

October, 2009 District Manager's Report

The following was reported at the Manhattan Group Budget Consultations held on Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Office of Management and Budget:

Sanitation Department:

Expense:

Sanitation Police (Enforcement) – Stated that they are looking into ways of addressing the issue of whom is responsible for the overflow of garbage after private carting has done their picked up.

Adopt-A-Basket – There are 145 Adopt-A-Baskets in Manhattan; however participation varies Sanitation is looking into way to attract more participation. It was also stated that the B.I.D. is not part of the Adopt-A-Basket program.

Graffiti Removal – There are currently 4 graffiti removal vehicles in Manhattan 2 pressure washers, and 2 cleaners. To encourage Community participation, Community Groups are supplied with paint and supplies through the Mayor's Scout Program. It was also stated that Legislature for Graffiti Removal has changed; after notification is sent to the property owner and is not responded to within 35 days, Sanitation can automatically remove graffiti from private property.

Capital:

Go Green Trucks – The DSNY took a step toward going Green with the announcement that there are currently 2 diesel-hybrid electric trucks being tested in Queens, and unless funding is increased will not be expanded. The current cost is \$500k per vehicle as opposed to \$225k for a regular truck.

The Marine Transfer Station (MTS) at 91st Street is in Appeals

DSNY stated they would like to have Cleaning Personnel increased as a priority for the FY10 Budget allocation

Department for the Aging-DFTA (see written responses attached) -

DFTA reported the following:

No Programs were cut, however programs with little or no participation were closed and those monies were distributed to more successful Programs;

NYCHA Centers funded by DFTA are currently negotiating terms on who is responsible for repairs. Commissioner Barrios-Paoli is aware that the majorities of NYCHA Senior Centers are not the most beautiful places, and once the budget is restored will concentrate on obtaining better facilities.

DFTA is currently conducting a walk-ability Survey with NYU students; students are walking to survey areas throughout the City for benches and user friendly rest stations to encourage healthy living.

DFTA is experimenting with its Meals-On-Wheels program, currently 30% of participants in the Bronx are receiving frozen meals, which is allowing seniors to eat on their schedule.

Department of Homeless Services

Department of Homeless Services continues to focus on an array of innovative strategies to achieve outcomes detailed in its five year plan to end chronic homelessness. In FY2009, DHS achieved great success in helping individuals and families remain housed in the community whenever possible, and in assisting those who do enter the shelter door to move on to stable lives and permanent housing.

DHS placed record numbers of families into permanent housing through the Advantage New York Program – over 12,000 leases have been signed since the program began in 2007.

DHS reported that Medicaid funds Chemical Dependency Service Programs, which services clients in Treatment Programs

DHS reported once the Bellevue Men's Shelter is closed funding will be distributed to Brooklyn and Manhattan Shelters.

DHS is not involved in housing; HPD is responsible for all permanent housing which includes Section-8 vouchers.

DHS has instituted the Client Rights and Responsibilities policy in its families with children shelter system. The policy creates a partnership among clients, and DHS providers to help families exit shelter and return to permanent housing in the community.

DHS announced that More than 2,000 volunteers hit the pavement to conduct the seventh annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). The survey, which estimates the number of unsheltered individuals living on City streets, subway platforms, parks and other public spaces, helps gauge the success of outreach strategies against street homelessness. Volunteers each took over 10,000 steps to conduct the count, as they canvassed New York City and each of its five boroughs on foot.

DHS awarded new borough-based contracts for street outreach that shift the focus of services from providing emergency assistance to expediting the placements of chronically homeless clients into permanent housing and/or long-term transitional settings. The outreach contracts

are performance-based with financial incentives for housing placements. In addition to the focus on the street homeless population, DHS also partners with the MTA to ensure a seamless delivery of services for chronic street homeless living on subways.

DHS worked with a not-for-profit provider to develop the first transitional Safe Haven in New York City that exclusively targets chronically street homeless clients, and since then has developed eight Safe Havens citywide with 410 beds. Safe Havens are a housing option for clients who are not willing to enter the traditional shelter system, but who desire a safe place to stay and do want to come indoors.

DHS recently reconfigured Drop-in Centers from 24-hour centers where clients slept in chairs to day-only housing hubs where street homeless clients work with case managers towards securing housing and other social services. DHS has been working with the faith community to enhance the existing network of faith-based volunteer-run shelters to increase overnight bed capacity and reduce the practice of sleeping on chairs. A Faith-based Coordinator was appointed within the Executive Office this spring to foster these important partnerships.

DHS operates one of the largest and most comprehensive emergency shelter services systems in the world. Staff at these shelters assists clients in overcoming their homelessness with a goal of securing and sustaining permanent housing. For clients with mental illness or other disabilities, housing placement staff works to find supportive housing opportunities. DHS has a variety of services within its shelters including: counseling, case management, employment training, mental health rehabilitation, substance abuse treatment, and programs for special populations such as veterans or older adults.

Administration for Children's Services (ACS):

ACS reported 608 lay-offs totaling \$15 million which consisted of transfers and hiring freezes, stated no reduction in current \$23million budget.

Vouchers – Public Assistance vouchers are obtained at Centers and no programs have been phased out

Residential Care had been decreased more kids are in Foster-Kinship or Residential Foster Care programs. ACS is currently launching a Parent recruitment program in faith-based facilities.

ACS is promoting a Community Partnership Initiative, which will strengthen their connection with Community Based Organization's to promote Foster Parenting in the local community.

Community Boards are being asked to Lobby for more Funds from the State, City, and Federal Funding levels.

DYCD (see written responses attached)

Announcement(s):

The Greater New York Development Co. (GNYDC) is a 30 year old community based nonprofit economic development organization that provides low-cost loans and free technical assistance to small businesses and nonprofits. Their services include low down payment, low fixed rate, second mortgage loans for businesses and nonprofits. Money and Technical assistance is used to renovate or construct their own facilities (land, building, leasehold, condo, co-op, even commercial vessels), to acquire equipment and refinance facilities. For further information please call 866-433-5432.

Hamilton Grange Post Office will not be closing at 146th Street

Sanitation- Reported the appointment of their new Superintendent Greg Sheriden, who can be reached at (718) 292-7531 or 32.

Employment Opportunities:

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and the New York Restoration Project created the Million TreesNYC tree planting and stewardship initiative that established the goal of planting one million new trees throughout the City's five boroughs by 2017. MillionTrees NYC started a seven-month "green-collar" job training program that begins in October, 2009 and runs through April 2009. Trainees will work 33 hours a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and will earn \$10.24 per hour. Please visit the following link: http://partnershipsforparks.org/downloads/mttp_application_may2009.pdf. Completed applications should be submitted to: Daniella Zanin-Pereira, MillionTreesNYC Training Program, 1234 Fifth Avenue, Second fl., NYC 10029.

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DYCD questions

1. Please provide, by community board district, a survey of vacancies or waiting lists for Out of School Time and Beacon services and "remain in school" programs for districts that have these programs.

Response: DYCD does not keep waiting list for Beacon, Out of School Time nor In School Youth Programs.

Program Summary

See the following attachments:

- a. Out of School Time
- b. In School Youth
- c. Beacon Programs



In September 2005, DYCD launched the Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative to provide a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities for young people after school, on holidays and during the summer. In FY 2010, the OST system consists of 517 programs citywide, all of which are provided at no cost to participants. The programs are operated by 175 community-based organizations and located in schools, community centers, settlement houses, religious centers, cultural organizations, libraries, and public housing and Parks facilities. DYCD has created a comprehensive system that coordinates resources from 10 City agencies.

OST represents a commitment to providing services in high-need neighborhoods. DYCD targeted 77 priority zip codes using a composite formula with six variables: youth population; youth poverty rates; rate of youth ages 16-19 years who are not in school, not high school graduates, and not in the labor force; number of English Language Learners (ELL) students; number of single parent families; and number of children eligible for NYS subsidized childcare. 62% of participants reside in one of 77 priority zip codes.

The budget for the OST Initiative has grown from \$46.4 million in FY 06 to \$110.7 million in FY 2010. This funding is included in the City's four-year financial plan and thus is a sustainable source of revenue for community-based organizations in years to come. A funding reduction coupled with a more robust OST High School model lead to a lower targeted service level of 61,838 children in the 2009-2010 school year. In FY 2010 the OST initiative is also being supported with \$8.9 Million in Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

Program Facts:

- FY10 budget: Approximately \$110.7 million
- 517 programs for the 2009-10 school year; operated by 175 providers
- 85,513 enrolled during the 2008-2009 school year, exceeding target enrollment of 73,500 by 16%
- 87,256 enrolled during the 2007-2008 school year, exceeding target enrollment of 78,500 by 11%
- 78,486 enrolled during 2006-2007 school year, exceeding target enrollment of 65,000 by 20%
- 58,691 enrolled during 2005-2006 school year, exceeding target enrollment of 47,000 by 25%
- In order to meet the needs of working families, programs serving elementary and middle school-aged children are open for 10-hour days during the school holidays and for eight weeks during the summer
- Supported by a \$12 million grant from the Wallace Foundation for system-wide development
- OST Online is an innovative web-based program management system designed to increase accountability and allow DYCD to provide real-time tracking and analysis of participation and trends
- OST includes a three-year, \$1.5 million contract with the Partnership for Afterschool Education (PASE) to provide technical assistance to CBOs.
- OST includes a three-year, \$1.5 million contract with Policy Studies Associates, a Washington, DC-based firm, to conduct a evaluation analyzing the impact of OST programs on children and communities

New Program Model:

The new OST High School Transition Program is designed to help young people navigate their way through adolescence and avoid dropping out. Programs began on September 1, 2009. The initiative features two programming priorities:

- **Transition to High School Program:** Thirty-four programs will provide intensive interventions to students who are entering 9th grade in September. Our goal is to help these young people achieve on-time promotion to 10th grade.
- **Transition to Adulthood Program:** Twenty-nine programs will help students in the 11th and 12th grades prepare for college and/or entry into the workforce.



The In-School Youth (ISY) program is funded under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 to provide services to eligible juniors and seniors in high school. Eligibility determination is based on age, school status, residency, citizenship, Selective Service registration (if applicable), income and other barriers to employment. ISY services include objective assessments, individual service strategies, counseling, work readiness skill building activities, basic skills attainment instruction and activities, tutoring, summer youth employment, alternative secondary school services, leadership development activities, paid/unpaid work experience, supportive services, mentoring, and follow-up services. To maximize limited resources, DYCD allocated funds in the last Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that WIA ISY services are distributed within each borough on the basis of need and the proportional population of WIA-eligible youth.

DYCD is using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to launch "Go to School Get a Job", a year-round internship program. 741 new enrollees and 2,055 current ISY participants will receive ISY services and internships during the 2009-2010 academic school-year. Youth will be able to work for 144 hours (max) between September 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, and will be paid \$7.25/hr. This program is not available to those in the new OST WIA ISY program.

On September 1, 2009, DYCD is launching the "Transition to Adulthood" program for high school students in our Out-of-School Time (OST) programs. The program will be operated by 29 contractors, ten of which are new to the WIA portfolio.

FY10 Current Program Facts:

WIA ISY Program

- Budget:
 - \$7,690,704 (Yr 1)
 - \$13,059,430 (Yr 2)
 - \$12,732,946 (Yr 3)
 - \$5,848,370 (Yr 4)
- Enrollment:
 - 2,696 (Yr 1)
 - 4,589 (Yr 2)
 - 4,482 (Yr 3)
 - 2,055 (Yr 4)

WIA OST ISY Program

- Budget:
 - \$4,199,578 (Yr 1)
 - \$4,199,578 (Yr 2)
 - \$4,199,578 (Yr 3)
- Enrollment
 - 1,607 (Yr 1)
 - 1,607 (Yr 2)
 - 1,607 (Yr 3)

ARRA (Go to School Get a Job)

- Budget:
 - \$5,300,084 (FY10)

- **43 contracts/ 40 providers**
- Current contract term:
September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2010

- **29 Contracts/27 providers**
- Current Contract term:
September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2012

- Both contracts are hybrid: 20% performance-based; 80% line item
- Both contracts contain four performance milestones: enrolled in school the following semester; high school graduation; GED attainment; or engaged in a positive outcome on the first & third quarters after exiting the program
- All In-School Youth participants are guaranteed a spot in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).



DYCD's Beacon programs are collaborative, school-based community centers designed to provide quality services to youth and adults after school, in the evenings, and on weekends. Beacons were introduced in response to widespread concern about crime and drugs in New York City during the early 1990s. There are currently 80 Beacon sites, 15 of which also host Administration for Children's Services (ACS) foster care prevention programs. Together, these programs serve more than 96,000 participants annually. The programs are operated by 44 community-based organizations

Beacon programs provide services in the following core areas:

- **Academic enhancements:** including tutoring, homework assistance, and reading clubs.
- **Life skills:** activities designed to increase personal responsibility, self-esteem, and confidence.
- **Career awareness/school-to-work transition:** including career exploration workshops and help transitioning from middle school to high school.
- **Civic engagement/community building:** activities designed to strengthen leadership skills and civic responsibility.
- **Recreation/health and fitness:** opportunities designed to promote healthy lifestyles.
- **Culture/art:** activities designed to provide students with opportunities to express themselves through music, dance, and drama.

Program Facts and Highlights

- Since the program's inception in 1991, Beacon centers have served more than one million youth and adults.
- **FY10 Budget: \$43.7 million**
 - 14 programs receiving \$400,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds
 - 66 programs receiving \$365,152 from city tax levy funds and \$34,848 from Community Service Block Grant funding
 - 15 programs receiving an additional \$8.2 million from the Administration for Children's Services
- Contract term is 9/1/2007–8/31/2010.
- Each Beacon is contractually required to serve **1,200 participants annually** (1,000 youth and 200 adults).
- Beacon programs currently serve approximately **16,000 middle school** students.
- During the 2008 – 2009 school year Beacons hosted two major events:
 - **The Girls Middle School Basketball League**, which was sponsored by NIKE and culminated in a championship game at Madison Square Garden. Approximately 1,000 young girls participated in the league.
 - **A DYCD Robotics Initiative**, sponsored by the Wallace Foundation, allowed DYCD to support 20 FIRST LEGO League teams at Beacon programs. **New York City FIRST** provided training and technical assistance to Beacon team coaches. Teams built their robots using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT Robotics system and participated in a citywide championship competition on June 13th.
- **Policy Studies Associates**, through a grant from The Wallace Foundation, is conducting a three-year evaluation of the Beacon Middle School Initiative in order to analyze the impact of Beacon middle school services and its effects on Beacon participants.
- Through a contract with **Community Resource Exchange (CRE)**, all Beacon programs will receive technical assistance and support through a variety of workshops and customized onsite consultations in order to build organizational capacity and strengthen quality of services.

2. For summer Youth Employment—is there an analysis of how many youth did not receive employment that would have qualified for the summer of FY '10?

Response: Yes.

See attached SYEP Applications Chart.

NYC Department of Youth & Community Development
Applications

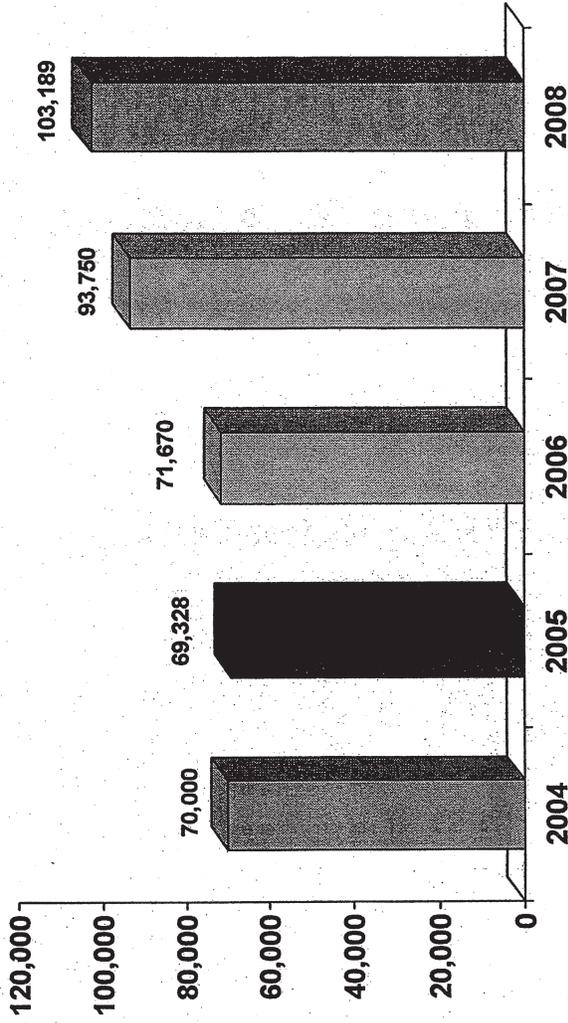
- 103,189 applications received in 2008

- Over 60% completed and submitted online

- Paper applications available at:

- NYCDOE middle and high schools
- Public libraries
- CBOs
- Local officials offices

SYEP Applications Received



3. There seems to be alarming overall cuts to city funding for FY '08 of DYCD programs and federal cuts to these same programs. What is the funding change for DYCD programs, including federal monies, for youth needing summer and after school employment. What are the statistics by community board district of youth seeking summer employment and how many of these received employment under DYCD programs?

Response: See the SYEP Program Summary page, attached.



The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with summer employment and educational experiences that capitalize on their individual strengths, develop their skills and competencies, and connect them to positive adult role models. SYEP provides seven weeks of entry-level work experience in a variety of jobs at community-based organizations, government agencies and private sector businesses. Participants in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School Youth (ISY) program are guaranteed an SYEP slot.

2009 Program Facts:

- Budget: **\$66.3 million** (CTL - \$13.8m, State/FFFS - \$19.3m, WIA - \$3.0m, CSBG - \$3.0m, ARRA CSBG Stimulus - \$8.7m, ARRA WIA Stimulus - \$18.5m)
- Applications Received: **139,597**
- Total Enrollment: **52,255**
- Total Worksites: **8,688** (with **29.5%** in the Private Sector)
- **69 community-based providers** including five providers with specialized services for vulnerable youth (court-involved, runaway/homeless and foster care) - Bronx - 14, Brooklyn - 22, Manhattan - 16, Queens - 11, Staten Island - 1, Vulnerable Youth - 5
- Program dates: **July 1-August 15**
- Participants paid for up to **25 hours per week**
- Wages: **\$7.25 per hour**
- Participants paid with a Visa-logo debit card that can be used at bank ATMs or retail vendors
- Educational Component – at least **10 percent of paid hours** devoted to education on the following topics. DYCD provides standardized curriculum and facilitator training.
 - Work Readiness
 - Financial Literacy
 - Career Exploration
 - College and post-secondary education opportunities
 - Health Education: HIV/AIDS awareness, domestic violence issues, nutrition, substance abuse
- Summer of Service – Part of Mayor Bloomberg's *NYC Service* initiative, this pilot program connected approximately **1,300 SYEP** participants with exciting service projects at NYCHA complexes and Parks on July 24 and August 7.
- Participant Payrolls: As of 8/28/09: **\$48.3 million** gross participant wages

2008 Program Facts:

- Budget: **\$54.0 million** (CTL - \$30.9m, State/FFFS - \$19.7m, WIA - \$3.4m)
- Final Enrollment: **43,113**
- **103,189 applications** received
- **6,550 active worksites**, with **24 percent** in the private sector
- **2,537 youth** identified with disabilities
- Total participant payroll: **\$40.9 million** gross wages

4. Does DYCD expect further city and federal cuts for FY '11? Will cuts in funding impact contract community nonprofits so that they may have to eliminate programs currently funded by DYCD?

Response:

The Stimulus monies received from the federal government has greatly helped to provide services to youth and communities throughout New York City. We welcome federal initiatives that benefit the constituency we serve.

5. For what programs would the agency recommend that the Community Boards prioritize funding?

Community Boards should avail themselves of information available on our website for concept papers proposal opportunities. (see sample page “Contacting Opportunities” with DYCD.

DYCD contracts with various nonprofit, community-based organizations (CBOs) that provide services and activities for youth and low-income populations.

Current Requests for Proposals/Bids:

NONE AVAILABLE

Current Applications:

NONE AVAILABLE

Former Requests for Proposals/Bids:

- [Former Requests for Proposals/Bids in 2009](#)
- [Former Requests for Proposals/Bids in 2008](#)
- [Former Requests for Proposals/Bids in 2007](#)
- [Former Requests for Proposals/Bids in 2006](#)
- [Former Requests for Proposals/Bids in 2005](#)

Former Applications:

- [Runaway and Homeless Youth \(RHY\) Services- Notice of Intent to Negotiate \(in PDF\)](#)
- [2008 Cultural After School Adventures CASA](#)
- [2007 Cultural After School Adventures CASA](#)
- [New York City Adult Literacy Initiative](#)

Concept Papers:

- September 21, 2009: [Download the Adolescent Literacy Concept Paper \(in PDF\)](#)
***** Deadline for comments is October 19, 2009*****
- For a list of all Concept Papers, please visit our [Concept Papers Page](#)

For additional information, please contact:

- DYCD Office of Contract Procurement: 212-442-5982
- Receive a Distribution Notice of RFP Solicitation/Invitation for Bids - complete a Request Form or call 212-442-5996 / 442-6279
- Fax Number: 212-676-8129
- Contracting Opportunities FAQ

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