

Examples from the Field: What Several Cities are Doing

Hartford's Multiple Complementary Initiatives: The Future Workforce Investment System, a multi-partner initiative, seeks to provide a coordinated and comprehensive system of services for youth (capitalworkforce.org/FWIS.html). Current priorities include:

- **Youth Work Experience-** Summer employment, paid internships, and other valuable work experiences to ensure work-readiness prior to graduating from high school;
- **Alternative Education** - Diploma Plus and credit retrieval programs for out-of-school youth, supported by nontraditional academic remediation and case management;
- **Work and Learn Opportunities for Justice-Involved Youth** - Case management services more tightly linked with work and literacy development; and
- **Hartford Connects** – A web-based system that connects multiple youth serving agencies to better coordinate services for young people; for more information please see <http://capitalworkforce.org/workforceconnects.htm>.

New York City Task Force Releases Major Report: NYC's Young Adult Task Force recently released *The Time is Now: Implementing One System for New York City's Emerging Workforce*. The report, which culminates a months-long coalition-building and issue clarification stage of a citywide effort, calls for public and private sector leaders to commit "to expand high-quality community-based, academic learning and career development strategies for 25,000 disconnected young adults in 2007 and 50,000 by 2010 – five times more than are presently receiving services today" at an estimated cost of \$100 million. More than 50 stakeholders reached consensus on the views expressed in the report, and will continue to coalesce around the issue of providing better options for out-of-school, out-of-work young adults. Contact Sandoval@nlc.org for a copy of the report.

Cities Present at National Conferences: NLC is thankful that representatives of a range of cities such as Philadelphia, Penna. (pop. 1.5 million), San Francisco (pop. 775,000) Hartford, Conn. (pop. 125,000), and Evanston, Wyo. (population 12,000) got the word out about municipal leadership for disconnected youth at recent large gatherings including the Casey Family Programs *It's My Life* conference and NLC's annual Congress of Cities.

Search for Mayor-Law Enforcement Collaboration Examples Now Underway!

The YEF Institute has launched a nationwide search for examples of successful partnerships in which mayors and law enforcement officials are working together for the safety of children and youth. Examples include, but are not limited, to programs that focus on juvenile re-entry, youth violence prevention/reduction, mentoring, or bullying. Profiles of selected initiatives will be featured in an issue of the U.S. Department of Justice-COPS Office *Innovations* newsletter, NLC's *Nation's Cities Weekly* newspaper, and will be highlighted at conferences sponsored by NLC and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. To receive a brief list of program elements we want to learn about, or for additional information, please contact Melissa Rogers at (202) 626-3006 or rogers@nlc.org.

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