

News Briefs

Collaborative models: Municipally-led models for collaboration received attention in recent presentations at the First National Truancy Prevention Conference, as well as an annual meeting of family law judges and attorneys in California. Featured approaches included:

- Philadelphia's Regional Truancy Courts, a partnership among courts, schools, CBOs, and city/county social services;
- San Jose's Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, which has reduced arrests and helped raise graduation rates through joint efforts of police, probation, CBOs, and schools; and
- San Diego's Comprehensive Strategy, which has significantly reduced waiting times for permanency and commitments to the juvenile justice system.

Presentation outlines are available on request by e-mailing Sandoval@nlc.org.

Examples from the Field

San Francisco's Youth Treatment and Education Court Academy is an example of collaboration in action. Launched to combine education with day treatment for young people with a history of substance abuse, the Academy has improved attendance, grade point averages, and reading levels. Systems collaborating include the courts, probation, public/mental health, as well as the school and community college districts. For more information see http://police.sfgov.org/site/moci_page.asp?id=4809 or request a presentation at Sandoval@nlc.org.

Virginia's Legal Aid Justice Center has produced recommendations for school reentry of young people following juvenile justice incarceration. A briefing paper describes four characteristics of best practice: 1) Inter-agency and community cooperation; 2) Youth and family involvement; 3) Speedy placement; and 4) Appropriate placement. For more details, see: [Summary of Best practices in School Reentry for Incarcerated Youth Returning Home](#).

Resources on the Web:

Educational Status of Foster Children: A new Chapin Hall report and issue brief include recommendations for alternative approaches to education and improved supports, as well as better coordination of services, to meet the needs of foster youth: www.chapinhall.org.

OJJDP Model Programs Guide – 175 program descriptions now available via online portal at www.dsgonline.com/mpg_index.htm.

Collaboration: What Makes It Work, 2nd Edition: This Wilder Foundation report describes twenty proven factors that make a collaboration succeed. Discounted purchase price available through the National Assembly. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Please hold September 25-28, 2005 for NLC-IYEF's 2005 National Summit on Your City's Families!

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