

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH
Advancing New York City Youth Services Collaboration



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LETTER FROM THE ICC CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to present the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2011.

During the course of the year, the ICC focused on the groundbreaking work of the NYC Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Runaway and Homeless Youth through a series of trainings for city employees and front-line childcare staff and special events geared toward promoting acceptance of young people.

These efforts were complemented by the Court-Involved Youth Work Group, which focused on youth violence prevention through the performing arts and community workshops for young people and parents.

The ICC also continued its focus on serving young people with behavioral challenges in afterschool programs. The Transitional Age Youth Work Group examined ways to make accessing services and resources easier for young people.

As we continue to face economic challenges, I am grateful to the members of the ICC, who have diligently worked together this past year to better serve young people in New York City.

Dennis M. Walcott
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We are delighted to highlight the good work of the City's youth-serving agencies to improve services to young people and families. Since the start of the economic downturn several years ago, the ICC's dedicated members have continuously sought innovative approaches to address the needs of young people, while understanding the fiscal realities facing all levels of government.

This past year, the ICC again raised the bar with a series of over 30 events, such as the use of performing arts to help young people make positive life choices, trainings for city and community-based organizations to better serve LGBTQ youth or those with emotional issues, and presentations to educate parents about gangs.

Understanding the impact the economy is having on young people and families, the ICC held its annual public hearing at El Museo del Barrio and focused on free "Arts, Culture and Fun" available in the City. ICC member agencies also helped organize DYCD's first-ever job fair, where over 350 young people were afforded the opportunity to meet with ready-to-hire employers with a number of high-quality and good paying jobs.

As the state of the economy continues to challenge our City, the ICC is leading the way in developing strategic partnerships and innovative approaches to serve young people and families.

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
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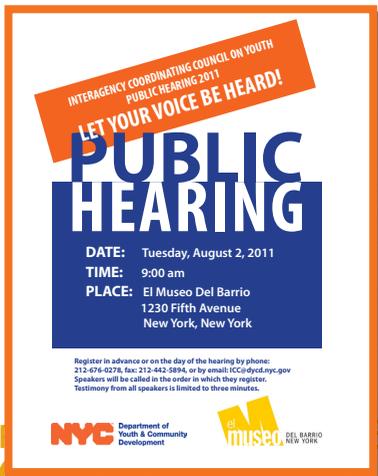


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Supporting Youth Issues Through ICC Networking

Throughout the year, the ICC held 30 meetings, special events and activities focused on an array of issues including health, employment, LGBTQ youth, and teen violence.

On August 2, 2011, Commissioner Mullgrav welcomed over 200 people and heard testimony from 25 individuals at the annual ICC public hearing held at El Museo del Barrio in East Harlem. The testimony delivered focused on youth programming and its impact on youth development. Given the impact of the economy on young people, this year's theme, "Arts, Culture and Fun" promoted free and low-cost educational, cultural and recreational resources for youth. The panel featured Danai Pointer from the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and Chris Shoemaker from the New York Public Library (NYPL). They shared free cultural activities taking place around the city and their calendar of events for the coming year. Courtesy of our host El Barrio, along with the Museum of Natural History and the New York Hall of Science, young people in attendance also received free passes to visit all of their exhibits.



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Supporting Court-Involved Youth

The Court-Involved Youth Work Group has explored the issue of youth violence through various mediums such as community meetings, workshops, and the performing arts.

Working with Norbert Davidson of the Department of Education's Gang Prevention & Intervention Unit, the work group conducted several workshops with parents and youth service practitioners on gang warning signs including verbal and non-verbal communication and everyday items such as clothing, hats, and jewelry.

The work group hosted two live showings of the National Black Theatre's production of "ACCEPT, EXCEPT." It is the story of two fugitives: one from the 1800's fleeing slavery and the other escaping prison in the present day. The purpose of the play is to elicit dialogue on issues of juvenile delinquency and crime prevention and to educate youth about making smart choices.

Goodwill Kids Films from the Farragut Houses Cornerstone Program in Association with Black Noise Media produced "PLAYGUNS." It is a powerful short film about gun violence and a young man's life-changing decision whether to avenge his friend's murder.



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Supporting Transitional Age Youth

The Transitional Age Youth Work Group is examining approaches for making accessing services and resources easier for transition-aged young people ages 16 – 25.

Through these efforts, DYCD continues to refine its website to help young people navigate an array of services through its new “Find a Program” feature at: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

DYCD also continues to enhance its Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and YouTube services and monthly Youth Connect “E-BLAST” newsletter offering information on upcoming programs, events and employment/internship opportunities in neighborhoods across the City.



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Supporting After School Services

Two years ago, the After School Work Group released the Youth Behavioral Challenges Report, a cross-agency action plan created to meet the needs of young people with behavioral challenges in afterschool programs. These recommendations are continuing to make an impact on services for young people.

Over 35 workshops and 3 training series have been offered to afterschool programs and staff on developing competencies in identifying and understanding emotional and behavioral challenges, promoting positive behaviors, engaging parents, and preparing young people and staff for inclusion.

DYCD's October 2011 Out-of-School (OST) Time Request-for-Proposals (RFP) included services for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, and provided for a higher price per participant. The Report will also help inform upcoming RFPs, including Beacon programs.



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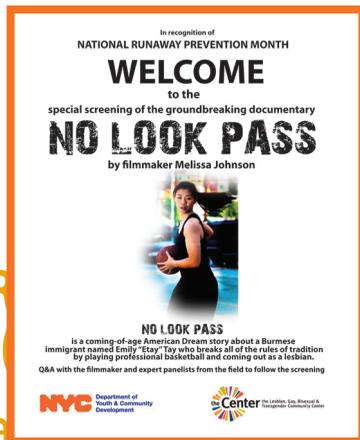
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Supporting LGBTQ Youth

Last year, the ICC launched the Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group in response to recommendations by the City’s Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Runaway and Homeless Youth. The work group was charged with examining the important role youth serving agencies can play in fostering an LGBTQ sensitive and competent workforce, improving access to services, and exploring ways to expand employment opportunities.

Through the coordinated efforts of the New York Police Department, the Administration for Children’s Services, Green Chimneys, Hetrick-Martin, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, the Queens Public Library and DYCD, a series of training sessions focused on LGBTQ sensitivity was held for city employees and front-line staff, covering topics ranging from “coming out” to appropriate language and terminology.

The work group also screened films focusing on family acceptance. This included “No Look Pass,” screened at the LGBT Center on November 30, 2011. The film is a coming-of-age documentary about Emily Tay, a first generation Burmese-American woman who breaks all the rules of tradition by playing professional women’s basketball and coming out as a lesbian. The screening was followed by a panel discussion with the film’s director, Melissa Johnson and LGBTQ youth RHY providers. The documentary made a great impact on the young people, service providers and city agencies in attendance.



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Working with ICC Members to Create Job Opportunities for Young People

On November 18, 2011, DYCD sponsored its first Youth Employment Fair at the United Federation of Teachers headquarters in lower Manhattan. It was organized in response to the large number of youth who applied for the Summer Youth Employment Program in 2011 and the high teen unemployment rate in New York City.

Working with ICC member agencies including the Brooklyn Public Library, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, and the New York Fire Department, over 350 young people attended. They were welcomed by approximately 30 ready-to-hire employers, offering a range of high-quality and well-paying job opportunities such as truck drivers, ushers, customer service representatives, managers and city government staff.

The employers confirmed what we already knew — New York City’s young people are talented, diverse and eager to work — and we are pleased that a number of attendees were offered job opportunities. Because of its overwhelming success, plans are underway to hold additional job fairs.



ICC MEMBER AGENCY INITIATIVES

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TOOLS USED TO ASSESS YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS

All ICC agencies conduct needs assessments by analyzing trends among client populations, examining compilations of data such as census, and obtaining community and service provider input through advisory boards and neighborhood outreach. As part of the City's annual budget process, the 59 community boards submit statements of community district needs to provide a context for their budget priorities. Each statement is accompanied by statistical profiles prepared by the Department of City Planning, summarizing district demographic and land use characteristics, together with census tract maps and detailed census data.

In addition, Agency Performance Reporting is part of New York City's comprehensive Citywide Performance Reporting (CPR) tool. It represents a collection of critical performance measures from more than 40 City agencies in an easy-to-use online snapshot format.

On September 20, 2011, ICC members of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and DYCD convened a public hearing to provide the public with the opportunity to testify on the New York City Child and Family Services Plan for 2012–2016. The plan, required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, addresses services for children, youth and families including afterschool, runaway and homeless youth, juvenile justice, child welfare and adult protective and domestic violence services.

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ALLOCATIONS FOR YOUTH SERVICES

AGENCY NAME	NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED FY 2011	AGENCY BUDGET FOR YOUTH FY 2011
Administration for Children's Services (ACS)	228,815	\$3,000,000,000
Department for the Aging (DFTA)	3,990	\$188,729
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	721	\$2,535,682
Department of Correction (DOC)	5,945	\$66,693,820
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)	NA ¹	NA
Department of Education (DOE)	1,100,000	\$24,000,000,000
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	80,000	\$186,284
New York City Fire Department (FDNY)	317,879	\$932,718
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)	2,328,000	\$158,000,000
Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)	404,312	\$887,443,858
Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	58,422	\$1,047,554,131
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	107,240	\$35,933,403
Human Resources Administration (HRA)	27,363	\$3,046,522
Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks)	62,391	\$11,800,000
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	68,645	\$388,338
Department of Probation (DOP)	21,781	\$19,902,648
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	618,661	\$29,246,585
New York Public Library (NYPL)	859,999	\$46,200,000
Queens Borough Public Library (QPL)	615,437	\$23,020,123
Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	214,603	\$274,751,456

¹ The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population.

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