 30-day turnaround time. Subject to State appropriation authority, approximately \$6 million is available for awards. Awards will be for a 12-month period with one 1-year renewal option.

The following local Forensic DNA labs are eligible to apply: Erie County Department of Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory, Monroe County Public Safety Laboratory, Nassau County Department of Forensic Genetics, New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Department of Forensic Biology, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory and Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Forensic Science Laboratory.

Applications should be submitted via DCJS' automated Grants Management System (GMS) by noon (12:00 p.m. EDT), August 31, 2006.

A copy of the RFA is available on-line on DCJS' website at: <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/newrfp.htm> or may be obtained by e-mailing DCJS at [funding@dcjs.state.ny.us](mailto:funding@dcjs.state.ny.us)

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

## Criminal Offender Set Aside of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act (VTEA)

\$597,441 is available to fund continuation grants for the Criminal Offender set aside in the 2006-07 school year.

Such programs must be designed to provide coursework leading to a job or further education and training for individuals under the age of 21 who are located in county jails, state correctional facilities or facilities operated by the Office of Children and Family services. Eligible recipients are county jails, The Office of Children and Family Services, The New York State Department of Corrections, The NYS Commission on Corrections, and community-based organizations serving incarcerated youth.

All funds will be used to continue multi-year grants. No new grants are available. For more information, contact Gregory Bayduss, Student Support Services Team, at (518) 486-6090.

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## Non-Traditional Set Aside of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act (VTEA)

\$143,000 is available to fund a continuation grant for non-traditional initiatives in the 2006-07 school year.

The non-traditional initiative is designed to provide school districts and BOCES with staff development services that will enhance their ability to recruit, retain and graduate students in fields that are traditionally dominated by a single gender. These services may include workshops, written materials and technical assistance that promotes gender equity in career and technical education.

All funds will be used to continue a multi-year grant. No new grants are available. For more information, contact Konrad Raup, Career and Technical Education Team at (518) 486-1547.

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## Tech-Prep Education of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act (VTEA)

Approximately \$5 million is available to fund continuation grants for Tech-Prep Education in the 2006-07 school year.

Tech-Prep Programs must be designed to lead students to a two-year associate or four-year bachelor's degree or a two-year certificate. They must develop and maintain comprehensive linkages between secondary schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Tech-Prep programs must provide technical preparation in at least one of the following fields: engineering technology, applied science, mechanical, industrial, practical art or trade, agriculture, health or business.

All funds will be used to continue multi-year grants. No new grants are available. For more information, contact Bernard McInerney, Career and Technical Education Team at (518) 474-4157.

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### SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES), AND CONSORTIA THEREOF Learning Technology Grant Program

Grant funding in the amount of \$3.29 million is available to support the development and implementation of collaborative learning technology projects to provide for the acquisition of both technology and staff development that will facilitate student learning to improve student academic performance in relation to the New York State learning standards. There is a focus on the integration of educational technology in classroom activities in mathematics, English Language Arts (ELA) including early literacy and science to foster learning.

Applicants for funding must include School(s) Under Registration Review and/or School(s) In Need of Improvement in the application. Students attending nonpublic school can benefit from partnership between the public and nonpublic schools pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Education.

Applications for funding may be obtained at [www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov) under Funding Opportunities. Applications are must be postmarked by October 11, 2006. For additional information, contact Connie Centrello at (518) 474-5922 or at [emscgt@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emscgt@mail.nysed.gov)

## Department of Health

Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Adult Health  
Bureau of Health Risk Reduction  
Arthritis Program  
Riverview Center  
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### NOT-FOR-PROFIT PUBLIC SECTOR AND OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN NYS SUCH AS DISABILITY SERVICE AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITAL-BASED OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, AND OTHERS WHO SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INCLUDING ARTHRITIS Arthritis Foundation Self Help Program; Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program; Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program

This RFA solicits organizations to implement one of three, or a combination, proven arthritis intervention programs: the Arthritis Foundation Self Help Program, Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, and the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program. Applications will be accepted through September 25, 2006.

The Arthritis Foundation Self Help Program is a six-week, 2-hour per week self-management course. It provides people affected by arthritis with techniques and skills to better manage their disease. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program is an eight-week, 2x weekly land-based exercise program developed specifically for people with arthritis. It promotes exercises to maintain functional activities. The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is an eight-week, 2x weekly water-based exercise program and is similar to the Exercise Program; however, it requires a therapeutic water setting.

Each of the above programs models are designed for a Train-the-Trainer approach and require the recruitment of lay leader, preferably those with arthritis, from the community for successful implementation and future sustainability. The Self Help Program requires two leaders

per course while the other two programs require one leader per course. Leader trainings are done in your area and consist of 1-2 days depending on the program. Persons who successfully complete the leader training then implement the program in their community to a group of 8-15 participants. For more in-depth information on each program, please visit the CDC ([www.cdc.gov/arthritis](http://www.cdc.gov/arthritis)) or the Arthritis Foundation ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)) Web Sites.

Disability service/advocacy groups such as Independent Living Centers, Multiple Sclerosis Chapters, and Developmental Disability Service Offices, and others that serve people with disabilities are invited to apply for up to \$3,000 to conduct a minimum of two arthritis intervention courses over a project period of twelve months. A total of three applications will be funded by the Disability and Health Program in collaboration with the Arthritis Program.

For an application, contact: Mari T. Brick, Arthritis Program Manager, at the above address or call (518) 408-5142, email [mtb02@health.state.ny.us](mailto:mtb02@health.state.ny.us)

## Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQCAPD)

401 State Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305

### NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING OUTREACH AND TRAINING TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

#### Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) Program

As the administering agency for the PABSS program, CQCAPD is announcing the availability of federal funding to establish five-year contracts for the period February 1, 2007 – January 31, 2012 with not-for-profit organizations to provide program services in four regions throughout New York State.

Program Summary: Pursuant to funding made available through Section 1150 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 122 of P.L. 106-170, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, CQCAPD will establish four contracts with eligible agencies in the Downstate Region, Greater Hudson Valley Region, Central Region, and Western Region of New York State to provide legal, administrative, and other remedies to persons with disabilities who are beneficiaries of Social Security and are seeking employment. Duties of the offices will include outreach and training to promote understanding of the rights of such persons and assistance in the resolution of complaints, including the provision of legal and non-legal advocacy services.

Requirements: Grantee must be a not-for-profit organization, independent of any agency that provides treatment or habilitation services to persons with disabilities. Grantee must have the capacity and expertise to effectively advocate on behalf of eligible individuals.

It is anticipated that approximately \$227,000 will be available during the first one-year contract period of February 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008. Funding amounts for years 2-5 of the five-year term will be subject to the availability of funds.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is expected to be released on August 10, 2006. Due date for receipt of proposals is September 20, 2006. Subcontracting will not be allowed without the express written approval of CQCAPD.

For an application and a full description of the required services and counties served by each region, contact Thomas Gilbert, PABSS Program Director, by phone at (518) 388-2892; or by E-Mail at [Tom.Gilbert@cqcapd.state.ny.us](mailto:Tom.Gilbert@cqcapd.state.ny.us). An RFP announcement will also be available on CQCAPD's website at [www.cqcapd.state.ny.us](http://www.cqcapd.state.ny.us).