

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH (ICC)

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2005



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A Message from ICC Chairman Dennis M. Walcott **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH**

It is my pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth and to present its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005. The ICC reflects the values of the Bloomberg Administration: maximizing service delivery through coordination and innovation. With the strong support of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the ICC has been revitalized, forming ongoing work groups on after-school, disconnected youth, and court-involved youth.

Through the ICC, DYCD unites the youth-serving agencies of the City to achieve common objectives, and to develop the leadership, intellectual capital, and determination to improve services to our City's young people, a very worthwhile endeavor.



A Message from ICC Director, Jeanne B. Mullgrav **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH**

On behalf of the membership of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC), I am pleased to present the ICC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005. Pursuant to the City Charter, the Department of Youth and Community Development convenes the ICC. DYCD publishes the ICC Annual Report describing the ICC's activities and its member agencies' collaborative efforts. The mandate of the ICC also includes an annual public hearing. In Fiscal Year 2005, DYCD invited youth leaders to testify at the hearing, and some of their testimony appears on the back page of this report.

Partnerships among City agencies result in enhanced services to the community. In FY 2005, DYCD led an interagency effort to improve Out-of School Time services for our City's youth, which benefited tremendously from the combined resources of many agencies. DYCD convened the ICC member agencies during Fiscal Year 2005 to share information and consider strategies to improve youth services. The ICC meetings featured presentations by experts and practitioners of youth services and updated ICC members with the latest research and best practices in the field of youth development.

DYCD looks forward to continuing to play an integral role in the Bloomberg Administration's agenda to streamline, coordinate, and improve services for all New Yorkers. Together, we will help our youth develop into healthy, caring adults, responsible citizens, and leaders for the future.

ICC ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2005

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

Best Practices in Out-of-School Time - Janet Kelley, Executive Director, Partnership for After-School Education (PASE) presented "Lessons from the Summer Learning Gap Project" and Bill Phillips of The Rensselaerville Institute and Darryl Rattray of DYCD discussed DYCD's Beacons Attendance and Outcome Tracking Demonstration Project. This meeting was held at DYCD on October 14, 2004.

Immigrant Youth Update - Commissioner Guillermo Linares of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and Professor Donald Hernandez, SUNY Albany, an expert on the well-being of immigrant youth, were the featured speakers. This meeting was held at DYCD on December 15, 2004.

Community Service Opportunities for Youth - Iris Chen of Teach for America, Itai Dinour and City Year Corps members, and Eric Czupil of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services Office of National and Community Service Americorps program presented their programs. This meeting was held at the Department of Parks and Recreation on March 23, 2005.

Listening to Youth Leaders - The annual public hearing and meeting was held at the Department of City Planning, June 30, 2005. Youth leaders from Forest Hills Community House, the Center for Court Innovation, and the Administration for Children's Services were among those who testified.

WORK GROUPS:

Court Involved Youth: Chaired by Nitza Monges, DYCD Special Advisor on Vulnerable Youth, the goal of the Court-Involved Youth Work Group is to develop and strengthen interagency collaborations and partnerships to improve the effectiveness and quality of service delivery rendered to court-involved youth and their families.

After-School: Chaired by Bill Chong, DYCD Deputy Commissioner for Youth, the After-School Work Group continued to promote interagency discussion of effective Out-of-School Time practices, collaborating with the Health Work Group to present experts on how to improve youth's sense of security, a key element of youth development (described below).

Health: Chaired by Anthony Tassi, of the Mayor's Office, the health work group joined with the After-School Work Group to offer a series of expert presentations. The work group achieved its objectives in FY 2005, and was disbanded.

JOINT ACTIVITIES OF THE HEALTH AND AFTER-SCHOOL WORK GROUPS:

"Do Youth Violence Prevention Programs Work?" by Dr. Robert L. Johnson, M.D., Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Chairperson of a recent National Institute of Health Panel on Youth Violence Prevention Programs- February 7, 2005

"How Can We Help Young People Affected by Domestic Violence Build Healthy Relationships?" by Kerry Moles, Director of the Family Wellness Program at Children's Aid Society, and David Pelcovitz, Ph.D., Professor of Education and Psychology at Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration at Yeshiva University- April 12, 2005

"Strategies for Safer School Communities" by Rose Albanese-DePinto, Senior Counselor to the Chancellor of the NYC Department of Education, and Robert DeSena, Founder and President of Council for Unity- June 8, 2005

ALLOCATION FOR YOUTH SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2005
NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED FISCAL YEAR 2005

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YOUTH BUDGET</u>	<u>YOUTH SERVED</u>
Department of Education (DOE)	\$13,758,400,000	1,075,338
Administration for Children's Services (ACS)	2,317,282,000	215,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOMMHM)	613,133,675	2,222,277
Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)	600,420,509	421,215
Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	321,318,178	16,820
Human Resources Administration (HRA)	240,000,000	700,000
Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	198,161,742 ⁶	397,657 ³
Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)	50,628,066	5,616
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	47,135,145	164,189
Department of Correction (DOC)	49,998,769	6,696
New York Public Library (NYPL)	37,440,000	767,679
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	22,316,305	662,499
Queens Public Library QPL)	19,790.513	564,397
Department of Probation (DOP)	17,952,260	24,000
Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks)	14,000,000	600,000 ²
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	2,798,813	80,734
Department for the Aging (DFTA)	2,792,930	4,626
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	1,882,091	250,000
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	1,840,123	921
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)	1,457,677 ⁴	NA ¹
New York City Fire Department (NYFD)	436,000 ⁵	474,411

¹The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population.

²Estimated number of youth served in Fiscal Year 2004.

³Please note that this year a new method was used to calculate this number for the MMR.

⁴When determining funding, the agency does not distinguish between youth and other cultural activities.

⁵The FDNY has an annual budget for Fire Safety Education Outreach.

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Numbers of "Youth Served" may reflect overlapping populations.

This data was furnished by ICC member agencies and reflects budget allocations for youth served during Fiscal Year 2005.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ACS)

ACS partnered with the City University of New York to help young people in the child welfare system to access higher education. ACS and the Department of Youth and Community Development worked together to connect ACS youth to employment at DYCD as Youthline listeners. ACS also played a key role in the redesign of Out-of-School Time.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING (DFTA)

The Department for the Aging collaborated with the Department of Education to offer students and out-of-school youth the opportunity to provide services and gain experience in senior centers and nursing homes.

DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DCAS)

Through the Urban Fellows Program, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services worked with City agencies to place recent college graduates as interns, where they learn about public service.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (DOC)

The Department of Correction (DOC) collaborated with the Department of Education on "Getting Out and Staying Out," a GED program that provides mentoring for participants. DOC also worked with the Administration for Children's Services to arrange visits between foster care children and their incarcerated parents.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)

The Department of Cultural Affairs "Materials for the Arts" program gathered unwanted materials from businesses and individuals and made them available to arts and school programs, community organizations, and other Agencies citywide. DCA also participated in the redesign of Out-of-School Time.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)

The Department of Education collaborated with the Department of Youth and Community Development to implement a comprehensive redesign of Out-of-School Time services with the goal of improving quality. Other DOE collaborations are listed elsewhere in this report.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

The Department of Environmental Protection collaborated with the Fire Department to educate youth about fire hydrants and partnered with the Department of Education to promote science via the Science Education Task Force.

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT (FDNY)

FDNY served youth through the Fire Safety Education Unit and the Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives Unit which supports FDNY's High School for Fire and Life Safety and the Exploring Program.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES (DHS)

During Fiscal Year 2005, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) continued to increase interagency coordination of services to better serve homeless youth.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION (HRA)

The Human Resources Administration and the Administration for Children's Services collaborated on an initiative to improve subsidized child care and access to Head Start for parents receiving public assistance.

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA)

The New York City Housing Authority collaborated with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Education on the Partners in Reading Program to improve literacy skills and early literacy learning for children. NYCHA was also a significant partner in the redesign of Out-of-School Time, opening its state-of-the-art community centers for OST providers to offer programs.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)

The Department of Juvenile Justice collaborated with the Mayor's Criminal Justice Coordinator, other City agencies, the Office of Children and Family Services, and community organizations through the Committee for Court-Involved Youth. DJJ participated on the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, in the redesign of Out of School Time, and the ICC Work Groups.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR)

Parks collaborated with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the NYC Commission on Women's Issues, the YMCA, and the Police Athletic League to develop *Step Out, New York City*, a walking program for youth, families, and New Yorkers of all ages. Parks was also a major partner in the redesign of Out-of-School Time, and OST programs conducted in Parks facilities will now be contracted through DYCD.

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION (DOP)

The Department of Probation collaborated with the Department of Education to provide schooling and counseling to young people awaiting disposition of charges before the Family Court and to ensure a supportive school environment that assists youth probationers in completing probation. DOP worked with the Administration for Children's Services to divert parents from filing Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) petitions, which can lead to foster care placement for young people.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY (BPL)

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) formed part of the New York State Library Parent Child Grant Initiative, with Project Reach Youth, the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Administration for Children's Services, and Good Shepherd Services Beacon Program. BPL also collaborated with the NYC Housing Authority and community organizations on "Learning in Libraries" and participated in the redesign of Out-of-School Time.

QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY (QPL)

The Queens Public Library (QPL) collaborated with the other two New York City Library Systems and the NYC Department of Education to offer the Summer Reading Book List. QPL also participated in the Administration for Children's Service's Youth Employment Project, the Human Resources Administration/CUNY Informal Family Child Training project, and the redesign of Out-of-School Time.

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY (NYPL)

The New York, Brooklyn, and Queens Public Libraries jointly developed an online summer reading club (www.summerreading.org) and an online homework help site for youth (www.homeworknyc.org). NYPL also participated in the redesign of Out-of-School Time.

NEW YORK CITY SPORTS COMMISSION

The Sports Commission worked with community organizations to facilitate Mayor Bloomberg's "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" initiative, enabling disadvantaged youth to attend professional sports events.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HEALTH INSURANCE ACCESS (MOHIA)

The Mayor's Office of Health Insurance Access's HealthStat initiative brought together fourteen City agencies to offer health insurance enrollment to New Yorkers. MOHIA and the Department of Education revised the School Lunch Form to ask the health insurance status of students to reach additional youth.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DYCD)

In addition to convening the ICC, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) was involved in many collaborative efforts with City agencies. DYCD administered the Out-of-School Time initiative, a model of interagency coordination, that combined the resources of the Department of Education, the Public Libraries, NYCHA, Parks, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Cultural Affairs. DYCD also worked with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to reach out to youth from DJJ facilities to re-integrate them into their schools and communities, reducing recidivism.

AGENCY YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Administration for Children's Services - has developed Preparing Youth For Adulthood (PYA), a plan to guide their work so that adolescents, who comprise a growing share of children in care, have lasting connections with caring adults, reside in stable living situations, have opportunities to advance their education and personal development, take increasing responsibility for their positive decisions, and access ongoing support after they age out of foster care.

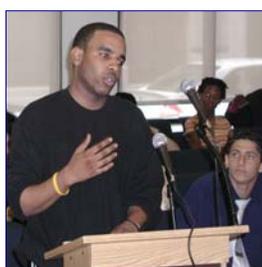
Department of Education - As part of the *Children First* historic system-wide reorganization, the DOE is conducting a ten-year needs assessment to gain better understanding of the needs of the community and to promote safe, healthy, and nurturing communities in which students can succeed.

Department of Parks and Recreation - Parks developed a Youth Program Evaluation in 2005 to gather input from youth served in Parks Centers.

Brooklyn Public Library - Brooklyn Public Library continued to assess the needs of youth through regular questionnaires and interviews. BPL also offers opportunities to give feedback and suggestions online.

Queens Public Library - In FY 2005, Queens Library conducted a survey of all its branches providing after school programs, and over half of all QPL employees (550) attended full morning workshop on the topic "Everyone Serves Youth".

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL ICC PUBLIC HEARING ON YOUTH JUNE 30, 2005



"As the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth is dedicated to working with young people, it can and must play an active role in preventing sexual victimization by developing policies around sexual violence as well as prevention and intervention programs".

Tamara Pollack - NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault

"We hope that the ICC will work with community groups and government agencies to assist young people leaving placement in detention to reenter their communities and have a positive impact, not only on the communities, but on their own lives. We don't want to lose the kids simply because the agencies aren't coordinated".

Shane Correia - Center for Court Innovation - Youth Justice Policy Board*

"I think something like this is really needed, with just getting everyone together, all of the youth, all the different programs, to get together, work together."

Michael Lawes - The Forest Hills Community House - United Neighborhood Houses*

*youth testimony

ICC AGENDA FISCAL YEAR 2006

In FY 2006, the ICC will focus on exploring ways that city agencies can work together to dismantle the barriers facing disconnected young people. The ICC will form a new work group on disconnected youth and all of the quarterly meetings will focus on improving interagency communication and collaboration to better serve disconnected youth.