



Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth E Newsletter

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CITIES TO WATCH:

Albany, NY: Navigating the Path for Disconnected Youth

Ensuring that services targeting at-risk youth not be fragmented, redundant, or missing, the city of Albany, NY (pop. 93,523) has implemented a Service Navigation System (SNS), to better coordinate between six agencies providing resources to disconnected youth. During initial visits by at-risk youth, key data is collected and used to make appropriate referrals based on the needs of the child. In addition to serving as a personalized, friendly gateway for the youth, this database is the basis for biweekly data sharing meetings among the service providers, which help to coordinate eligibility determinations, case management and maximum leveraging of funding.

Read more about Albany's success and other case studies in the YEF Institute's upcoming publication, *Beyond City Limits: Cross Systems Collaboration to Reengage Disconnected Youth*. Reserve a hard copy by emailing iyef@nlc.org

Sacramento, CA: Collaborating and Going Beyond the Symptom of Truancy

The police department in Sacramento, CA (pop. 456,441) enlisted support from the school district, human services agencies and many community-based organizations for a holistic approach to improving the lives of truant students. The Attendance Center at Burbank High School treats truancy as a symptom of a larger problem and goes beyond a punitive approach, instead providing important supports such as parenting classes, counseling, job skill training and drug treatment services to students. The services and referrals at these center are also available to parents of truant students and have already made strides in year one; the average attendance rate has increased to 91%, grand theft in the area reduced by 31% and improvement in attitude and school by the students who passed through its doors. For more information, contact Captain Daniel Hahn at 916.433.0310 or dhahn@pd.cityofsacramento.org

NLC UPDATES & RESOURCES

Register Today for the Summit on Your City's Families- Sept. 30-Oct.2nd

Learn first-hand how other communities are successfully reengaging disconnected youth and gain access to national experts at the nation's largest gathering of municipal leaders who are working to improve the lives of youth and families in their communities. Cities and community partners are encouraged to bring along other key stakeholders in the youth development spectrum at this conference which is designed to help your city team move forward with a renewed focus and sense of momentum. www.nlc.org/YEF/yefsummit.aspx

Solutions for Cities in Transitioning Foster Youth

DIAL IN JULY 25th 12:30 PM (ET)

More than ever, cities have the potential to make a meaningful impact on transitioning foster youth. Our next quarterly MNDY audio conference series topic, in partnership with *New Ways to Work*, will focus on how cities can take more leadership roles and will identify strategies cities can use to incorporate housing and employment in their plans to engage foster youth. Examples from recent

research will be guide city leaders on practical, manageable solutions and how best to “make the case” in a community. If you wish, gather a group of people around a speaker phone and use the call as a springboard for brainstorming or training.

To register for this free call, send complete contact information to becerra@nlc.org or via fax to (202) 626-3043 by close of business **Monday, July 23rd**. No phone registrations can be accepted. One day prior to the call, each registrant will receive an email or fax providing a toll-free, dial-in number.

Request for Proposals: Youth Master Planning – Deadline August 10th

The National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families is please to invite cities to apply for the **Municipal Leadership for Implementing Comprehensive Plans for Children and Youth Technical Assistance Initiative**. The project, through the generous support of the MetLife Foundation, will assist mayors, city councilmembers, and their school and community partners in building collaborations and coordinating systems that support the effective implementation of a children and youth plan. Cities that have comprehensive plans to serve youth and are in the process of implementing those plans are encouraged to request an RFP packet by emailing: makar@nlc.org

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The YEF Institute Welcomes Carlos Becerra and Tiffany Mitchell

Carlos Becerra joins the YEF Institute this month as the new senior program associate for disconnected youth and Tiffany Mitchell has been selected as the 2007-08 Thomas M. Menino Fellow. Previously, as Chief of Staff to the Chairman at the Miami-Dade School Board, Carlos collaborated with local cities on educational issues and will now share responsibility in our efforts to engage municipal leaders. Tiffany, a recent graduate of Old Dominion University, has experience working with youth in community-based and military settings. She succeeds previous Menino Fellow Colleen McCarthy, who begins graduate school at the University of Minnesota this Fall.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

How to Finance Youth Transitional Programs

The Finance Project’s Vulnerable Children and Youth Practice Group recently developed three publications exploring strategies for financing supports and services for youth currently in or transitioning from foster care. The strategy briefs aim to help policymakers, child welfare administrators, program developers, and community leaders understand the landscape of players, funding sources, and financing strategies that can support development programs for foster youth. www.financeproject.org/pubs

America’s Promise to Host Regional Forum on Helping Youth Succeed

America’s Promise – the Alliance for Youth is hosting an upcoming forum in Nashville, Tenn., on July 31-Aug. 1 to strengthen cross-sector collaboration on behalf of young people. The forum is open to representatives from government, business, education, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and youth. Presenters at the regional forums will include representatives from the America’s Promise “100 Best Communities for Young People,” as well as policymakers and America’s Promise Alliance partners. www.americaspromise.org



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