

NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COALITION
Seeks Youth Programs to Participate in Study on Transition to Higher Education
Deadline to Express Interest: COB November 11, 2005

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The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC), in collaboration with the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and with the support of the Lumina Foundation for Education, is seeking youth programs to participate in a research study focused on college persistence, retention, and success among out-of-school youth who are attending or have attended a public college or university or community college.

To be eligible to participate, youth programs must:

- ⇒ Represent a partnership between community-based youth-serving organizations and public universities and/or community colleges.
- ⇒ Provide a well-supported bridge between youth program participation and post-secondary education. The program creates this bridge by providing services and supports that promote successful transition to and retention and success in post-secondary education such as:
 - Academic support including basic skills/remedial courses;
 - Comprehensive support including counseling, mentoring, housing, transportation and child care assistance;
 - Small learning communities and peer support;
 - High expectation of students;
 - Financial aid;
 - Employment assistance;
 - Family involvement and support.
- ⇒ Have at least one cohort of youth who currently are or previously were enrolled and participating in postsecondary education (at either a public college or university or community college), and are or were receiving ongoing services and supports designed to promote college persistence, retention, and success.
- ⇒ Serve primarily out-of-school youth between the ages of 16 to 24.
- ⇒ Be willing and able to provide valid data (demographic, participation, and performance) regarding individual youth participants from time of program enrollment into and through post-secondary experience.

⇒ Be willing and able to provide data on performance outcomes such as:

Access:

- Admission to post-secondary education institution

Retention:

- Attendance in youth program and in post-secondary education
- Enrollment history for at least two years following entry into postsecondary education

Academic Performance

- Test results and grades in youth program courses
- Grades in postsecondary education courses

Success:

- Youth program completion
- Postsecondary education course completion
- Postsecondary education credential

NOTE: Programs will be asked to confirm the validity of the data by providing information on how data is collected, verified and used.

NYEC is currently compiling information on potential program sites. Youth programs that meet the above criteria and are interested in possibly participating in this study (see more details about the study below) are asked to **please complete the Online Interest Survey no later than COB November 11, 2005**, at <http://www.nyec.org/EDProgramInterestForm.htm>. Any questions may also be submitted using this survey form or by email to md@nyec.org. No phone calls please.

Completing the Interest survey form does not obligate your program to participate or guarantee that your program will be selected. NYEC will contact those programs who express interest in the coming month to share more details and collect information needed to determine program eligibility. Programs that are found eligible and which are still interested and able to commit to fully participating in the study will be asked to sign a participation agreement at that time. Those programs selected to participate will receive a \$5000 honorarium for participation.

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National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families



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