

**Examples from the Field: What Two Cities are Doing**

The Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership (CCS) is dedicated to improving the conditions of California's children, families and communities by encouraging local collaborative efforts among cities, counties, schools, community-based nonprofit organizations, and business and civic leaders. CCS' web site now features descriptions of several local youth violence reduction programs, including:

- **Fullerton- Project CUFFS** (Communities Uniting for Furthering Safety), whose goal is to reduce youth and gang violence by helping at-risk students develop life skills through their many partners, which include: the Cities of Fullerton and Buena Park; Orange County; the Fullerton and Buena Park School Districts; the Fullerton Joint Union High School District; and 25 community-based organizations. <http://www.ccspartnership.org/what/cuffs.html>
- **San Joaquin Peacekeeper Violence Prevention Program** provides youth with a credible choice between violence and positive lifestyles; and seeks to deter and control serious violence. Peacekeeper links the efforts of law enforcement agencies to those of public and community-based social service agencies. Within the first 14 months of implementing Peacekeeper, there was a dramatic initial drop in juvenile homicides. <http://www.ccspartnership.org/what/strategy.html>

**Training and Resources**

**Alternative Pathway Project Framework:** A newly written "framework for dropout reduction and recovery" produced by consultants to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is now available for review at [www.ytfg.org/spotlight.html](http://www.ytfg.org/spotlight.html) and discussion at <http://alternativepathways.blogspot.com>. Accompanying the framework document is a proposed methodology for assessing regional progress toward building a secondary system aimed at educating all youth.

**Report on Youth Disconnection in Largest Cities now available on the Web:** This report described in last month's MNDY News is now available at: [www.usmayors.org/uscm/news/publications/YouthDisconnectioninLargeCities.pdf](http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/news/publications/YouthDisconnectioninLargeCities.pdf)

**Ohio Youth Court Training:** Youth courts -- programs in which peers try and sentence youths charged with some offenses -- have become an integral component of the juvenile justice system in communities across America. The National Youth Court Center will conduct a training seminar to assist jurisdictions in developing and implementing effective youth court programs on October 17-19, 2005 in Cincinnati, OH. For more information go to [http://www.youthcourt.net/training\\_ta/2005/OH\\_Overview.htm](http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2005/OH_Overview.htm)

**ECHOS Matching Grants for Information-Sharing:** Enhancing Child Outreach and Support (ECHOS) offers a technology solution for facilitating timely information sharing and collaboration across disparate information systems. ECHOS is currently providing matching funds for up to six pilot projects with state and local agencies. If you are interested in learning more about ECHOS solutions or in exploring a pilot project with them, please contact the company by phone at 703-652-4045, or e-mail [info@echosincorporated.com](mailto:info@echosincorporated.com). ECHOS requests applications for matching grants by September 16, 2005. *Note:* Announcement of this grant availability does not imply NLC-IYEF endorsement of the ECHOS information-sharing technology.

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***Don't miss out on the National Summit on Your City's Families in San Antonio, Tex.  
September 25-28, 2005***

Here are the headlines; more details are available through the links at the bottom of the page.

**FEES:** By Aug 15: \$425 for NLC members; \$500 for non-members  
After Aug 15: \$500 for NLC members; \$575 for non-members

**Nationally known KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, including:**

- ⇒ NLC President **Anthony A. Williams**, mayor of Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ **Carol Bellamy**, president and CEO of World Learning, who just completed ten years as executive director of UNICEF -- the United Nations children's fund, and previously was the first woman to be elected president of the New York City Council.

**At least 12 WORKSHOPS, including:**

- ⇒ So You Don't Run the Schools: City-School Partnerships that Work
- ⇒ Supporting Parents of Young Children
- ⇒ Allies in the Business Community: How to Find Them, How to Keep Them
- ⇒ When the Going is Tough: Communities that Don't Give Up on Youth at Risk
- ⇒ Making the Afterschool Hours Count: Promoting Out-of-School Learning
- ⇒ Promoting Family Economic Success: Keys to Earning, Saving, Owning
- ⇒ Youth Voice, Youth Leadership
- ⇒ More than Recreation: Getting the Most Out of Your Parks & Recreation Department
- ⇒ Planning for Children & Youth: A Vision and Strategy for Your City's Future
- ⇒ Strength in Numbers: Models for City Leadership in Statewide Advocacy
- ⇒ How to Capture Unclaimed Federal Dollars
- ⇒ Getting the Word Out: Public Engagement, Public Education, and Campaigns

**SITE VISITS** that showcase creative strategies being used in San Antonio.

**PEER LEARNING** through small group discussions and through special consultations for cities that bring a team of 4 or more.

A "**TOWN HALL MEETING**" on the last day that will involve all participants in guiding NLC's future work and encouraging both individual and community action.

**Link to the Summit webpage** including the registration form, draft agenda, list of workshops, hotel info, and info on previous conferences:

[http://www.nlc.org/iyef/your\\_city\\_s\\_families\\_conference/862.cfm](http://www.nlc.org/iyef/your_city_s_families_conference/862.cfm)

**Link directly to the Summit registration form:**

[http://www.nlc.org/content/Files/IYEF\\_05\\_YCF\\_Summit.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/content/Files/IYEF_05_YCF_Summit.pdf)

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