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WELCOME



It is my honor as the Chair of the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Youth to present the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007. I am delighted by the collaborative achievements realized by ICC member agencies and the focus of the Court-Involved Youth and the After School work groups detailed in this report. The ICC reflects the goals of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Administration—to efficiently and effectively deliver services that address the needs of all New Yorkers.

These strong partnerships will be further demonstrated in the coming year, when the ICC will explore the needs of middle school-aged children. A new Middle School work group, consisting of key stakeholders from across ICC member agencies, has been created to explore the academic and social skills that middle school-aged youth will need to succeed in high school and into young adulthood.

All these efforts are reflective of the City's commitment to further strengthen and create effective youth resources for over two million young people in New York City.

Dennis M. Walcott
ICC Chairman



We are thrilled that New York City was named as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise Foundation. Our selection for this prestigious award was a culmination of the collaborative work of ICC members in delivering quality and effective programming that improves the lives of young people. America's Promise recognized the City's efforts in providing fundamental resources that children need to succeed: caring adults who are actively involved in their lives, safe places in which to learn and grow, a healthy start toward adulthood, an effective education that builds marketable skills, and opportunities to participate in civic engagement.

This year and next, we are driven to continue to examine how we can best serve youth, their families and communities. Our collaborative efforts will include a focus on middle school-age children and new and innovative programs to address the issue of poverty and to provide economic opportunities to all New Yorkers. Our work today, providing a brighter future for young New Yorkers, will keep New York City strong and vibrant for generations to come.

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
ICC Director

ICC ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2007

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Throughout the year, the ICC presents topical issues pertaining to youth and families and highlights best practices in service delivery.

During the fall 2006 meeting, the ICC focused on the needs of children with incarcerated parents. The meeting brought special focus to the New York Mission Society's AMACHI program that connects mentors to children with incarcerated parents. Later in the fall, the ICC explored various national models and approaches to working with disconnected youth and participated in a live web presentation "*Reengaging Disconnected Youth: Municipal Leadership and Public System Collaboration.*"

The ICC held a panel discussion during the winter meeting entitled "Young and Old Alike" that examined successful intergenerational programs offered by ICC member agencies. Panelists included representatives from the Department for the Aging, the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Juvenile Justice, along with Aging in America Community Services, Inc. who discussed the benefits of intergenerational programming for both young people and seniors.

In the spring, the ICC focused on the new programs being initiated by Mayor Bloomberg's Commission for Economic Opportunity to combat poverty. The meeting highlighted special initiatives by ICC member agencies, including the Administration for Children Services, DYCD, the Department of Correction, the Department of Probation, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

This past summer, the ICC focused on "Summer Activities for Youth." Representatives from the New York City Public Library system, the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks), the Department of Education (DOE) and DYCD spoke about their initiatives for young people during school recess. Various topics included: The New York Libraries Summer Reading Guide, the Park's activities for youth, DOE's Summer Food Service Program and DYCD's Beacon, Out-of-School Time, Youthline programs and the Summer Fun Guide publication.



ICC YOUTH COLLABORATIONS

ICC member agencies touched the lives of young New Yorkers through education, workforce development, housing, inter-generational and after school services.

AFTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

DYCD partnered with DOE, Parks, and NYCHA to operate after school programs, including 546 OST programs and 80 Beacon program sites.

ACS worked closely with DYCD to ensure that those children graduating from the ACS child care system would experience a seamless transition to the City's OST system. DYCD also ran 16 Beacon programs with foster care prevention programs.

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) partnered with DYCD on the Cultural After School Adventures Initiative (CASA). This initiative supported over 100 non-profit arts and cultural organizations that provided dance, theatre, visual arts, music, quilting, gardening, and more to young people in OST programs.

DoHMH helped DYCD's OST providers expedite their licensing process, and implemented fun, positive physical activity programs through the Sport, Play and Active Recreation for Kids! (SPARK) Program.

EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

DOE provided educational services to all young people (up to age 21) who were in the custody of DOC and DJJ.

DCLA's Materials for the Arts program distributed donated arts supplies to City agencies, educators, artists, and community service providers in support of arts curriculum for in-school and after school programs.

DEP collaborated with DOE on the Science Education Task Force to improve science education for elementary through high school students and to integrate environmental topics into student curriculum.

FDNY helped DOE add an Emergency Medical Technician course in Grace Dodge High School.



EMPLOYMENT COLLABORATIONS

ACS and HRA offered certified training and job placement assistance to youth in foster care. ACS partnered with CUNY to provide college courses to high school foster-care youth.

DCAS coordinated the Urban Fellows Program, providing City agencies with a pool of college educated and talented individuals who were interested in a career in public service.

Trough its Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), DYCD placed over 4,500 interns in City Agencies, including these ICC members: ACS, DFTA, DEP, DOE, DOHMH, HRA, NYCHA, NYPD, Parks, DOP, and the Public Libraries.

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIONS

ACS and DoHMH established the Nurse Family Partnership to provide pregnant teens and their children (up to 2 years of age) health care.

ACS, in partnership with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, DHS and HRA, created affordable housing for youth aging out of foster care.

HRA's Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) educated teens on how to develop healthier relationships and to prevent violence, while promoting a safe and productive learning environment for students and staff.

DOP and ACS collaborated to reduce the number of youth going into placement through intensive family based services and supervision to ensure community safety. DOP also worked with ACS to prevent parents from filing Persons In Need of Supervision petitions in Family Court, which might lead to placement of youth into the foster care system.

DYCD helped prepare young people to leave juvenile detention by providing informational workshops in DJJ facilities on resources available to them in their home communities.

DFTA worked with DOE's LEARN (Link Education and Responsibility Now) program, that allowed youth to earn a stipend for services they provided to seniors.



ICC WORK GROUPS

COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH WORK GROUP

Nitza Monges, DYCD Special Advisor on Vulnerable Youth, chairs the Court-Involved Youth work group. This group focuses on improving the quality of services rendered to court-involved youth and their families. The work group has been instrumental in developing several proactive partnerships, including:

- Providing workshops on after school programs, health and mental health providers and educational and vocational services to Department of Juvenile Justice's secure and non-secure detention facilities and to Department of Homeless Services (DHS) shelters.
- Allowing the Times Square Youth Internship Program's participants to fulfill their 35 hour work commitment by participating in the ICC's Court-Involved Youth work group meetings and related activities.

AFTER SCHOOL WORK GROUP

Dr. Hal Smith, DYCD Director of Program Operations, chairs the After School work group. This group promotes interagency discussion of effective programs that provide key services after the traditional school day. Some work group accomplishments from the prior Fiscal Year have included:

- Hosting a discussion on professional development and capacity building in after school programs. Participants included: the Partnership for After School Education (PASE), DYCD, the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Center for After School Excellence at The After School Corporation (TASC). Participants discussed how each organization has strengthened the delivery of professional development services for youth-serving organizations.
- Collaborating with DoHMH's Office of Child and Adolescent Services to coordinate family support services for youth and families with special needs.



YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2007

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Over half the children in foster care are over the age of 12. Recognizing the special challenges they face as they navigate the difficult transition from adolescence to adulthood, ACS created *Preparing Youth for Adulthood*, which seeks to coordinate and strengthen the efforts to create positive outcomes for youth transitioning from care.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

As part of the *Children First* historic system-wide re-organization, Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Klein developed a ten-year needs assessment plan to promote safe, healthy and nurturing communities where students can succeed academically.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DJJ provides medical and mental health evaluations, case management and discharge planning for juveniles, while they are in detention to address their services needs.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) continues to assess the needs of youth through regular questionnaires and interviews. The BPL also offers opportunities for feedback and suggestions online through their Tri-Li Summer Reading Web site. The Queens Public Library uses summer reading participation and year-round circulation statistics to measure usage of children and teen materials. They also access census data to determine where age specialists are needed.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DYCD's programs base their designs on the results of formal needs-assessment exercises and other techniques that identify, assess and prioritize the needs of the communities and populations served by the agency. This includes census and demographic data that reflect the number of youth, poverty levels and literacy rates in a geographic area.

DYCD also solicits community input via advisory bodies, including: the ICC, the Joint Youth Services Planning Committee, the Community Action Board, the Neighborhood Advisory Boards, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Advisory Committee, and the New York City Youth Board and Youth Council.

ALLOCATION FOR YOUTH SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2007

Agency Name	Number of Youth Served Fiscal Year 2007	Agency Youth Service Budget Fiscal Year 2007
Administration for Children's Services	240,000 ¹	
Department for the Aging	1,634	1,172,287
Department of Citywide Administrative Services	918	2,427,783
Department of Correction	6,901 ²	60,411,125
Department of Cultural Affairs	NA ³	NA
Department of Education	1,042,078	15,849,810,000
Department of Environmental Protection	110,000 ¹	596,561
New York City Fire Department	501,030	NA
Health and Hospitals Corporation	417,257	201,748,359
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	2,127,276 ⁴	611,984,726
Department of Homeless Services	18,760	336,971,092
New York City Housing Authority	158,410	37,370,960
Human Resources Administration	14,111	3,000,000
Department of Juvenile Justice	6,402 ⁵	73,695,762
Department of Parks and Recreation	535,000	9,800,000
New York City Police Department	91,073	2,940,122
Department of Probation	21,808	18,424,758
Brooklyn Public Library	624,283	25,401,822
New York Public Library	767,679	42,636,800
Queens Borough Public Library	599,716	21,906,875
Department of Youth & Community Development	248,211	248,166,612

¹ Approximate numbers.

² Reflects individuals 16-18 years of age admitted during Fiscal Year 2007.

³ The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population.

⁴ May include duplication of number of children served in multiple programs.

⁵ Total admissions in Fiscal year 2007 and youth remaining in custody from Fiscal Year 2006.

ICC PUBLIC HEARING 2007

On September 25, 2007, DYCD hosted the ICC public hearing. Deputy Mayor Walcott and DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav welcomed the over 90 attendees and highlighted the integral work of the ICC. The hearing brought together members from over 18 agencies, as well as young people all offering testimony on NYC services for youth. The ICC work group chairs, Nitza Monges and Dr. Hal Smith, also provided an overview on their work with court-involved youth and after school programs from the prior Fiscal Year.



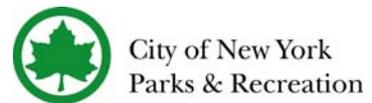
ICC AGENDA FISCAL YEAR 2008

A priority of Mayor Bloomberg's second-term agenda is to combat poverty in New York City. In September 2006, his Commission for Economic Opportunity published its landmark report "Increasing Opportunity and Reducing Poverty in New York City." The Mayor's Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO), is helping ICC-member agencies to translate recommendations from the report into concrete programs and policies to reduce the number of people living in poverty in Fiscal Year 2008. Programs include DYCD's Young Adult Internship Program and Teen ACTION, ACS's Youth Financial Empowerment, CUNY's Accelerated Study Associates Program and Opportunity NYC, a joint initiative under the auspices of many city agencies including ICC-member's DoHMH, DOE, NYCHA and HRA.

The ICC is introducing an additional work group focusing on middle school age youth and literacy during this Fiscal Year.

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