

Upcoming MNDY events

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. View the draft agenda and apply to participate using the application form posted at www.nlc.org/iyef.

News Briefs

Letter Clarifies Medicaid Eligibility of Juvenile Detainees: The Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently issued clarification that states should not terminate Medicaid eligibility for young people who are inmates or residing in mental institutions, and should ensure immediate access to Medicaid funds upon discharge. Read the letter at: http://www.gainsctr.com/pdfs/CMSLettertoStatesonHomeless_1.pdf

Chicago Public Radio Airs Documentary on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care: WBEZ aired a 30-minute documentary in May based in part on Chapin Hall's Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth. Listen in at (scroll to May 12) http://www.chicagopublicradio.org/programs/specials/chicagomatters/cm04_nextgen/cm04_schedule.asp

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

Building Pathways to Success for Out-of-School Youth in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Youth Network. Currently features Philadelphia's Twilight Schools for dropout recapture and their successor, known as Educational Options. See <http://www.osyphila.org/>

Reading:

Connected by 25: A Plan for Investing in Successful Futures for Foster Youth, by the Youth Transition Funders Group Foster Care Work Group with support from The Finance Project. Available at: <http://www.financeprojectinfo.org/publications/foster%20care%20final1.pdf>

Trends in Black Male Joblessness and Year-Round Idleness: An Employment Crisis Ignored, by Andrew Sum and colleagues, Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern U. Available at: http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/files/reports/Black%20males%20report.pdf

Training:

September 20-23, 2004: *Juvenile Integrated Information Sharing Workshops*, Portsmouth, Virginia. Sponsored by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. For more information or to register a team please see <http://www.juvenileiis.org/wsPortsmouth.html>

