





NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER JEANNE B. MULLGRAV



Dear Fellow New Yorkers,

I am pleased to present you with the 2005 Annual Report for the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). This report captures the various achievements of DYCD and our diverse partners in the City throughout the past year. Together with more than 1500 DYCD funded community-based organizations, we provide essential after-school, literacy, summer employment and other community development services to New Yorkers in all five boroughs.

Out-of-School Time

This year's report has a particular focus on DYCD's Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative which, after two years of planning and coordination, came to fruition in September 2005. Through the leadership of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, in cooperation with other City agencies, and the development of significant private sector partnerships, New York has become a national leader in the after-school field. The new system-wide reform provides working families and children with comprehensive high quality programs during non-school hours and encourages young people to thrive and develop socially, academically and emotionally in a safe, supportive environment.

Youth Workforce Development

As the lead agency for the City's youth employment programs, DYCD provides young people with a full complement of career exploration and skill-building opportunities. In 2006, DYCD will invest in youth workforce development programs that target high-growth employment sectors and build upon the strengths of youth. Provider organizations will focus on career awareness, educational achievement, and job placements that offer advancement through multiple career pathways. We will continue to cultivate partnerships among training service providers, schools and businesses to address the workforce needs of employers. In addition, DYCD will concentrate on expanding corporate sector involvement in our youth employment efforts.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

The City of New York and DYCD are committed to providing services that meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth, a group that is particularly vulnerable to neglect and poverty. In 2006, DYCD will establish a "continuum of care" model for runaway and homeless youth services, comprising a broad range of services including Crisis Shelters, Transitional Independent Living Programs, and a "Community Connections Initiative". For the first time, there will be a drop-in center in each borough, a citywide street outreach program, and borough-based coordinators to connect youth to local resources. These programs will provide an effective, integrated network of services for youth in need.

Adolescent Literacy

In our increasingly knowledge-based society, an individual's ability to read, write and speak English is a basic prerequisite to compete in the global economy. To that end, DYCD will deliver comprehensive literacy services to adults, families, and most notably, to adolescents. The new adolescent literacy initiative will address the literacy needs of youth in grades 6-8, critical years in a student's education. These programs will assist students to acquire the literacy skills they will need to succeed in school and in their adult lives.

I am proud to share DYCD's recent successes and upcoming goals with our supporters, partners and residents throughout the City. This report depicts the ways in which thousands of New Yorkers have been able to take advantage of DYCD programs over the past year. On behalf of the entire DYCD staff, we look forward to expanding and enhancing these valuable community resources in 2006.

Sincerely,

Jeanne B. Mullgraw Commissioner



OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST) PROGRAMS LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2005 SERVING WORKING FAMILIES AND YOUTH ACROSS THE CITY

ACHIEVEMENTS 2005

DYCD PROVIDES A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES TO



NEW YORK CITY YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

- Launched the Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative that provides more than 47,000 young people with a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities after school, on school holidays and during the summer. The program will expand to serve 65,000 participants in the 2006-2007 school year, making OST the largest municipally-funded system of its kind in the nation.
 - OST is the result of unprecedented collaboration between 8 New York City agencies, over 200 community-based organizations, and support from the Wallace Foundation.
 - 60% of OST programs are located in targeted zip codes with over 550 programs reaching out to every neighborhood across the City.

Expanded the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) by 20% to enroll nearly 42,000 young people including 2,000 youth with disabilities.

- Over 4,000 worksites were developed for SYEP including 15% in the private sector; an extra work week was offered for 16,000 young people.
- New "Visa" branded debit cards were issued providing increased access, online account information and fee-free transactions at four major banks.

■ Formed the Immigrant Family Literacy Alliance with the New York Times Foundation, the Altman Foundation, and the Literacy Assistance Center. This initiative is designed to expand services, improve the quality of literacy courses, and establish a well-coordinated system of family literacy.

Organized and presented:

- "You Think You Know: Voices and Positive Lessons from Runaway and Homeless Youth" a conference that brought together youth presenters and 350 providers to share experiences and prevention techniques in recognition of Runaway Youth Prevention Month.
- "Building Bridges" a series of capacity building forums was launched in Coney Island to discuss public and private funding opportunities and DYCD sponsored trainings for community-based organizations.
- "Focus on Women in Non-Traditional Careers" a luncheon panel discussion in celebration of Women's History Month.
- YouthWeek 2005 a series of events that focused on community service and career opportunities in public service; bringing together young people, public officials, community groups, and corporate leaders.
- College Open House: Experience COUNTS (Community Organizations' Unique Needs Teach Skills) - an open house that connected CBO staff to college programs that offer life experience credits.

Released the following Request for Proposals (RFPs) and grant opportunities in 2005:

- Technical Assistance
- Youth Workforce Development Programs
- Cultural After School Adventures

February 1, 2005 November 22, 2005 December 8, 2005 December 21, 2005

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services



















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(less than 1%)

DYCD PROGRAMS—FUNDING OUTLAYS Total \$256.74 Million



Numbers reported in millions of dollars

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