

DYCD's Beacon programs are collaborative, school-based community centers designed to provide quality services to youth and adults after school, in the evenings, and on weekends. In the early 1990's, Beacons were introduced in response to widespread concern about crime and drugs in New York City and since their inception, Beacon centers have served more than one million youth and adults. There are currently 80 Beacon sites, 15 of which also host Administration for Children's Services (ACS) foster care prevention programs. Together, these programs serve more than 80,000 participants annually. Beacon programs provide services in the following core areas:

- **Academic enhancements:** youth work on concepts that may have been covered during the school day including but not limited to tutoring, homework assistance, STEM related projects and reading clubs.
- **Life skills:** activities designed to increase personal responsibility, self-esteem, and confidence.
- **Career awareness/school-to-work transition:** including career exploration workshops and help transitioning from middle school to high school.
- **Civic engagement/community building:** activities designed to strengthen leadership skills and civic responsibility.
- **Recreation/health and fitness:** opportunities designed to promote healthy lifestyles.
- **Culture/art:** activities designed to provide students with opportunities to express themselves through music, dance, and drama.

Beacon youth participate in a variety of activities, including but not limited to organized Girls and Boys Basketball Leagues in partnership with NIKE, Soccer for Success in partnership with U.S. Soccer Foundation and Summer Cookshop in collaboration with Food Bank for New York City.

#### **City Fiscal Year 16 Program Facts**

**Total Program Budget: \$37.5 million** including HRA, ACS and CTL funds

- 66 programs receive on average \$346,145 from city tax levy funds and \$4.4 million in council restorations combined
- 15 programs receive an additional \$8.3 million from the Administration for Children's Services
- 14 programs receive on average \$408,079 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

#### **Providers:**

- Projected enrollment: **86,100**
- 44 providers
- 80 contracts
- 80 sites

#### **City Fiscal Year 2015 Outcomes:**

- Target: 52,700 youth and families enrolled; 26,800 individuals attend community events
- Outcome: 62,563 youth and families enrolled; \*70,288 attended community events
  
- Target: 12,700 middle school students enrolled
- Outcome: 20,524 enrolled
  
- Target: all programs will achieve a 75% rate of participation for middle school students
- Outcome: 86% of programs achieved a 75% rate of participation

#### **Current Contract Term:**

- September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

\*Community event participants attend have the option of attending multiple events throughout the program year.