

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH (ICC)

Advancing New York City Youth Services Collaboration

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I am pleased to present the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2012.

I am happy to announce that New York City was once again honored by America's Promise and AIG as 100 Best Cities for Young People. This is a direct result of its continued commitment to work in partnership with the public/private sector to improve educational opportunities, lower the dropout rate and provide quality out-of school support programs for young people and their families.

In addition, New York City along with 10 other US municipalities rated a perfect score in administering policies and services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community by the Human Rights Campaign. This comes as no surprise, as we see the focused and thoughtful work the ICC has delivered for LGBTQ young people.

It is clear that the ICC plays a vital role benefiting many young people and their families.

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor
Department of Education
ICC Chair





I am delighted to highlight the good work of New York City's youth-serving agencies in 2012.

Through our collective efforts, the ICC has provided a forum for young people to have their voices heard by youth serving agencies across New York City. This past year, they expressed the need for continued employment opportunities, college readiness programs, services for LGBTQ youth, and improving outcomes for youth who came in contact with the court system.

The ICC membership responded by improving youth services through public-private partnerships, hosting a job fair with over 40 employers, providing LGBTQ sensitivity trainings and offering resources and alternatives for Court-involved youth.

It is evident that the ICC is leading the way in developing creative and sustainable efforts that address the needs of young people and their families. I look forward to continuing the work of the ICC and providing quality services across the City of New York.

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner
Department of Youth and Community Development
ICC Director

Throughout the past year, the ICC held over 20 meetings, special events, and activities focused on Youth Employment, College Readiness, enhancing services to LGBTQ and court-involved youth and improving digital communications to young people.

SUPPORTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Given the record unemployment rates among young people, the ICC focused on ways to connect young people to jobs.

On March 1, the ICC held a meeting at Metlife to inform government agencies, workforce non-profits, private employers, and labor unions on the skills young people will need to compete in the future labor market. Panelists included Lesley Hirsch of the Labor Market Information Services, Suzanne Foran of Henkels and McCoy, and Kevin Gallagher of AFLAC. Additionally, Kevin Wardally of the New York State Department of Labor who encouraged businesses and non-profits present to sign-up for the New York Youth Works initiative to give tax credits to businesses who hire young people.



On June 28, DYCD held its second job fair at the Emigrant Savings Bank building generously provided by DCAS. This event was organized to address high youth unemployment in New York City. With over 450 youth attending with resumes in hand and in business attire, their desire to work was clear. They were exposed to over 40 employers including the Brooklyn Public Library, DCAS, FDNY, the NYPD, other agencies and an array of private companies offering a range of high quality and well-paying jobs.

Some participants were hired immediately and others were offered an opportunity to interview as early as the beginning of July. Employer feedback was positive – they were impressed with the level of professionalism from the young people and expressed interest in participating in future job fairs. Plans are underway to do more.



SUPPORTING COLLEGE READINESS

College degrees can open the gates of opportunity to young people. Adults with bachelor's degrees earn an average of 81 percent more than high school graduates. Among the five boroughs, the Bronx has the highest number of students with the lowest college preparedness rates.

In response, the ICC held its first Annual Youth Public hearing in the Bronx at Hostos Community College on October 25. The hearing attracted over 200 young people who received information about higher education and college readiness. The panel included Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Associate Dean Ana Garcia Reyes from Hostos Community College, Chelsea Veratoro from BronxWorks Youth Leadership Academy, and ICC member agencies. Students in attendance asked questions about financial aid and the college application process to representatives of The College Board, New Futuro, and Hostos Community College. Additionally, ICC members heard testimony from over 25 individuals from all five boroughs who gave recommendations on how to enhance youth services in NYC.



Don't forget
September 26th
ICC PUBLIC HEARING
Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth Public Hearing 2012
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Hostos Community College of the City University of New York
120 East 149th Street, Multipurpose Room
Bronx, New York 10451
If you would like to testify or have any questions, we can be reached at 212-312-2200. Speakers will be called in the order in which they register. Testimony is limited to three minutes.
NYC Department of Youth & Community Development



SUPPORTING COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH

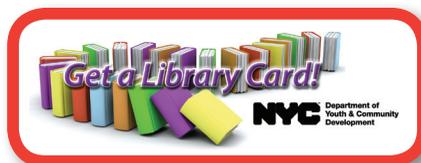
The Court-Involved Youth Work Group continued its efforts to provide information and resources for young people.

Throughout the past year, members developed “Coming Home: A Resource Guide for Young People Transitioning Back into the Community”. The guide looks to provide educational, employment, housing, health, substance abuse, and counseling resources for young people who are leaving detention or other institutional settings, and going home. The guide is expected to be released in 2013.

It also developed a Court Diversion Program in partnership with the NYC Law Department for young people ages 10 – 15 years old. It provides youth an opportunity to participate in intervention workshops at the Betances and Bronx River Cornerstone Centers. After successful completion of the program, they are sent back to court to begin the process of cleaning their record. This helps reduce detention and court costs while providing positive outcomes for young people. To date, 115 youth have successfully completed the program.

SUPPORTING NEW YORK CITY LIBRARIES

The ICC is proud of its partnership with the City Council, the Department of Education, the Administration for Children’s Services, the Department of Homeless Services, the Human Resources Administration, DYCD and all three library systems in encouraging young people to apply for a Library Card. There are over 200 libraries in communities throughout the City that offer millions of books, resources, and internet access free of charge. By becoming regular visitors to the library, young people can further their academic and work skills and become lifetime learners. Information to apply for a library card is available on the DYCD-website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/downloads/pdf/Get_a_Library_Card_Guide.pdf



SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH

The ICC is continuing to implement the NYC Commission on LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth's recommendation to create an LGBTQ-competent city workforce by offering city-wide training sessions, educational film screenings, and mentoring services.

In the past year, the ICC spearheaded a series of training sessions focused on LGBTQ sensitivity for 18 city agencies. Presenters have included representatives from the NYPD, the NYC Anti-Violence Project, Green Chimneys, the NYC Administration for Children's Services, and Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters (GLASS). Additionally, the ICC and Lambda Legal Services offered a "Train the Trainer" session on best practices for serving LGBTQ youth. Participants signed a pledge agreeing to provide ongoing training to their staff and colleagues on serving LGBTQ youth.



The ICC helped implement five LGBTQ youth groups at Cornerstone Programs to give them a voice to discuss their needs and to let all young people know they are welcomed in the programs.

During National Runaway Homeless Youth Prevention Month, the ICC hosted a special screening of the film “Gun Hill Road”, a family drama set in the Bronx that highlights the conflict between traditional and contemporary values regarding LGBTQ youth. The film was used as an educational screening that would help promote acceptance of LGBTQ youth and their families.

In September 2012, ICC members examined the possibility of creating an LGBTQ Mentoring program. Lead by Reverend Valerie Holly of the Unity Fellowship Church, members discussed creating safe zones and access to health programs for LGBTQ youth.

CONNECTING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

The Transitional-Age Work Group continued its efforts to strategize on how to better communicate with young people through social media. Through these efforts, DYCD’s Youth Connect now has over 20,000 social media subscribers. On October 19, 2012, Mayor Bloomberg and Chief Digital Officer Rachel S. Haot awarded DYCD the “Breakout Social Media Agency of the Year” Award in recognition of this work engaging the public through digital communications.



TOOLS USED TO ACCESS YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS

All New York City based agencies are included in the City's annual budget consultation process. Local Community Boards meet and discuss with representatives of City agencies their concerns and issues. Many agencies utilize direct and indirect service reports accessed through individual case management and program evaluations.

Several agencies conduct special activities such as focus groups, youth surveys and Youth Speak-Outs. DOE, for example, developed a ten year needs-assessment plan for all schools to gain a better understanding of the needs of the community and to promote safe, healthy and nurturing communities in which students can succeed academically.

When developing Requests for Proposals, DYCD issues Concept Papers to elicit community feedback. To make the most of its resources, DYCD utilizes City Planning, Census data and other sources which examine data related to youth populations, poverty and unemployment.

In addition, Agency Performance Reporting is part of New York City's comprehensive Citywide Performance Reporting tool. It represents a collection of critical performance measures from more than 40 City agencies in an easy-to-use online snapshot format.



AGENCY NAME	NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED FY 2011	AGENCY BUDGET FOR YOUTH FY 2011
Administration for Children's Services (ACS)	223,607	\$3,000,000,000
Department for the Aging (DFTA)	3,850	\$188,729
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	719	\$2,519,427
Department of Correction (DOC)	5,281	\$70,663,573
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)	NA	NA
Department of Education (DOE)	1,100,000	\$24,000,000,000
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	90,000	\$146,000
New York City Fire Department (FDNY)	313,590	\$900,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)	2,176,636	\$22,448,457
Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)	N/A	N/A
Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	54,212	\$486,019,473
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	95,579	\$28,700,000
Human Resources Administration (HRA)	48,495	\$18,622,014
Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks)	62,402	N/A
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	60,765	\$467,468
Department of Probation (DOP)	19,615	\$19,546,639
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	631,043	\$29,994,228
New York Public Library (NYPL)	807,988	\$58,400,000
Queens Borough Public Library (QPL)	669,934	\$22,448,457
Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	201,194	\$250,423,620

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