

Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report 2016

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We are delighted to share with you the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2016. The report highlights the initiatives and activities of members and their efforts to enhance services for youth, families and the communities of New York City. The ICC examined several high profile topics such as youth employment and the needs of LGBTQ Youth.

The ICC is proud of its commitment to youth and continuously looks to build partnerships that play an important role in carrying out the Mayor's agenda. As the City's needs continue to evolve we are fortunate to have city agencies committed to working with one another.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Throughout the past year the ICC held over twenty meetings focusing on improving services for youth. ICC meetings are rotated among member agencies with an annual public hearing held prior to the end of each calendar year.



December, 3, 2015 Hannah Pennington, Esq., Director of Policy Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence addresses ICC member's and public hearing attendees

The ICC held its annual public hearing on December 3, 2015, at the Department of City Planning's Spector Hall. Over 100 individuals attended, including youth who offered testimony on issues that are significant to themselves and their peers such as police/community relationships, individual rights, education, employment and services for youth.



December 3, 2015 Individuals testify before the ICC membership at annual public hearing..

RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

On February 11, 2016 the ICC feature a panel discussion led by former Judge Michael Corriero entitled, Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility. This was the second time Judge Corriero highlighted this important topic to the ICC. New York State remains one of only two states in the nation, North Carolina being the other, which criminalizes its young people by treating youth under 18 as adults in the criminal justice system. With the New York State legislature considering change in the legislation, the ICC looked to provide awareness to its membership on this topic.



February 2016 - Moderator: Judge Michael Corriero - Executive Director, The New York Center for Juvenile Justice *Panelist: Jennifer March, Ph.D. - Executive Director, Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc. Gineen Gray - Department of Probation, Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Operations, Lily J. Shapiro - Esq. Senior Policy Advisor to the Commissioner, Department of Probation, Nitin Savur - Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Executive Assistant District Attorney, Charles Nunez - Community Advocate, Youth Represent and Luis Padilla, Youth Speaker's Institute.*



February 2016 - ICC Members and guests pose questions to panelists discussing, raising the age of criminal responsibility. The issue of raising the age has been heavily debated in the New York State Legislature in the context of public safety.

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT TRENDS & GROWTH INDUSTRIES

The ICC featured the topic of “Future Employment Trends & Growth Industries” at the April 28th membership meeting. Information shared with attendees including the below chart highlighted various industries in which growth is expected in the next decade and beyond. It is recommended that individuals working with youth highlight these trends when discussing employment opportunities.

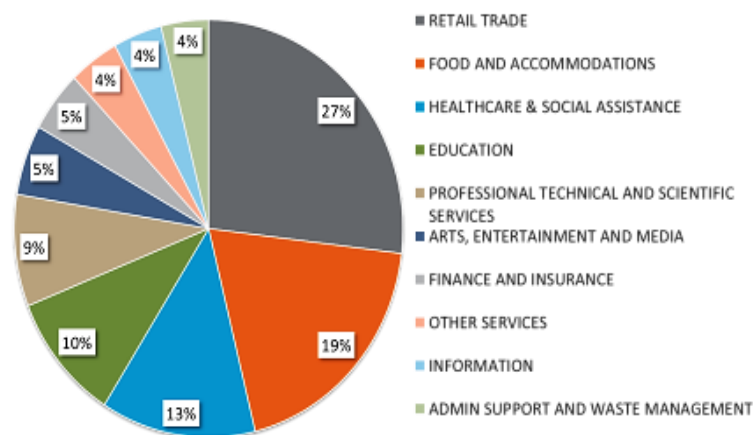


April 28, 2016 - Panelists discuss job market from right to left Leslie Hirsch, Director - NYC Labor Market Information Services, Suzanne Foran, Northeast Regional Manager - Henkels & McCoy, Randolph Peers, CEO - Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, Edgar Gutierrez, Walgreens and Megan Keenan -Berryman, Workforce Development, DYCD.



Recent graduates and Brooklyn College Interns Tara Accetta, Keisha Keith and Rosalia Raccuglia speak with Leslie Hirsch, Director - NYC Labor Market Information Services about her presentation. This was the second time Ms. Hirsch presented to the ICC.

Where are the Jobs? *Future Employment Opportunities*



SOURCE | AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, PUBLIC USE MICRODATA, 2014

LGBTQ CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016 the ICC in conjunction with The LGBT Center offered its members and city employees the annual LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training. This is the fourth year that the training has been led by The Center's staff. The training reinforces the City's commitment to enhancing services for the LGBTQ community.



June 21, 2016 – Glennnda Testone The Center's Executive Director welcomes attendees and Azadeh Khalili, Executive Director Commission on Gender Equity highlights the city's commitment to equity for all. The training included representatives of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Queens Library, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, Human Resources Administration, Department of Parks and Recreation, DYCD, the NYPD, and other city agencies.

ICC SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH WORK GROUP

The ICC Supporting LGBTQ Youth Work Group continued its efforts at creating an LGBTQ competent citywide work force. Under the leadership of Deborah Harper and Randy Scott, co-chairs, the work-group was part of several high profile meetings and events. On January 25, 2016, the work group screened the film "*A Road To Home*" and complimented it with a discussion that included Calvin Skaggs, the film maker/director Lumiere Productions Inc. and Carl Siciliano, Executive Director of the Ali Forney Center one of the film's stars who shared with the audience the realities impacting homeless LGBTQ youth which they describe as being an epidemic.



This past year the work group brought in several presenters that highlighted their services for youth. They included the Hedrick Martin Institute who provides a multitude of services which includes counseling and legal assistance to LGBT youth and the Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network, an organization that seeks to end discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation. The work group also received presentations from The Fire Department of New York (FDNY)'s Office of Community Affairs LGBTQ Outreach Coordinator who highlighted career opportunities and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York (BBBS). BBBS mission is to give all children in New York City who face adversity an opportunity to experience a strong, enduring professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationship with adults that will help change their lives for the better.

ICC COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH

The ICC Court- Involved Youth work group continued to feature high profile presentations to further inform and address the quality of services delivered to court-involved youth and their families. They included presentations from professionals in the criminal justice field and community- based providers dedicated to assisting court – involved youth. This included presentations from representatives of Midtown Community Court, the New York City Law Department, the New York Police Department Gang Division, Day One and We W.I.L.L. Thru Sports.



During September 2015, the Court-Involved Youth work group issued a publication for youth leaving detention entitled **“Coming Home: Transitioning Back into the Community - A Resource Directory.”** The guide was put together by members of the work group who deemed the resources listed as being significant for youth returning home in areas such as housing, educational assistance, legal rights, and job preparation, as well as drug and alcohol treatment.

See below link for the report

http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dycd/downloads/pdf/DYCD_ICC_ResourceGuide_2017digital.pdf



Congratulations to ICC Court Involved Youth Work Group Chair

Congratulation to Dr. Luis W. Osorio on being named by City & State as one of ten military veterans doing great things for New York City in 2016. We are fortunate to have such a committed individual leading the way for ICC members to work together to enhance service for youth involved in the criminal justice system.



“My life’s work has always been to help others: families, communities and especially the children. I know that those that I grew up with in the Patterson Houses, served with in the armed forces and throughout my professional life, would agree that it was and is all worthwhile.” See below link:

<http://dycdintranetstg.dycd.nycnet/Lists/Agency%20Announcements/DispForm.aspx?ID=123>

ICC INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIONS AND PROGRAMS

- The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) partnered with the New York Law Department to offer preventive prosecution workshops to afterschool youth by utilizing role playing depicting legal scenarios to educated youth on the law.
- Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) partnered with the Department of Education to host regular professional development workshops for administrators and teachers. BPL worked closely with the DOE, NYPL and Queens Library systems to continue the MyLibraryNYC program into its third year. This program offers participating schools special classroom sets from the libraries to use in their instruction.
- The Human Resources Administration (HRA) Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) currently operates in 57 middle and high schools throughout New York City. HRA partners with local community-based domestic violence service providers to place social workers who deliver a comprehensive array of teen dating violence services in each school.
- HRA's Office of Citywide Health Insurance Access (OCHIA), in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), conducted a public awareness campaign to encourage more families to sign up for health insurance before the end of the open enrollment period. The two agencies developed an instructional tool for teachers to deliver easy to understand information to teens about health insurance and the Family Planning Benefit Program. DOHMH also worked with DOE to promote reproductive health services in schools.
- The NYPD's Youth Services Section (YSS) Officers worked with the Department of Education to give presentations to 20,000 students in the past fiscal year, the majority occurring at NYC schools during the school year. Principals, deans and teachers frequently request YSS Officers for various types of presentations ranging from bullying to internet safety. Additionally, the DOE supports the department in providing the schools that host the Youth Police Academies.
- The Department of Probation (DOP) worked with the Department of Education to provide High School Equivalency prep courses and enrollment in the School of Cooperative Technical Education. DOP partners with DYCD and the New York Public Library to provide access to young adult literacy services and worked with DYCD, New York City Police Department, and Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to engage young people in anti-violence forums centered on *The Voices from within Project*.

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 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 data from the census. The resulting compilation, *Community District Needs*, is published annually by the City's 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 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 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 MMR is released twice a year. 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 available on the City of New York's website (www.nyc.gov).

ALLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES TO YOUTH

Agency Name/ Commissioner	Number of Youth Served FY 16	Agency Budget for Youth FY 16
Administration for Children's Services	207,067	\$3 billion
Department for the Aging	2,093	\$242,100
Department of Citywide Administrative Services	548	\$694,976
Department of Correction	390	\$51,172,000
Department of Cultural Affairs	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Department of Education	1,100,000	\$30 billion
Department of Environmental Protection	40,000	\$328,065,00
New York City Fire Department	N/A ²	N/A ²
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	N/A ²	N/A ²
Health and Hospitals	330,001	\$762,444,102
Department of Homeless Services	N/A ²	N/A ²
Human Resources Administration	10,417	\$2,878,719
New York City Housing Authority	N/A ³	N/A ³
Department of Parks and Recreation	92,193	N/A ²
New York City Police Department	93,000	\$481,159.16
Department of Probation	17,653	\$30,824,806
Brooklyn Public Library	702,365	\$33,341,264
Queens Library	762,599	\$27,806,572.69
New York Public Library	617,000	N/A ⁴
Department of Youth & Community Development	317,341	\$592,367,424

¹ The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population. ²Data not available at time of printing.

³NYCHA Supports youth through partnerships with other city based agencies. ⁴NYPL Youth budget is spread-out making it difficult to quantify