New York City Department of Youth and Community Development

annual report 2006

Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Commissioner

a message from Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav

Dear Fellow New Yorkers,

It is my pleasure to present you with the 2006 Annual Report for the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). This past year marked the 10-year anniversary since the Department of Youth Services and the Community Development Agency were joined to create what is now DYCD. In its 10th year, DYCD strengthened its commitment to serving the City's youth, families and communities. Within this report you will find a snapshot of these various accomplishments, including the following:

Youth Workforce Development

This year, DYCD built on the success of its longstanding Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), by piloting two summer internship programs. The first program is CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership), which selected 50 motivated young adults to work at 26 different corporations in the fields of advertising, financial services and media, among others. The interns were assigned jobs ranging from research projects to customer service. The second pilot, GirlsREACH, a partnership between DYCD and the Mayor's Commission on Women's Issues (CWI), engaged 50 teenage girls in an intensive six week internship that connected them with successful professional women and focused on higher education preparation. GirlsREACH helped to enhance the participant's perceptions of women in the workforce.

Out-of-School Time

October 2006 marked the one year anniversary of the largest afterschool system in the nation, NYC OST, which will serve over 65,000 young people in the 2006-2007 school year. With 550 programs operated by nearly 200 community providers, OST addresses the needs of working parents in neighborhoods throughout the City. The programs offer a range of services including academic skills enhancement, cultural enrichment, recreation, community service, and leadership development while also providing a supportive environment, adult role models, and positive peer group interaction. In the coming year, DYCD will expand its summer programming, continue to support innovative pilot programs and build on its research and evaluation efforts.

Adolescent Literacy

In September 2006, the agency launched its new adolescent literacy program to target students in the critical 6th-8th grades. During the after school hours, these youth are given the chance to participate in exciting project-based learning such as writing and acting out plays, composing a school newspaper, and developing Web pages. The goal of the adolescent initiative is to strengthen student reading, writing and oral communication skills in fun, innovative, and engaging ways.

These are just a few examples of DYCD's 2006 accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our partners at City agencies, community organizations, philanthropic foundations and the private sector. These partnerships will be central to DYCD's success in the coming year, as the agency plays a key role in Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Commission for Economic Opportunity, which is committed to reducing poverty throughout the City. DYCD will support this mayoral effort by expanding its OST initiative to aid working parents in high-need communities and by engaging young adults in new internship opportunities and service learning projects that will help guide them on the path to successful careers.

On behalf of the DYCD staff, we look forward to another dynamic year of collaborations and innovative programming.

Sincerely,
Jeanne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner

2006 achievements

DYCD provides a continuum of services to New York City youth, families and communities.

▪ ***Expanded funding for the Out-of-School Time (OST) system by two-thirds***
The total funding for OST contracts rose from $47 million in FY06 to $78.5 million in FY07, a 66% increase. Approximately 20,000 more children in grades K-12 will participate in an OST program during the 2006-2007 school year, bringing the total to more than 65,000 participants.

▪ ***Created the Cultural Afterschool Adventures (CASA), a joint initiative with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the City Council***
In partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council, DYCD administered the Cultural After School Adventures initiative, an opportunity for nonprofit cultural organizations and DYCD OST providers to collaborate and offer enriching, educational, and diverse experiences to our City's youth. This $2.5 million initiative provides youth with a breadth of cultural experiences, including dance, circus arts, theatre, visual arts, music, quilting, and gardening.

▪ ***Opened five borough-based Runaway and Homeless Youth Drop-In Centers***
The Drop-In Centers were designed to provide young people and their families with access to counseling from trained social workers and referral services related to runaway and homeless youth issues. We anticipate that these Centers will serve more than 8,000 young people annually.

▪ ***Developed two corporate internship programs, CAPITAL and GirlsREACH***
These innovative workforce development programs provided almost 100 young people with business skills, networked with motivated peers and learned to navigate the corporate world. The positive feedback from participants and employers has ensured that both CAPITAL and GirlsREACH will have a rich history in New York City's youth employment program portfolio.

- ***Launched the Adolescent Literacy Program***

DYCD's Adolescent Literacy program builds on the agency's successful Family Literacy Program by targeting high-need middle school students who lack basic literacy skills. Working with 11 community-based providers, DYCD is striving to prepare these young people for high school and beyond by employing innovative skill-building exercises that are not only effective, but fun and engaging.

Organized and presented:

- ***Neighborhood Advisory Board Town Halls:*** A series of informational meetings allowed residents of low-income neighborhoods to participate in the community development planning process.
- ***Building Bridges:*** Our series of capacity building forums continued with two events In Queens focused on helping neighborhood youth-serving organizations access information, create a budget and compete successfully for DYCD funding.
- ***Beyond the Beds: Building a Network of Quality Services for Adolescents:*** A con-Ference, in recognition of National Runaway Prevention month, was held that provided more than 300 representatives from city agencies and community-based organizations with tools and strategies for providing services to vulnerable youth.
- ***Out-of-School Time Skate Day at the Pond at Bryant Park:*** Mayor Bloomberg joined more than 350 young people on the ice over the holiday school vacation, highlighting how all-day OST programs meet the needs of working parents during school break periods.

Released the following Request for Proposals (RFPs) and grant opportunities:

- Family Literacy Services And Adolescent Literacy Services - March 14, 2006
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Street Outreach Services – April 7, 2006
- Cultural Afterschool Adventures (CASA) application - September 29, 2006

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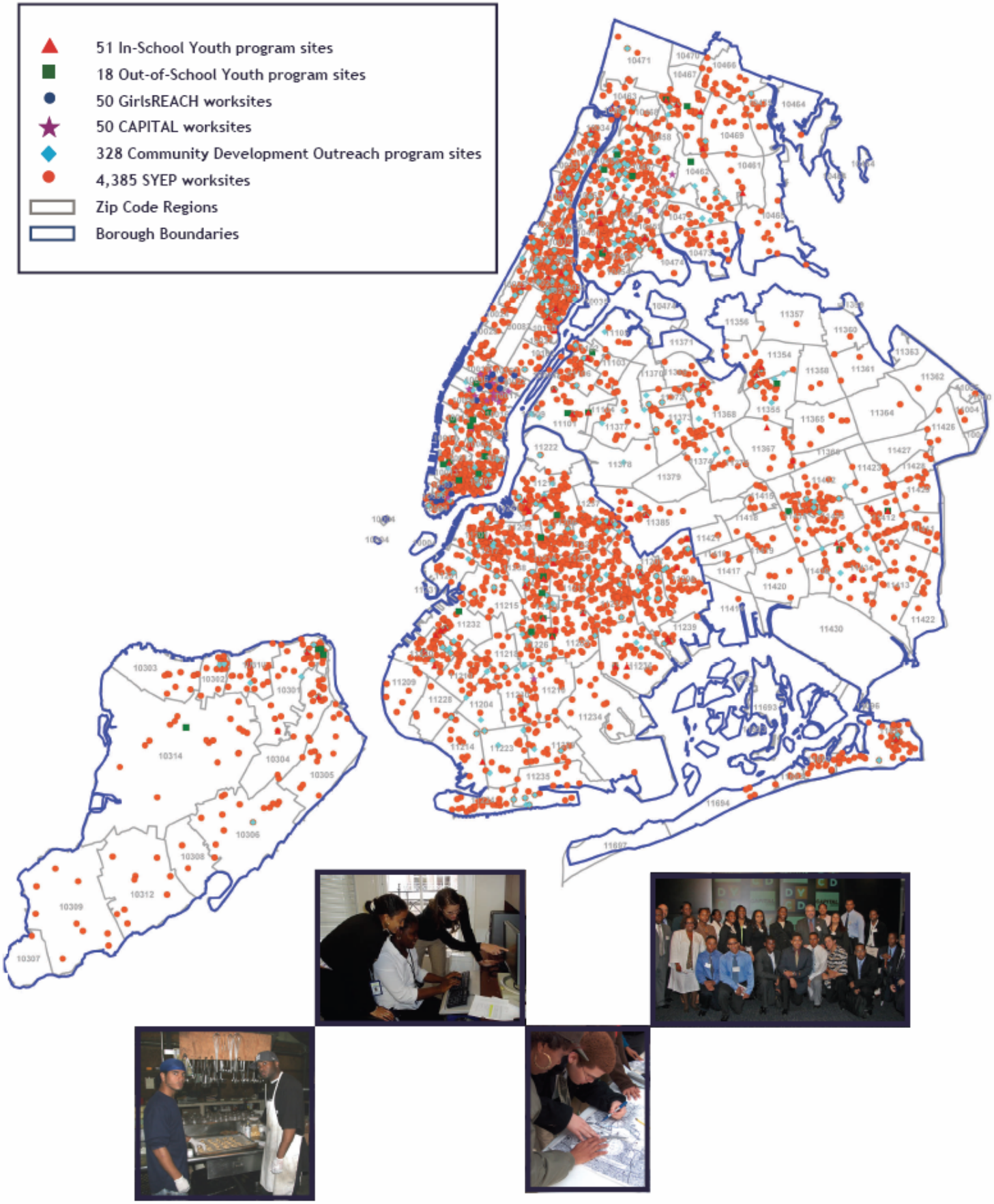
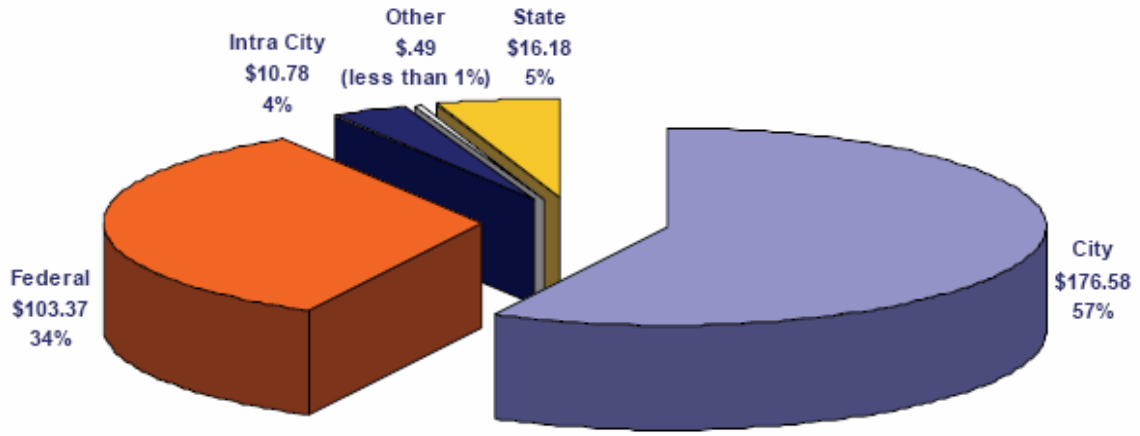


DYCD financial report fiscal year 2006

DYCD FUNDING STREAMS
Total $307.38 Million



DYCD PROGRAMS - FUNDING OUTLAYS
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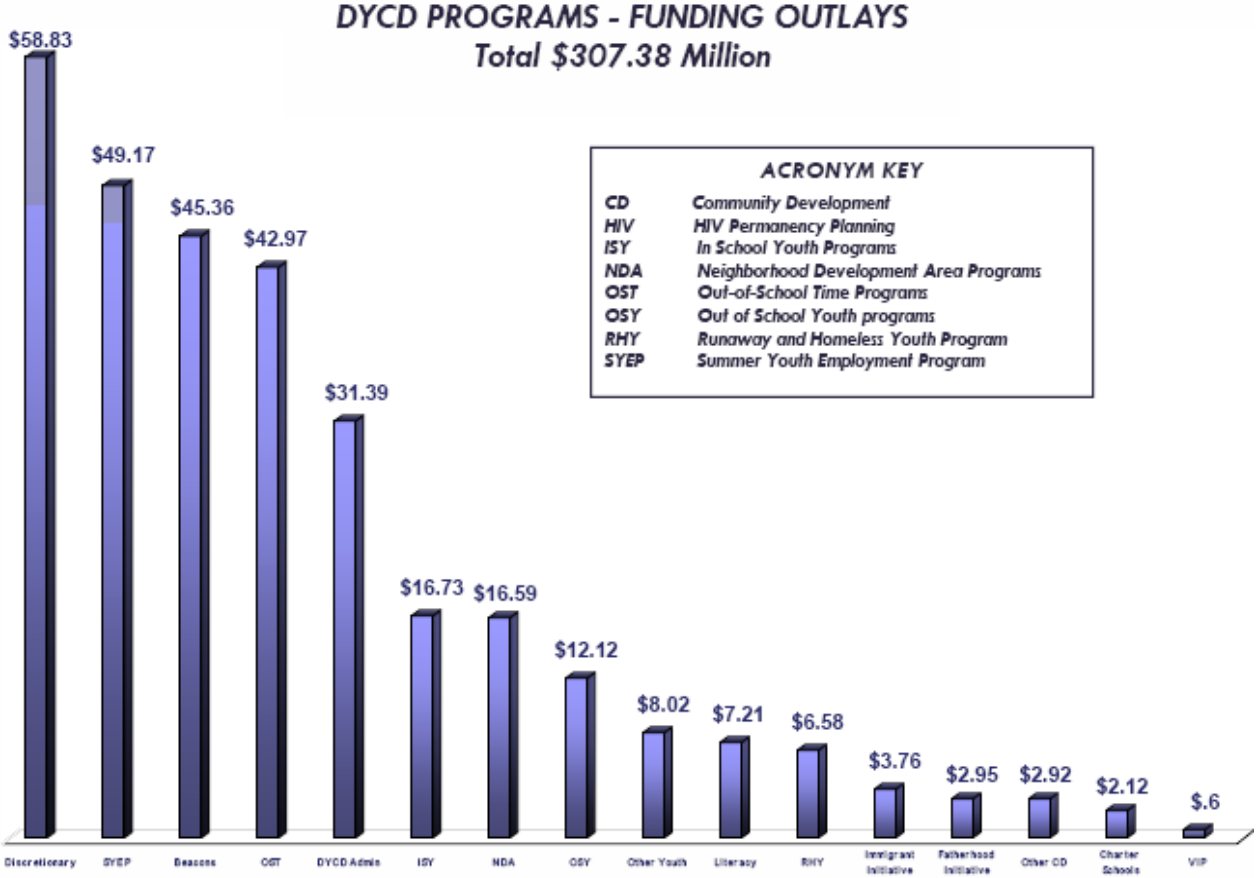

Numbers reported in millions of dollars

ACRONYM KEY

CD	Community Development
HIV	HIV Permanency Planning
ISY	In School Youth Programs
NDA	Neighborhood Development Area Programs
OST	Out-of-School Time Programs
OSY	Out of School Youth programs
RHY	Runaway and Homeless Youth Program
SYEP	Summer Youth Employment Program

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