

**News Briefs**

**Reengaging Disconnected Youth Action Kit blanketing landscape:** All who have signed up for the Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth, along with several thousand Mayors, are receiving printed copies of the new Action Kit. The kit is also available for download at [http://www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/files/pdf/Action%20Kit%207%20Reengaging.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/files/pdf/Action%20Kit%207%20Reengaging.pdf) A brief *Nation's Cities Weekly* article describing the relevance of the Action Kit appears at: [http://www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/newsroom/nations\\_cities\\_weekly/display.cfm?id=FBDF5612-CD04-4871-B3A7E1F495B825F9](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/newsroom/nations_cities_weekly/display.cfm?id=FBDF5612-CD04-4871-B3A7E1F495B825F9)

**2004 Kids Count Data Book emphasizes need for focus on transitions to adulthood of disconnected youth:** An extended lead essay in the 2004 Data Book -- which includes detailed state profiles of child well-being -- delves into the circumstances of disconnected youth. The essay also highlights leading examples of programs helping disconnected youth make effective transitions. Find more data at [www.kidscount.org](http://www.kidscount.org). For a summary, see: [http://www.nlc.org/nlc\\_org/site/newsroom/nations\\_cities\\_weekly/display.cfm?id=FFC08C9F-1C7D-4004-A4DFA08544A52389](http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/newsroom/nations_cities_weekly/display.cfm?id=FFC08C9F-1C7D-4004-A4DFA08544A52389)

**Upcoming MNDY events**

June 30, 2004, 12:30 – 1:30pm EDT: Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth conference call. Join NLC and your peers for a discussion of the role of municipal leaders in addressing the needs of disconnected youth, the Reengaging Disconnected Youth Action Kit, and the role of this new Network. Enrollment is limited. To register, please send an e-mail with your name, city, and state to [ajohnson@nlc.org](mailto:ajohnson@nlc.org) or send a fax to 202/626-3043 by June 28.

**Resources****Reading:**

*Declining Employment among Young Black Less-Educated Men: The Role of Incarceration and Child Support*, by Harry J. Holzer, Paul Offner and Elaine Sorensen of the Urban Institute (4/04): <http://www.npc.umich.edu/publications/workingpaper04/paper5/index.shtml>

**Training:**

July 9, 2004 CLASP Audioconference, 12:30 - 1:30 pm (EDT), *Disconnected Youth: Educational Pathways to Reconnection*, hosted by Linda Harris. For more information: <http://www.claspstore.org/AudioConference/2004/2004AudioConferenceBrochure.htm>

July 19-21: *Leadership Development in Youth Work: A Key Pathway to Youth Development & Social Change* (Cambridge, Mass.) and November 17-19, *Program Conditions for Transformational Youth Programs: Strategies for High Attendance and Retention* (Los Angeles, CA). For more info and registration see <http://www.youthbuild.org/academy/>.

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