



Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth E-Newsletter

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Cities to Watch

New York City Young Adult Task Force update: As work wraps up for the NYC Young Adult Task Force (YATF – See MNDY Newsletters from [January](#), [March/ April](#), and [December](#) 2005), all major Task Force recommendations have been funded and are in the process of implementation. For instance, a new intermediary organization is being created, to focus solely on employer linkages and spreading effective practices. Also, neighborhood-based efforts are gearing up, starting with the Sunset Park neighborhood in Brooklyn, home to about 15,000 disconnected youth. As the Mayor's Commission on Economic Opportunity releases its report, the YATF successfully influenced the decision by persuading the Commission to make young adults one of three key target populations in the city's fight against poverty.

New Brighton, Minn., collaboration improves police-community relations: In response to a dramatic increase in the number and severity of crimes in what was once a quiet suburb of 22,000 residents, the City of New Brighton Public Safety Police Division (NBPS), the City Council, and the Office of the Mayor created a four-part strategy in 2001. The strategy included: tying licensing fees for apartment complex owners to the number of police service calls; enhanced neighborhood oriented policing; swift and thorough NBPS response to all incidents; and a partnership between NBPS, Parks and Recreation, schools, businesses, and community groups to offer positive programs for youth. An evaluation study conducted by the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation found that 96 percent of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied by how they were treated by the police and calls to the police dropped by 50 percent between 2001 and 2003.

New YEF Institute Resources

MNDY Audioconference: *Case Studies in Cross-System Collaboration*, on **October 25 from 2-3pm ET**, will feature cross-system efforts to reengage disconnected youth in eight cities, as a preview of the upcoming publication from the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families. For details and to register for the audioconference, please visit www.nlc.org/iyef.

Dropout Recovery as a Local Economic Development Strategy, a forum hosted on **September 8th** by the **American Youth Policy Forum and NLC**, featured an overview of local efforts across the country and a panel of two local leaders engaged in dropout recovery in their communities. The forum is available for viewing at www.ncntv.org/events/060808.

Additional Resources

The Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG) *Safe Passage Conference Calls* will highlight YTFG's new *Safe Passage* publication, and share how funders and communities are partnering to help all of America's youth connect by age 25. **September 27, 2pm ET**– reports from the field and from funders. **October 4, 2pm ET**– new approaches to improving policies for youth at risk. To learn more or register, visit www.ytfg.org.

The Finance Project *Finding Resources to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth* is a report focusing on four key strategies for program leaders and policymakers to find resources to support youth workforce development services. Read the report at www.financeproject.org/publications/workforce_youth.pdf.

Casey Family Programs *It's My Life – Financial Aid* is a resource guide for case workers or any adults who help youth transitioning from foster care get access to financial aid resources. Download, or request free copies at www.casey.org/Resources/Publications/IMLPostsecondaryEd.htm.

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