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Message from the ICC

We are pleased to present the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2013. During the past 12 years, the ICC has successfully implemented key initiatives that have positively affected the lives of youth in New York City. This work has been particularly critical since the start of the economic recession, where the need for services has made the ICC's role even more important.

This year we continued to build on our progress. The ICC held a series of special events promoting increased access to jobs, career readiness, STEM and digital information. Our annual youth employment and college readiness fair provided increased access to jobs and higher education information. We continued to host a series of workshops and meetings on how to better serve Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual and Questioning (LGBTQ) and court-involved youth, and we made it even easier for families to access programs in their neighborhood through DYCD's newly redesigned website and use of social media. In recognition of these efforts, the Department of Youth and Community Development's new website was recognized for "Best New or Redesigned Agency Website" at the NYC Digital in Government summit.

We thank our ICC member agencies and the many stakeholders who have worked tirelessly to establish innovative approaches to address a myriad of issues. These efforts have touched the lives of many New Yorkers, and made long-lasting advancements in the way that City government serves young people.

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Providing Jobs and Career Guidance

The economic recession has impacted young people the most, with the highest unemployment rates since the Great Depression.

In response, during the past several years the ICC held symposiums on skills that young people need in a competitive job market. Holding several youth job fairs, with an array of ready-to-hire employers who offered a range of high quality and well-paying jobs, was just one means to promote career success for young people.

Building on these efforts, the ICC convened a meeting at LaGuardia Community College on April 11 to highlight initiatives such as DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP); the Department of Citywide Administrative Services' (DCAS) America Reads Program and the Public Service Corps internship; and supports provided by the Research Foundation of the City University of New York. The meeting highlighted the need for community-based organizations and businesses to recognize the great pool of talent and diversity among New York City's youth that can benefit CBOs.

Additionally, on May 30, the ICC co-sponsored the "Making Moves" career fair at the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families at the New York Law School. The event included nonprofit organizations and colleges offering information on financial aid and higher education. The goal was to offer young people an opportunity to enter the workforce and expose them to careers and higher educational opportunities in the City.



Engaging Young People

Recognizing the power of youth voice, the ICC moved its business meetings and public hearings from Downtown Manhattan to unconventional locations such as museums, colleges, healthcare facilities and a comic book studio. The ICC also focused ways to engage young people online. The purpose is to empower youth by giving them accessible venues to discuss their needs and to expose them to resources in their communities.

Annual Public Hearing

On August 22, more than 250 young people attended the ICC's annual public hearing at the New York Hall of Science in Queens to expose youth to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities. More than 20 youth shared their personal experiences with Schools Chancellor and ICC Chair Dennis M. Walcott, DYCD Commissioner Mullgrav and other ICC members. Following the hearing, youth explored the museum, where they were invited to engage in more than 400 hands-on exhibits that explore biology, chemistry and physics in a fun-filled, enriching environment.



Engaging Youth Through Information Access



Recognizing that many young people get most of their information from social media and the Web, the ICC assisted in efforts to reach more young people through these mediums. More than 26,000 subscribers receive information about and referral services for programs in their local neighborhoods. The ICC's Information Access Workgroup's efforts also contributed to DYCD's award from the annual Engage NYC summit, which featured presentations and strategic training on how to effectively use social media platforms to engage, inform and serve New Yorkers.



The Honorable Michael A. Corriero, Executive Director and Founder of the New York Center for Juvenile Justice, gave a speech on revitalizing the criminal justice system for youth.

Engaging Young People Through the Arts and Literacy

On April 16, in collaboration with Archie Comics, the ICC Court-Involved Youth Work Group launched the first anti-bullying comic book contest for participants in the DYCD Cornerstone program. Cornerstone participants developed and designed actual comic books with themes such as bullying, respect and acceptance. Contest winners were awarded a special experience at a comic book studio and shown the art of comic book making.



ICC Cornerstone Comic Book Contest winners are selected by judges and winners recognized on a field trip to Bronx Heroes Comic Con.

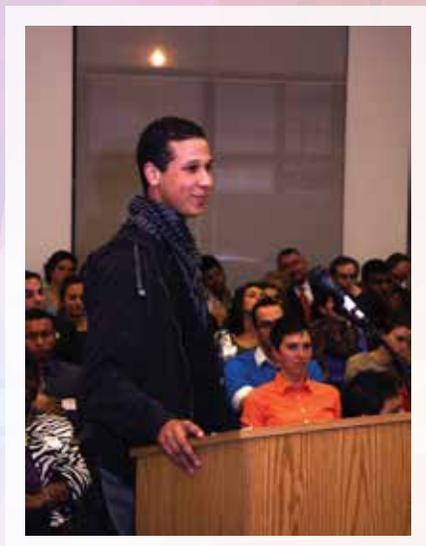
(Photos courtesy of Paul Margolis)

Engaging LGBTQ Youth

In 2010, the ICC launched the Supporting LGBTQ Youth Workgroup in response to recommendations by the City's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Since then, through the coordinated efforts of the New York Police Department; the Administration for Children's Services; Green Chimneys; Hetrick-Martin; the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center; the Brooklyn and Queens Public Libraries; and DYCD, a series of training sessions focused on LGBTQ sensitivity was held for City employees and frontline staff. Topics ranged from "coming out" to appropriate language and terminology. At the most recent gathering on June 22, the ICC highlighted the tools needed to create a respectful, efficient and compliant workplace that promotes diversity and respect for all.

Additionally, the ICC helped implement LGBTQ youth groups at Cornerstone Programs to give youth a voice and to let them know they are welcome in the programs.



Tools Used to Access Youth Services Needs

In addition to its extensive efforts to engage young people, ICC member agencies participate in the City's annual budget consultation process with local Community Boards to meet and discuss their priorities and concerns. Many agencies utilize direct and indirect service reports assessed through individual case management and program evaluations. Several agencies conduct special activities such as focus groups, youth surveys and Youth Speak-Out. DYCD issues Concept Papers for community feedback when developing a Request for Proposals (RFP). To better target resources, ICC utilizes City Planning, Census and other data sources which examine areas such as youth population, poverty and unemployment.

In addition, Agency Performance Reporting is part of New York City's comprehensive Citywide Performance Reporting (CPR) tool. It represents a collection of critical performance measures from more than 40 City agencies in an easy-to-use online snapshot format.

ALLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES TO YOUTH FY 2013

Agency Name	Number of Youth Served FY 2013	Agency Budget for Youth FY 2013
Administration for Children's Services (ACS)	207,556*	\$3 Billion
Department for the Aging (DFTA)	2,069	\$214,000
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	600	\$2 Million
Department of Correction (DOC)	4,315	\$59 Million
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Department of Education (DOE)	1.1 Million	\$24.8 Billion
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	50,000	\$140,000
New York City Fire Department (FDNY)	300,000	\$900,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)	2 Million	\$162.3 Million
Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)	340,274	\$775 Million
Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	56,986	\$519.5 Million
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	108,637	\$22.2 Million
Human Resources Administration (HRA)	20,414	\$3.1 Million
Department of Parks and Recreation (NYCPR)	80,090	N/A
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	70,000	\$250,000
Department of Probation (DOP)	25,902	\$38 Million
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	464,441	\$28.2 Million
New York Public Library (NYPL)	812,000	N/A
Queens Borough Public Library (QPL)	698,767	\$22.8 Million
Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD)	212,407	\$276.6 Million

¹ The Department of Cultural Affairs does not distinguish cultural activities by population.

* Indicated numbers includes duplication of youth served through multiple programs.

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