



Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth E-Newsletter **May/June 2006, Volume III, Issue 5**

Examples from the Field: What Two Cities are Doing

Burnsville, Minnesota (population 60,000) Mayor, council members, and the police collaborated to create "The Garage" -- a supervised recreation and entertainment center now heavily used by teens and supported by many community institutions. Police officers assigned by the Chief, work with young people to plan and implement a very wide range of youth-led programs that have reduced delinquency and changed the community's perception of teenagers. Please visit for more information <http://www.thegarage.net/>

Sallisaw, Oklahoma (population 8,500)

In the face of violence and lawlessness among methamphetamine users and dealers, and with support and involvement from the Mayor, city manager, other city agencies and elected officials, civic organizations, and three police chiefs, the police department operates Student Heroes in Everyday Living Decisions (SHIELD) in a local school. The city's success with use of the five-week SHIELD course for fifth graders -- with the Mayor and Chief of Police marking course completion and honors each year -- has prompted development of an educational program for younger students as well. For more information please contact Julie Ferguson at jferguson@sallisawok.org or 918-775-6241.

Resources:

Audioconference: SAVE THE DATE!

Engaging City Governments in Supporting Foster Youth Transition Issues

The Institute for Youth, Education, and Families is beginning a quarterly audioconference series that will feature Disconnected Youth issues in collaboration with other national organizations. The first audioconference in the series will be in collaboration with New Ways to Work and its 14-county Youth Transition Action Teams network in California. NLC will be providing city examples and a moderator. The audioconference will take place on Thursday, July 27, at 1:00pm ET. To register please check www.nlc.org/iyef for details on registration and upcoming audioconferneces.

Release of Safe Passage Publication: An alliance of 30 national, state, and local foundations called The Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG). YTFG believes progress can be made through policy reforms and programs that don't view the difficult transition points faced by at-risk youth as disconnected but instead move us to a more holistic understanding through which public and private resources are woven to help young people transition successfully to productive adulthood. [Click here](#) to access the PDF on the publication and its online toolkit. For more information, log on to www.ytfg.org. For hard copies of the publication, email Lisa McGill at lmcgill@ytfg.org.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) ACF will award funds to build the organizational capacity of experienced organizations and their partnering faith-based and community organizations to better meet the needs of America's disadvantaged youth. For complete information and announcement of funds please visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-IC-0141.html>

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