

**Upcoming MNDY event**

**SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!!! October 4-5, 2004: Disconnected Youth Leadership Academy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** for 30 elected officials, city staff members, or municipal league staff. The Leadership Academy will provide intensive training and networking opportunities to build municipal capacity for disconnected youth collaborations, programs, and policy. \$600 subsidy per participant available. View the draft agenda and apply to participate by September 8 using the form posted at [www.nlc.org/iyef](http://www.nlc.org/iyef).

**News Brief****Achieving the Dream initiative provides planning grants to community colleges**

27 community colleges in the states of Florida, North Carolina, New Mexico, Virginia and Texas have received \$50,000 grants from the Lumina Foundation to develop plans for enhancing the academic success of underserved students. All may apply later for funding to implement the plans. See list at: [www.luminafoundation.org/newsroom/news\\_releases/060104.html](http://www.luminafoundation.org/newsroom/news_releases/060104.html)

**Resources*****Program Models & Best Practices on the Web:***

*Casey Life Skills* interactive website developed by Casey Family Programs, for young people, caregivers, child welfare professionals, and educators; available at [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org). Includes assessments, feedback, customized learning plans, and referrals to teaching resources.

***Reading:***

*A Statistical Portrait of Well-Being in Early Adulthood*, Child Trends. Quickly readable summary of status of young adults in the U.S. using the latest available data in areas such as educational attainment, financial self-sufficiency, family formation, and health behaviors. Available at: <http://www.childtrendsatabank.org/PDF/Young%20Adults%20Brief.pdf>

***Training:***

September 28, 2004, 1:00 PM EDT: *How Local Advocates Can Use NLC's Reengaging Disconnected Youth Action Kit*. Facilitated by Connect for Kids. For more information or to register, contact [Jan@connectforkids.org](mailto:Jan@connectforkids.org) or see <http://www.nyec.org/CFK.htm>

November 8-9, 2004: *Adolescence and the Transition to Adulthood* Research and Public Policy Conference, Chicago. Sponsored by Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago and the Network on Transitions to Adulthood. On-line registration: [www.about.chapinhall.org/conferences/conferences.html](http://www.about.chapinhall.org/conferences/conferences.html)

December 6-8, 2004: *National Truancy Prevention Conference*, Washington, DC. Sponsored by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. For more info: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojdp>



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