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**Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth**  
*Advancing New York City Youth Services Collaboration*

# ICC ANNUAL REPORT 2009





## Letter from the ICC Chair

I am pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC). Since the start of the Bloomberg Administration, the City has made remarkable strides in helping our young people achieve their full potential. Student academic achievement has improved dramatically, more students are earning Regents diplomas and black and Latino students are narrowing the graduation gap.

These achievements are a result of reforms made to our educational system as well as the Mayor's commitment to fund high-quality services for youth. As detailed in this report, since 2003, youth funding to ICC member agencies increased by almost 50 percent to over \$23 billion. This enabled the City to invest in a number of areas from education and after school programs, to youth workforce development and delinquency prevention, to name a few.

These achievements are remarkable as they have occurred despite the challenges the City faced in the aftermath of September 11, 2001 and the current recession. The ICC helps member agencies ensure continuity in services for our City's youth, families and communities while simultaneously looking to develop new initiatives.

While the time ahead will be challenging, I have no doubt that the ICC will continue to work to enhance existing resources, while establishing new and innovative programs to benefit our young people.

Dennis M. Walcott  
Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development  
ICC Chair



## Letter from the ICC Director

2009 was a banner year for the ICC. Over the course of the year, it held over 20 meetings which resulted in concrete results for young people.

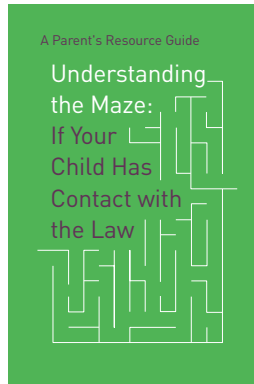
For example, The Behavioral Challenges subcommittee issued a report on barriers faced by youth with special needs in mainstream programming. It also provides a five-point action plan to meet the needs of young people with behavioral challenges. During the year ahead, the subcommittee will be working to implement some of the recommendations.

The Court-Involved Work Group worked diligently to develop A Parent's Guide - Understanding the Maze: If Your Child Has Contact with the Law. This guide will be helpful to parents in understanding the juvenile and criminal justice systems and the importance of their involvement in their children's court proceedings. The ICC also focused on the positive impact of volunteerism on the development of youth, and the impact of the recession on New York City's children and families.

I want to express my gratitude to the dedicated ICC membership, along with the array of community-based organizations and advocacy groups that support these efforts. During these challenging economic times, the ICC is as important as ever in helping the City meet the needs of children and parents.

Jeanne B. Mullgrav  
Commissioner  
ICC Director

## Court-Involved Youth Work Group



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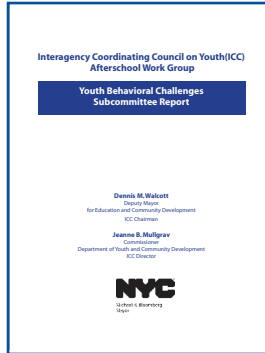
The Work Group published “A Parent’s Guide - Understanding the Maze: If Your Child Has Contact with the Law.” This guide is available in several languages and offers valuable information to help parents understand the juvenile and criminal justice systems, their child’s legal rights, and their important role in the process. It was created after months of research and coordination with experts in various fields including child advocacy, immigration, law enforcement, and court systems. Leading these efforts were Nitza Monges from the Department of Youth and Community Development and Rodolfo Estrada of the Vera Institute of Justice along with a number of ICC member agencies and community partners. The research for the guide was funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The Work Group throughout the year visited DYCD and DHS homeless shelters and DJJ and DOC detention facilities to speak directly to residents about the array of services available to them, including after school, education, vocational training and job placement, counseling, and legal services.

## Middle School Work Group

The Work Group, led by Richard Fish of DYCD, continued its work to develop a blueprint on how middle schools and community based providers can develop the necessary linkages to enhance services to middle school youth. The work group began by better understanding existing recourses for youth in grades 6 through 12 whose reading and writing skills were such that they required support beyond the regular school day. One of the key findings of the work group was for middle school literacy programs to succeed, they must have the active and ongoing support of a schools leadership. Recently the work group provided support to DYCD in the development of an Adolescent Literacy initiative to provide special literacy programming at 11 middle schools throughout the City.

# Afterschool Work Group



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The After School Work Group released the “Youth Behavioral Challenges Sub-Committee Report”. Studies have shown that after school services support and promote healthy development and promote mental health services and resources for children and families. Led by Anastasia Roussos from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Subcommittee engaged providers, policymakers and researchers in exploring barriers experienced by children, families and providers in providing after school services to young people with emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges.

The report also provided a five point cross-agency action plan to meet the needs of young people with behavioral challenges. These include 1) Improve needs assessment and planning; 2) Stronger collaboration among after school providers, schools, community-based mental health services and families to share information and identify existing resources to meet children’s needs; 3) Develop guidance among after school providers; 4) Increased training and technical assistance; and 5) Specialized after school services for youth who cannot be effectively served in non-specialized programs.

## New York City Service: Tapping the Power of Young People to Strengthen Communities

This year, Mayor Bloomberg launched, NYC Service, to promote a new era of service and volunteerism in New York City. A key goal for NYC Service is to connect those who want to serve with meaningful opportunities to strengthen neighborhoods and support neighbors in need. ICC member agencies responded strongly to the Mayor's call in a number of areas. Some examples include:

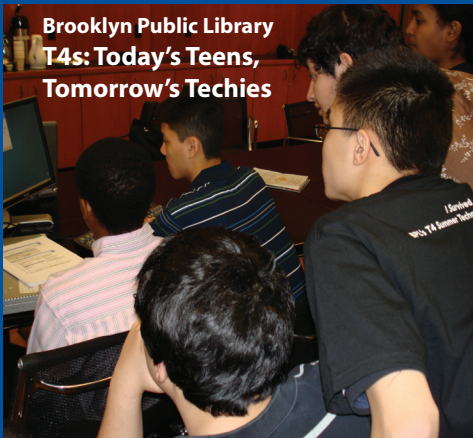
Over 1,200 young people participated in New York City Tap Project Water Walk, a one mile walk to help raise awareness and support for children worldwide who suffer from a lack of readily available clean water. This event was held on March 22, 2009 at Battery Park through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Mayor's Volunteer Center, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Education.

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) "T4"s (Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Techies) program enables teenagers to volunteer their computer skills at the Main Branch and 58 neighborhood branches throughout Brooklyn while receiving valuable workplace experience. Over 900 teens volunteered to participate in T4.

DEP Tap Project  
Water Walk



Brooklyn Public Library  
T4s: Today's Teens,  
Tomorrow's Techies



**“Summer of Service” brought together several ICC member agencies. During two Fridays over the summer, the Office of the Mayor Office, DYCD, DPR, the Department of Sanitation, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and NY Cares worked with 1,385 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants to give back to the community. The volunteers worked on approximately 10 beautification projects throughout the City. They engaged in park and beach clean up and sustainability activities at NYCHA developments such as building planter boxes, planting flowers and shrubs.**

**Also this past summer, DEP, in cooperation with DYCD and the New York Fire Department (FDNY) sponsored Hydrant Education Action Teams (HEAT) comprised of 75 high school and college students. HEAT teams canvassed neighborhoods throughout the City disseminating information about the effects of illegally-opened fire hydrants on water pressure and to help raise awareness about two priority topics: reusable water bottles and illegally-opened fire hydrants.**



## ICC Meetings

**Throughout the course of the year, the ICC held over 20 meetings focusing on the needs of youth in middle school, with behavioral challenges, and those who are court-involved. Additionally, the ICC held two meetings focused on the needs of young people and families.**

On Tuesday, July 21st, the ICC held their annual public hearing at DYCD. Over 60 individuals, including ICC member agencies, were welcomed by DYCD Commissioner and ICC Director Jeanne B. Mullgrav who highlighted the integral work of the ICC over the past year. The hearing brought together young people, community based-organizations and other youth stakeholders who offered testimony on services for youth and suggested areas of focus including domestic violence prevention, runaway and homeless youth services, and health education. Several young people testified about the positive impact youth programs have had on their lives.





On March 24, the ICC met at the Federation Employment and Guidance Service (FEGS) to focus on the impact of the recession on New York City's children and families: *Helping Families Survive Difficult Financial Times, Preventing Homelessness and Keeping Families Together*. Prior to the distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, city agencies including Consumer Affairs, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) were already helping the City's neediest weather these difficult economic times. This includes free financial counseling at the City's Financial Empowerment Centers. Click here for more information: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/fec.shtml>. Runway and homeless youth services information is available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/runaway/runaway.shtml>. Mental health services and temporary cash assistance information is available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/hra>.



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## Youth Services Needs Assessment FY 2009

The Mayor's Office of Operations works closely with ICC member agencies on NYCStat, a one-stop-shop of critical performance measures. It includes citywide and agency-specific performance, 311-related information, and interactive mapping features for selected performance data. It enables ICC members to cut across agencies to reveal the overall picture about city government performance.

In addition, ICC member agencies conduct needs assessments by analyzing trends among client populations, the census, and obtaining community and service provider input through advisory bodies and neighborhood outreach. As part of the City's annual budget process, community boards submit statements of community district needs in order to provide a 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 census data. The resulting compilation, Community District Needs, is published annually. Programs design and placement are often based on the results of formal needs-assessment exercises that identify, assess, and prioritize the needs of the communities and populations served by the agency.

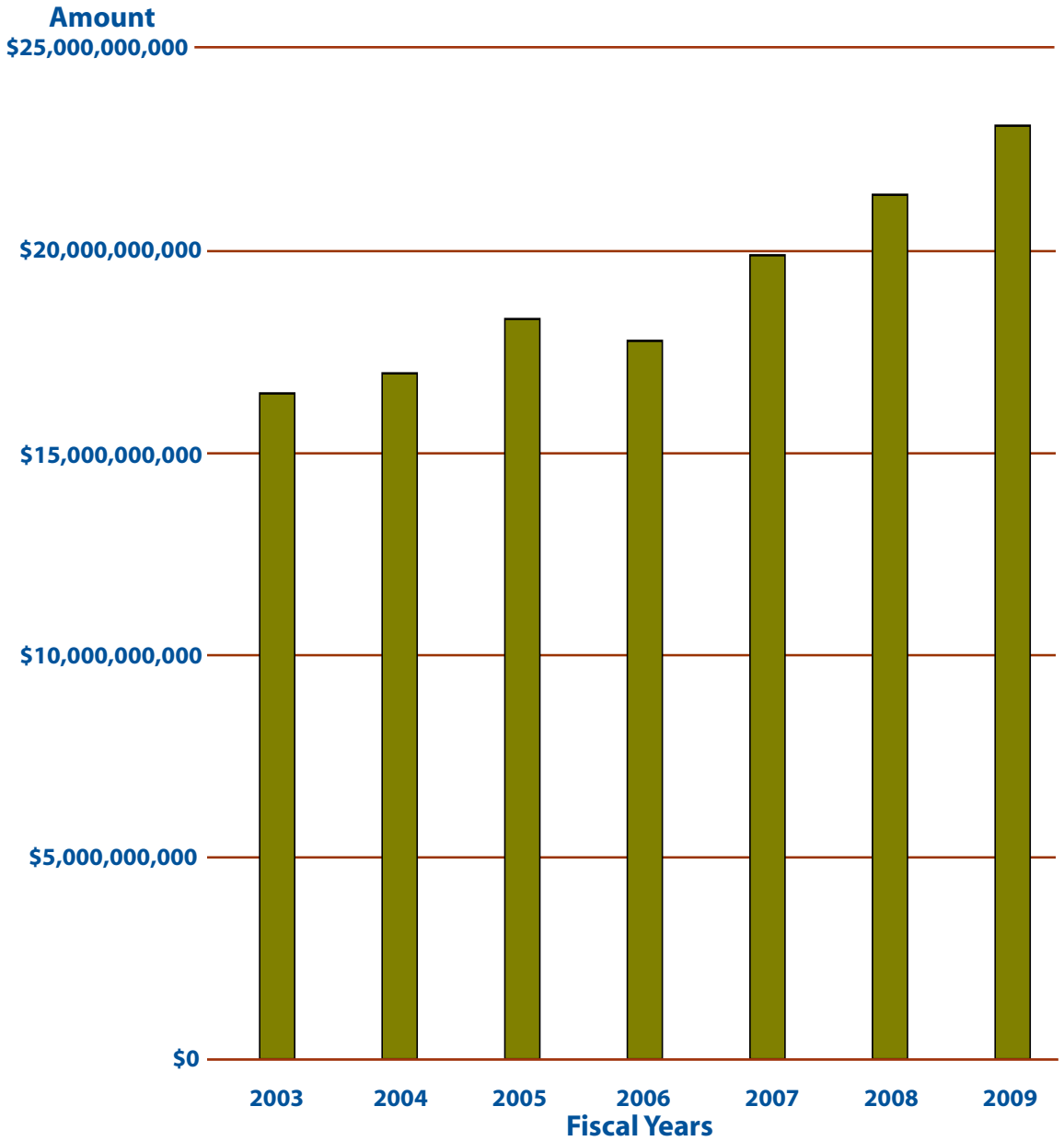
# Allocations for Services to Youth

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Number of Youth Served FY 2009</b>	<b>Agency Budget for Youth FY 2009</b>
Administration for Children's Services (ACS)	243,800	\$2,600,000,000
Department for the Aging (DFTA)	1,853	\$645,485
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	783	\$2,402,485
Department of Correction (DOC)	6506	\$64,262,111
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA
Department of Education (DOE)	1,100,000	\$17,600,000,000
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	200,000	\$300,000
New York City Fire Department (FDNY)	255,240	\$870,950
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)	2,700,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$194,400,000
Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)	416,919	\$647,700,349
Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	18,380	\$773,523,212
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	124,627	\$36,328,221
Human Resources Administration (HRA)	2178	\$1,360,116
Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)	5833	\$78,818,612
Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks)	275,000	\$12,300,000
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	106,385	\$401,538
Department of Probation (DOP)	22,599	\$19,706,031
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	587,532	\$28,189,309
New York Public Library (NYPL)	767,679	\$47,658,290
Queens Borough Public Library (QPL)	648,461	\$27,546,392
Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	223,998	\$306,607,452

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population.

<sup>2</sup> The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's figures for youth are not un-duplicated.

# ICC Members Investing in Young People



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Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

The logo for the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth, consisting of the letters "ICC" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

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