



Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth 2018 Annual Report

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Advancing Collaboration among
New York City Youth-Serving Agencies



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Bill Chong
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We are pleased to share with you the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report, *Making Connections*, for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). The ICC was delighted that so many young people participated in its meetings, hearings and presentations. Youth engagement is paramount in appreciating and addressing their needs and those of their peers.

Community events such as Spring Into Health, a joint effort of DYCD, the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA), the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), NYC Health + Hospitals, New York City Parks Department, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA), brought member agencies together at 34 locations throughout the City from April 10 through April 14, 2018.

ICC members also worked diligently to enhance services for youth, families and communities by examining the needs of court-involved youth, the LGBTQ youth community and mental health. We look forward to continuing this progress in 2019 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Chong".

Bill Chong, *Commissioner*
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INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The ICC held its annual public hearing on December 4, 2017 at DYCD. Prior to the formal proceedings, the Asian American Federation presented a recent study entitled “**Overcoming Challenges to Mental Health Services for Asian New Yorkers.**”

More than 100 individuals attended the hearing, many of whom were young people who offered testimony on issues ranging from transportation concerns and disparity of resources among school districts to standardized testing issues and LGBTQ and disconnected youth in NYC.



Members listen to a presentation and the public provides testimony at the annual ICC public hearing

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The ICC held a membership meeting at DYCD on April 24, 2018. Attendees were on hand to hear a panel discussion on mentoring, and walked away with a better understanding of opportunities for mentoring, its impact on youth development, and the need to expose youth to these types of resources.



Panel members highlight the topic of mentoring at ICC membership meeting

The program included a recognition ceremony for seven Youth Council members from the Flatbush Beacon Youth Council. The young people have previously testified before the ICC, and have attended several ICC Court-Involved Youth meetings this year to share a young person’s perspective and impress upon the Council their issues/concerns.



ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group Chair Dr. Luis W. Osorio and ICC Supporting LGBTQ Youth Co-Chair Randy Scott recognize Flatbush Beacon Youth Council for its commitment to the community



ANNUAL ICC LGBTQ COMPETENCY TRAINING

In conjunction with The LGBT Center, the ICC offered its members and City employees a comprehensive LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training entitled “**Trauma Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth**” during Pride Month (June) 2018. Representatives of the New York Police Department, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, and a host of DYCD-funded Runaway and Homeless Youth providers participated. The training is designed to familiarize City employees with the trauma experiences of the LGBTQ community.

ICC members participate in the annual ICC LGBTQ Competency training at The Center



ICC SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH WORK GROUP

The ICC’s Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group monthly meetings included presentations from:

- **Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC)** - Cecilia Gentili, Translatina Assistant Director of Policy, shared her experiences as a Translatina. She spoke about her lifelong challenges and the struggles she has faced with employers, organizations, and communities that have had difficulty respecting her identity.
- **NYC Unity Project** - Ashe McGovern, Director of LGBTQ Initiatives in the First Lady’s Office and the Director of the NYC Unity Project, discussed the City’s first-ever, multi-agency strategy to deliver unique services to LGBTQ youth.
- **The LGBT Center** - The Center conducted the annual ICC LGBTQ Competency training for City employees. Attendees learned about The Center’s services and received a tour of the center.
- **New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP)** - Members received an enriching training that addressed issues such as gender identification and developing LGBTQ-inclusive policies.
- **Marsha’s House** - A shelter operated by Project Renewal, Marsha’s House serves people who are homeless and identify as part of the LGBTQ community.
- **Destination Tomorrow** - Sean Coleman, Executive Director of Destination Tomorrow, a grassroots agency located in the Bronx, promoted their comprehensive services for the LGBTQ community.



ICC members receive a training facilitated by the AVP and learn about the LGBT Center



SCREENING OF “SATURDAY CHURCH”

With the support of New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson, DYCD collaborated with the Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment and NewFest New York’s LGBT Film & Media Arts Organization to host a special free screening on June 13, 2018 of “Saturday Church,” a film that raises awareness of LGBTQ homeless youth in New York City. Following the screening at The Center, there was a Q&A with director Damon Cardasis and lead actor Luka Kain. The ICC played a role in the planning and members were invited to attend.

*“Saturday Church”
film screening*



*“Coming Home:
Transitioning Back
into the Community”*



ICC COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH WORK GROUP

The ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group continued to promote its published resource directory, “Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community.” It was designed with the input of young people, and includes information about resources for youth leaving detention, including housing, practical assistance, legal rights, drug and alcohol treatment, and job searches. The guide is available for download on DYCD’s website at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dycd/downloads/pdf/DYCD_ICC_Guide_digital2-17.pdf and has been circulated among youth in custody and their parents. Copies were also provided to the City’s major library systems for distribution at their branches, to the Law Department, Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA).

The ICC’s Court-Involved Youth Work Group’s monthly meetings included presentations from:

- **Mayor’s Office to End Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence** - As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (April), members dressed in purple to further promote awareness, and learned about resources to assist victims.
- **S.O.U.L. Sisters** - A nonprofit that works to empower black girls who are most impacted by oppression, and creates space for girls to examine their lives in the context of larger social issues.
- **Exalt** - A community provider that demonstrates the power of effective educational engagement as a viable alternative to criminal justice involvement for today’s young people.
- **Administration for Children’s Services Office of Advocacy** - Provides information and support to concerned caregivers, youth and others affected by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- **Community Connections for Youth** - Highlights the Credible Messenger Justice Center Liaison model that brings together at-risk youth with mentors who are formerly incarcerated.
- **Police Athletic League (PAL), Inc.** - Works with the law enforcement community to inspire New York City’s youth to realize their full potential by including youth in recreational and educational programs to enhance their school day.
- **The NYPD’s Youth Strategies Division** - Provides programs to reduce youth violence, prevent drug use, promote child safety, and improve relationships between police and young people, with a special emphasis on at-risk individuals.



- **Anti-Violence Project (AVP)** - Dedicated to eliminating hate violence, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence in LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities through counseling, advocacy, organizing, and public education.
- **Day One** - Highlighted its Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP), which partners with high schools across New York City to provide critical teen dating violence prevention and intervention.
- **HRA** - is dedicated to fighting poverty and income inequality by providing New Yorkers in need with essential benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and emergency rental assistance.



HRA hosted the Court-Involved Youth Work Group at World Trade Center 4



ICC COLLABORATIONS & EVENTS

- Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) partnered with the Department of Education (DOE) to host professional development workshops and provide an e-newsletter that highlights resources for administrators and teachers throughout the year.
- BPL continues to support youth employment by participating in DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and promoting youth leadership through work with NYC Service to offer Youth Leadership Councils. BPL worked closely with the DOE, NYPL and Queens Library to continue the MyLibraryNYC program into its sixth year.
- Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) administers the Cultural After School Adventures (CASA) program. Since FY10, DCA has managed the City Council-funded arts education initiative, which brings dynamic and varied afterschool arts programs to public and charter schools throughout the five boroughs. In FY18, each Council member designated up to thirteen \$20,000 awards – a total of \$13.1 million was awarded to provide programs in 654 schools.
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) program is an annual fire hydrant abuse prevention campaign that deploys teams of young adults hired through DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program to inform New Yorkers about the dangers of illegally opening fire hydrants.
- Since 2014, NYC Parks has worked with the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety (MAP) to reduce violence and make neighborhoods safer in and around 15 NYCHA developments that have experienced some of the highest



crime rates in the City. Guided by research showing that the physical environment can inhibit or encourage crime, NYC Parks has partnered with MAP to activate vibrant public spaces in the targeted developments through Kids in Motion (KIM) and Shape Up NYC programs. In FY18, the Parks RecYouth teen digital media program continued to provide free photography, graphic design, music, video, and game design programs for ages 13–21. The program has been implemented with a number of City agencies, including DYCD and the DOE.

- The HRA Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) is an extensive school-based domestic violence prevention program that currently operates in 93 middle and high schools throughout New York City. Since RAPP's creation in 1999, its central mission has been to end relationship abuse among young people through violence prevention education, intervention counseling, staff development, and community outreach. HRA partners with local community-based domestic violence service providers to place social workers (RAPP Coordinators) who deliver a comprehensive array of teen dating violence services.
- ENDGBV continued to expand partnerships with various divisions within DOE to bring healthy relationship curricula to more youth through the Healthy Relationship Training Academy. Through the Early Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (Early RAPP), 128 middle schools will be assigned a Community Educator to provide youth, staff, and parents with training, education, and support.
- ENDGBV will be partnering with multiple organizations including Department of Probation (DOP), Administration for Children's Services (ACS), DYCD, and DOE to implement a teen accountability program called Respect First, aimed at youth who cause harm in their relationships.
- DYCD is the home of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC), an interagency body that includes all City agencies that work with young people.



CITYWIDE YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As part of the City of New York's charter-mandated annual budget process, the City's 59 Community Boards submit statements of their local needs in order to provide context for their budget priorities. Each statement is accompanied by a statistical profile, prepared by the Department of City Planning, summarizing district demographic and land use characteristics, together with census tract maps and detailed data from the census. The resulting compilation, *Community District Needs*, is published annually by the Department of City Planning. In addition, the City's Office of Management and Budget convenes borough meetings during which Community Boards invite City agencies to discuss their programs and budget. After the budget consultations, Community Boards submit budget recommendations in which they outline their funding priorities, and the relevant agencies respond to each request. Agencies also submit annual District Resource Statements that show the distribution of agency resources by Community District.

The City's social service agencies conduct needs assessments by analyzing trends among their client populations, examining compilations of data, such as the federal census, and obtaining community and service provider input through advisory bodies and neighborhood outreach. In addition, the biannual Mayor's Management Report (MMR), which is mandated by the City Charter, serves as a public account of the performance of City agencies, measuring whether they are delivering services efficiently, effectively, and expeditiously. The Preliminary MMR provides an early update of how the City is performing four months into the fiscal year. The full-fiscal MMR, published each September, looks retrospectively at the City's performance during the prior fiscal year and is available on the City of New York's website (www.nyc.gov).

Recognizing the importance of serving all communities, the City has called upon all agencies to review their language access plans and policies to ensure that they are complying with Local Law 30: "Citywide Policy on Language Access to Ensure the Effective Delivery of City Services." Among other things, the Executive Order mandates that each agency develop and implement a language access policy and implementation plan. In this regard, DYCD conducted a survey in eleven different languages to better understand the needs of this City's diverse communities.



ALLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES TO YOUTH

Agency Name/ Commissioner	Number of Youth Served FY 18	Agency Budget for Youth FY 18
Administration for Children's Services	209,022	\$2.9 billion
Department for the Aging	<i>Data not available at time of publication</i>	<i>Data not available at time of publication</i>
Department of Citywide Administrative Services	472	\$747,407
Department of Correction	119	\$152,333
Department of Cultural Affairs	<i>Not applicable¹</i>	
Department of Education	1,354,334	\$32.3 billion
Department of Environmental Protection	40,000	\$391,764
New York City Fire Department	700,000	\$900,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	2,427,154	\$210,009,522
NYC Health + Hospitals	306,880	\$647,544,545
Department of Homeless Services	<i>Data not available at time of publication</i>	
New York City Housing Authority	<i>Not applicable²</i>	
Human Resources Administration	23,709	5,892,540
Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender- Based Violence	9,494	\$474,971
New York City Parks Department	88,381	<i>Not applicable¹</i>
New York City Police Department	<i>Data not available at time of publication</i>	<i>Data not available at time of publication</i>
Department of Probation	13,741	\$34.6 million
Department of Youth and Community Development	337,199	\$708,266,774
Brooklyn Public Library	749,043	\$34,794,247
New York Public Library	130,000	\$450,000
Queens Library	865,647	\$29,691,389

¹ The Department of Cultural Affairs and Parks and Recreation do not distinguish activities by population.

² NYCHA afterschool youth programs have been merged with DYCD.



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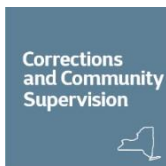
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