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Dear Fellow New Yorkers:

I am pleased to present you with the 2007 Annual Report for the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). The past year was marked by exciting new programs, enhancements to existing initiatives, and lessons learned through research and evaluation.

While DYCD's mission is to serve all New York City's youth and families, this year we made a concerted effort to enhance services for middle school youth. In recent years, important strides have been made to better understand and enhance programming to support children in elementary and high school. However, children in grades 6-8 (ages 11-14) face unique challenges. They must develop both the strong literacy skills necessary to understand the demanding, content-rich material encountered in high school, as well as the social skills associated with a successful transition to young adulthood.

In an effort to address this challenge, middle school youth are now a focal point of many DYCD initiatives. Beginning with the start of the 2007-2008 school year, our Beacon programs have a new focus on this age group, serving 16,000 middle school students annually. Our adolescent literacy program, now in its second year, continues to make strides with struggling readers in grades 6-8. And a forthcoming RFP for Neighborhood Development Area programs is anticipated to include a separate competition that provides educational support and leadership-skills building to middle school youth.

In addition, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth, an advisory body comprising the City's youth-serving agencies, formed a Middle School Work Group. The group consists of key stakeholders from across member agencies, and will explore the academic and social skills that middle school-aged youth need to succeed in high school and beyond.

Other highlights of 2007 included the launch of two new initiatives funded by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Center for Economic Opportunity: The Young Adult Internship Program and Teen ACTION, a service learning program for middle and high school students. These initiatives represent DYCD's contribution to the City's ongoing work to break the cycle of poverty by creating opportunities for at-risk youth and young adults.

It is this commitment to helping children and families to succeed that has led to New York City's recognition as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise for the second consecutive year. With the help of our fellow City agencies and our community partners, New York possesses the fundamental resources that help children thrive: caring adults who are actively involved in their lives, safe places to learn and grow, a healthy start toward adulthood, an effective education that builds marketable skills, and civic engagement.

I am proud to share DYCD's accomplishments over the past year and our vision for the future. We look forward to working with our community partners on behalf of New York City's greatest asset: our young people.

Jeanne B. Mullgrav  
Commissioner

## DYCD 2007 Highlights

### Beacon Community Centers – A New Focus on Middle School Youth

- New emphasis on middle school youth, the first major change to this program in 16 years.
- Approximately 16,000 middle school youth will benefit from a comprehensive range of services designed to engage and support middle school youth.

### Out-of-School Time (OST) – Unprecedented Expansion

- In October 2007, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced new funding that more than doubled the original OST budget.
- Beginning in 2008, it will support 14,000 additional slots in 112 new programs
- OST - already the nation's largest municipally funded afterschool system - will serve at least 80,000 young people during the 2007-2008 school year.

### Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP) – Helping Disconnected Youth Get Back On Track

- YAIP serves 16-24 year-olds who are not working and not in school.
- Part of Mayor Bloomberg's Center for Economic Opportunity.
- Features internship placements, orientation activities and educational workshops on financial literacy, healthy living, and continuing education.
- Approximately 1,360 young people will participate annually.
- 46% of YAIP worksites are at private sector companies, and an additional 25% are at large non-profits such as hospitals and universities.

### Teen ACTION (Achieving Change Together In Our Neighborhoods) – Helping the Community, Helping Themselves

- A service-learning initiative that empowers young people from low-income communities and provides an alternative to high-risk behaviors.
- Part of Mayor Bloomberg's Center for Economic Opportunity.
- 62 sites operating throughout the five boroughs.
- Participants are responsible for identifying issues, designing service activities, and evaluating the success of their project.

### SYEP Online – Greater Access through Technology

- During summer 2007, SYEP debuted an online application system, and the results were outstanding – a record 93,750 young people applied for the program, more than half of them via the internet.
- SYEP participants are paid via debit cards, which provide online access to account information and greater security.
- Enrolled 41,804 participants at 6,048 worksites.



## **Organized and presented a broad spectrum of events, including:**

### **Association of New York State Youth Bureaus Conference:**

- For the first time, New York City hosted the three day Annual Conference of the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB).
- More than 400 youth professionals from across the state explored strategies for fulfilling our promise to young people.
- Notable attendees included Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg; Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott; Dominic Carter, NY1 Senior Political Reporter; Lewis A. Fidler, New York City Council; Marty Markowitz, Brooklyn Borough President; Dr. Andrew Sum, Director of the Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University.

### **Neighborhood Advisory Board Town Halls**

- In preparation for a forthcoming Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) RFP, every Board met or surpassed the goal of collecting 100 surveys each.
- More than 4,500 New Yorkers citywide completed surveys.
- Each Board held at least two public hearings.

### **DYCD Skate Day**

- Hundreds of young participants from the OST, Beacon Community Center and Teen ACTION initiatives took to the ice at The Pond at Bryant Park.
- Now in its third year, this event is a fun reminder that DYCD programs operate after school, throughout the summer, and during school holidays, including the winter break.

## **Released the following Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Grant Applications:**

Immigration Services - January 3, 2007

Fatherhood Program - January 30, 2007

Beacon Community Centers I and II - February 22, 2007 and April 30, 2007

Fiscal Audit Services - April 12, 2007

Adult Literacy Services - June 26, 2007

Young Adult Internship Programs - June 27, 2007

Out-of-School Time Programs for Youth, Elementary School Expansion - June 29, 2007

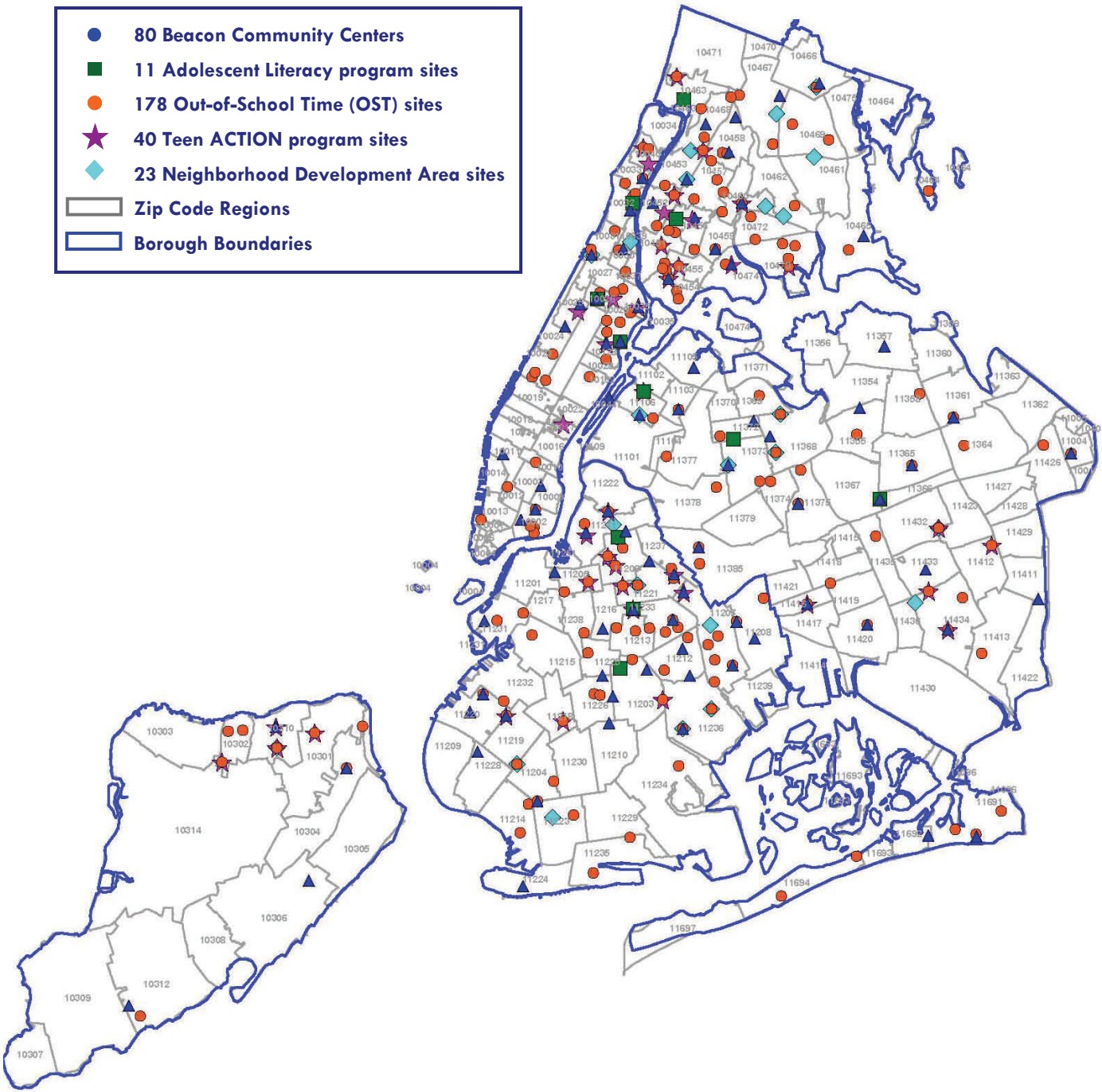
Service Learning Programs I and II - July 5, 2007 and October 1, 2007

Cultural After School Adventures - November 27, 2007

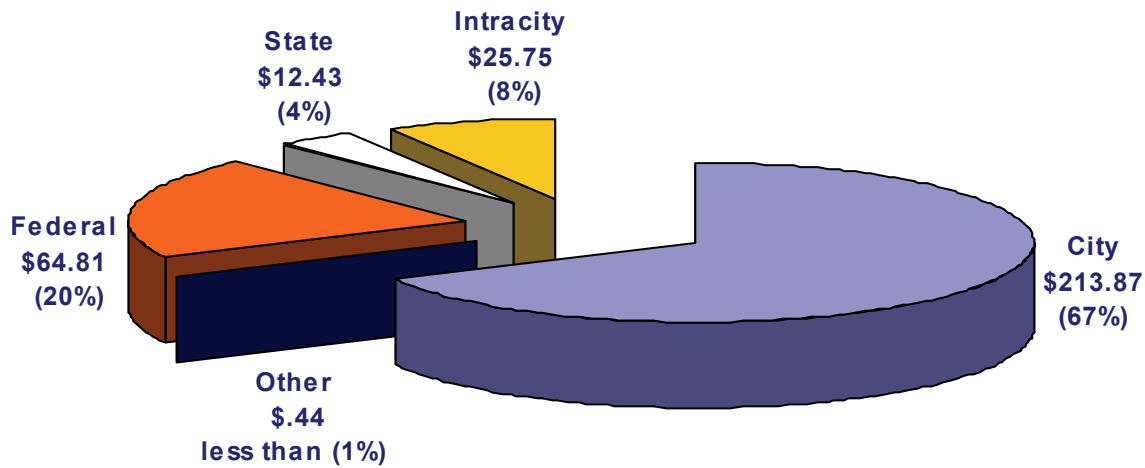




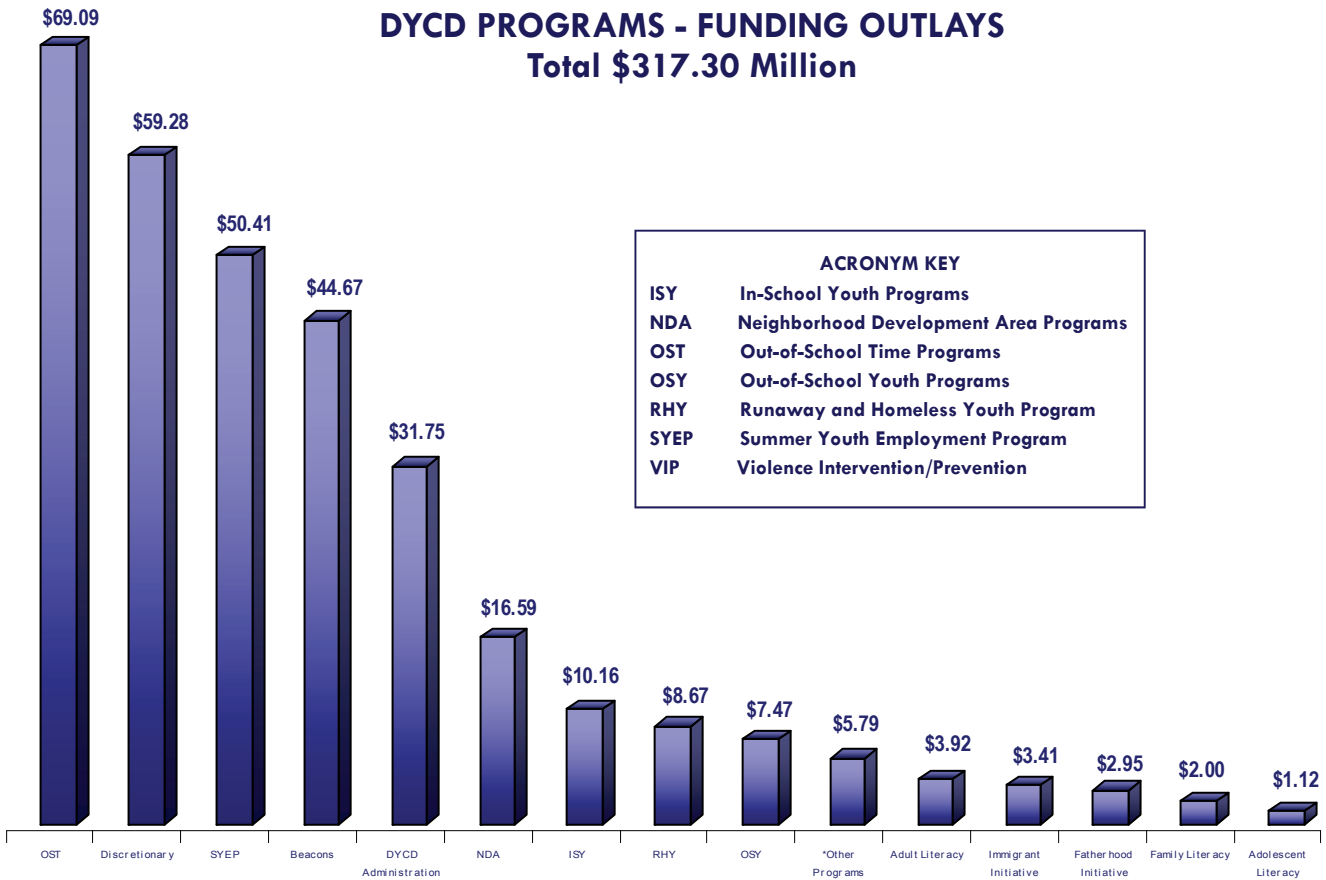
- 80 Beacon Community Centers
- 11 Adolescent Literacy program sites
- 178 Out-of-School Time (OST) sites
- ★ 40 Teen ACTION program sites
- ◆ 23 Neighborhood Development Area sites
- ▭ Zip Code Regions
- ▭ Borough Boundaries



### DYCD FUNDING STREAMS Total \$317.30 Million



### DYCD PROGRAMS - FUNDING OUTLAYS Total \$317.30 Million



\* Other: Charter School \$2.24 ;Community Development \$1.85; Youth \$1.04; VIP \$ .66

Numbers reported in millions of dollars



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