



Key Steps for Cities: Using Strategic Assessment to Serve Disconnected Youth

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This Municipal Network for Disconnected Youth (MNDY) audioconference focused on strategic assessment as a key step for cities concerned about disconnected youth. Participants learned from representatives of three of the five cities which have received support from the Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG) to conduct two-year strategic assessment and planning efforts.

The cities of Boston, Mass., Portland, Ore., and New York, NY, reported on the multiple benefits of taking a comprehensive look at the circumstances of out-of-school youth and struggling students, and developing and implementing cross-system plans and strategies the better to meet the needs of those youth.

Serving as resource persons for the audioconference were:

- Neil Sullivan, Executive Director, Boston Private Industry Council
- Kathi Mullin, Special Assistant to the Superintendent for High School Renewal, Boston Public Schools
- Peter Kleinbard, Vice President, Youth Development Institute, Fund for the City of New York
- Sr. Paulette LoMonaco, Executive Director, Good Shepherd Services
- Liesl Wendt, Neighborhood Engagement Director, Office of Mayor Tom Potter, Portland, Ore.
- Zeke Smith, Director of Community Engagement, Portland Schools Foundation

In the course of the call, the YEF Institute facilitator and resource persons referred to the following related resources:

- **Summary of Parthenon report for New York City Department of Education**
<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/DYD/default.htm>
- **Boston "Too Big to be Seen" report** <http://www.bostonpic.org/youth/g.htm>
- **Philadelphia Project U-Turn "Unfulfilled Promise" and "Turning it Around" reports**
<http://www.projectturn.net/>
- **JFF Early Lessons from the Strategic Assessment Initiative of the Youth Transitions Funders Group**
http://www.iff.org/~iff/JFF_KC_Pages.php?WhichLevel=1&lv1_id=4&lv2_id=0&lv3_id=0&KC_M_ID=274
- **YTFG Struggling Students/Out of School Youth Work Group slide show**
http://www.ytfq.org/about_OOS.html

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