

Youth Bureau News for 8-2-2010

- No need to sign up, just drop in at the **Underground Café** for basketball, pool, video games, movie nights and more. Through August 28 ages 13 and up are welcome at the summer programming on Wednesday through Saturday from 3 to 10PM. Entrance is on Broadway across from Utica City Hall. The Café is sponsored by Utica Safe Schools/Healthy Students, 315-792-2205.
- Johnson Park Center, Utica concludes a week of celebration with the **Annual Peace March** on Thursday August 5, from 5-7:30PM. For information, 315-734-9608.
- Children who participated in the **Summer Reading Program** at Utica Public Library will celebrate at a Luau on August 11 with tropical games, music, food and fun in the sun. Please note: the Children's Room will be closed from 1-3PM that day.
- Rain or shine the Center City Recreation Program will present a free **Community and Cultural Day** at MLK, Jr. School on August 13. The neighborhood is invited to enjoy Games of the World, music and food from 10AM to 2PM. For information, Mohawk Valley Community Action, 315-624-0821.
- Orientation and application interviews for **Job Corps** will be August 18 at 10:30AM at Working Solutions, NYS Department of Labor, 207 Genesee Street, Utica. Interested students must call 315-478-5529 Ext 102 to check eligibility and find out what documents to bring. Job Corps offers free career technical training for ages 16-24 in auto mechanics and body repair, medical and business office, CNA, LPN, construction, culinary arts, security guard and more. Eligible students receive up to two years education and training, campus housing, meals and other services. Non-graduates may apply and earn their GED while training.
- Reminder – Catholic Charities **Summer Breakfast Program** continues weekdays through August 31 at MLK, Jr. School and Adrean Terrace in Utica and at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Rome. Breakfast is also served on Fridays only at Gillmore Village in Utica, 8-9AM. For information, to volunteer or to donate, Connie Marcus, 724-2158 Ext 239 or Brenda Webb, 337-8600 Ext 210.
- Are you a relative or other non-parent caregiver providing full time care to children? Are you challenged with meeting all their health care, legal and educational needs? A new program **Kin and Kids** sponsored by the Neighborhood Center offers support and advocacy to caregivers in Oneida and Herkimer Counties. Families are assessed for their needs and provided with resource information and referrals for appropriate services. Caregivers who are recipients of Family Assistance, Safety Net, HEAP, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps or school lunch benefits are automatically eligible. Eligibility can also be

determined based on income. For more information, Tina Hudynica, Program Coordinator, 315-272-2760.