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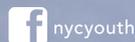
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COMMISSIONER'S LETTER

December 2015

To: The Honorable **Bill de Blasio**
Mayor of the City of New York

The Honorable **Mathieu Eugene**
Chair, Youth Services Committee
Council of the City of New York

Members of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC)

From: **Bill Chong**
Commissioner, Department of Youth and Community Development
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I am pleased to present the ICC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 on behalf of the membership of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC). The ICC Annual Report reflects the work of members and their efforts to enhance services on behalf of youth, families and the people of New York City.

The ICC and its Workgroups on Court-Involved and Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth met multiple times throughout the past year. As this report highlights, the ICC brings together members so that they can coordinate their efforts. Collaborations among member agencies help to ensure that existing programs complement one another and that available resources are effectively promoted to the public.

The ICC is proud of its work and looks forward to continuing to facilitate the partnerships that play an important role in providing services to New Yorkers. Working together we can effectively serve our youth and contribute to a New York City that is a safe place to live, learn and grow.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) includes the New York City agencies and entities that fund or provide direct services to youth, as well as those that indirectly support these services. Member agencies are committed to enhancing the quality of youth services for all New Yorkers. The ICC also works to identify areas where reducing the duplication and fragmentation of services will improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of service delivery.

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The following City-based agencies that provide direct youth services are members of the ICC:

- Administration for Children’s Services (ACS)
- Department for the Aging (DFTA)
- Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)
- Department of Correction (DOC)
- Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)
- Department of Education (DOE)
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- New York City Fire Department (FDNY)
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
- New York City Health + Hospitals (HH)
- Department of Homeless Services (DHS)
- New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)
- Human Resources Administration (HRA)
- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
- New York City Police Department (NYPD)
- Department of Probation (DOP)
- Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)
- New York Public Library (NYPL)
- Queens Library (QL)
- Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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The ICC membership and its Workgroups on Supporting Court-Involved and LGBTQ Youth met regularly throughout the past year. Workgroups shared the latest information and best practices in youth development and fostered partnerships to enhance the quality of services delivered to youth.

On June 25, 2015, the ICC, in conjunction with the NYC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Center, offered its members and City employees a comprehensive LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training. The training (led by staff of the Center, an organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through education and public policy work) was intended to familiarize City employees with the LGBTQ community.



Glennnda Testone, Executive Director and Nicole Avallone, Deputy Director, of Programs and Policy of The Center addresses ICC Members.

June 25, 2015

DYCD Commissioner and ICC Director Bill Chong addresses ICC Members at the annual Interagency Coordinating Council LGBTQ Competency Training at The Center.



DYCD Commissioner and ICC Director Bill Chong, along with Glennnda Testone, The Center's Executive Director, welcomed attendees and impressed upon them the importance of the training. Representatives from DYCD, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, the NYPD, FDNY and a host of other City agencies participated.

The ICC held its annual public hearing for 2014, “Civic Participation” on December 3, 2014, at the Department of City Planning’s Spector Hall. DYCD Assistant Commissioner for External Relations Stacy Lynch welcomed the public. Prior to the formal proceeding, NYC Service and DYCD’s Service Learning/Teen Action program presented on civic participation. Over 100 individuals attended, and the overwhelming majority of the participants were youth who came prepared to offer their testimony. Assistant Commissioner Lynch and ICC members, including representatives from ACS, DEP, NYPD, FDNY, DOHMH, HHC, HRA, DHS, Cultural Affairs, and the Brooklyn and Queens Public Libraries, heard directly from the public on issues such as LGBTQ rights, standardized testing in schools, juvenile detention and employment.



December 2, 2014

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ICC Public Hearing held at The Department of City Planning.

ICC YOUTH / POLICE SUMMIT



On the evening of November 20, 2014, the ICC, in conjunction with DYCD’s Cornerstone Program, held a Youth and Police Summit that brought together youth 14–17 years of age and community police officers. The summit, held at the Johnson SCAN Cornerstone Community Center, was fueled by skits performed by the multi-talented Creative Arts team and led to discussions on real life situations encountered by young people. The sketches allowed participants to appreciate alternative perspectives that differed from their own. The ICC has previously facilitated dialogue between the NYPD, community groups, residents and youth to enhance community relations.



ICC MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOSTED BY THE NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On October 28, 2014, the ICC held its membership meeting at the Manhattan Family Justice Center as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Family Justice Centers are walk-in centers for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking. The centers are a safe and caring environment with one-on-one services and support. Facilitated by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the meeting highlighted the intricate work taking place at the Family Justice Center and included a tour of the center. Members were pleased to hear from Hannah Pennington, Executive Director, and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about this significant topic.

October 28, 2014

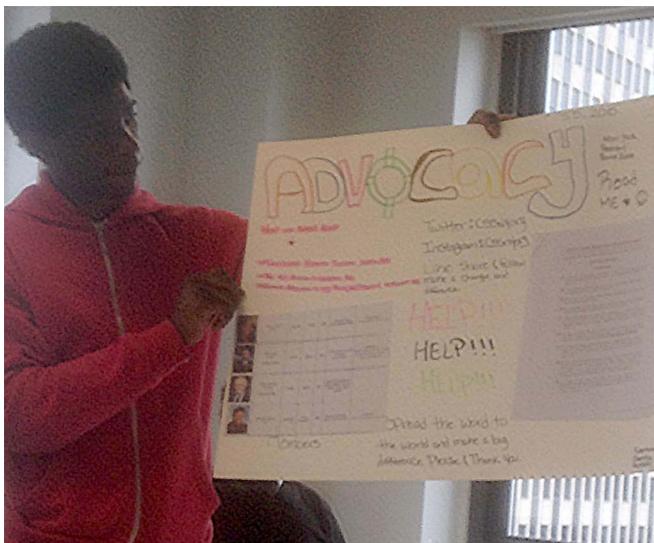
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ICC Members tour Manhattan Family Justice Center and hear from Hannah Pennington (top right), Executive Director.



ICC COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH WORKGROUP

Under the leadership of Dr. Luis W. Osorio, the ICC Court-Involved Youth Workgroup continued to provide information on the juvenile and criminal justice initiatives and programs and offered topical presentations to further inform members. During the past year, the work-group heard from individuals in the juvenile and criminal justice arenas ranging from policy experts to youth formerly living in detention. On May 21, 2015, the Workgroup was privileged to hear directly from Fortune Society youth program participants who shared their stories and highlighted what they felt were inequities within the system and hardships they encountered in their efforts to transition effectively back into the community.





FAMILY VOICES IN JUVENILE JUSTICE



In addition, several impactful videos were screened that further provided insights into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. They included *Family Voices In Juvenile Justice* produced by the Center for Court Innovation, a video that offers an overview of the system that features advice from parents who know the process first hand; and *Voices From Within*, a video brought to us by the NYPD, and a project that was born inside the walls of Sing Sing Correctional Facility that offers inmates – convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison – an opportunity to share their stories and implore young adults to think about the consequences of their choices.



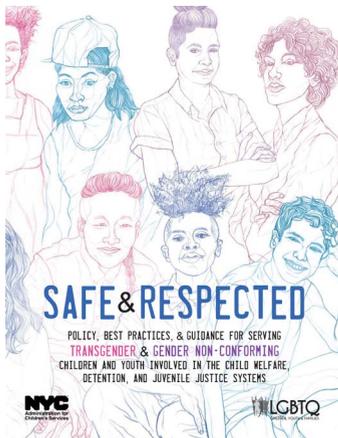
May 21, 2015

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 ICC Court-Involved Youth Workgroup Chair Dr. Luis Osorio welcomes members and guests that included Fortune Society Youth program participants and officers from NYPD Youth Services Section.

ICC SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH WORKGROUP

Guided by the NYC Commission on LGBTQ, Runaway and Homeless Youth, the ICC Supporting LGBTQ Youth Workgroup continued its efforts at creating an LGBTQ competent citywide work force. Under the leadership of Deborah Harper, Assistant Commissioner of Youth Services (DYCD) and Randy Scott, Director of Youth Services (DYCD), co-chairs the work-group was part of several high profile events.

On September 22, 2014, Workgroup members participated in the Administration for Children's Services cutting edge training "Leadership Team-Safe & Respected Transgender Non-Conforming (TGNC)" facilitated by Dr. Eli R. Green. Specifically, Dr. Green provided a strong foundational understanding of TGNC identities and experiences.



On November 13, 2014, the Workgroup participated in "Piecing it all Together" - Joining Forces to Help Runaway & Homeless Youth Conference in recognition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness month.

On February 24, 2015, the ICC held a meeting at DYCD that featured a presentation by Rhodes Perry and Denise Niewinski of the Administration for Children's Services' (ACS) Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice. They presented on "Safe & Respected: Policy, Best Practices, & Guidance for Serving Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Children and Youth Involved in the Child Welfare, Detention and Juvenile Justice Systems." ICC members in attendance expressed a high level of interest in the guide and their desire to take the information back to their agencies to share with their staff, colleagues and communities.



November 13, 2014

ICC workgroup co-chairs Deborah Harper and Randy Scott welcome conference guests as Eric Brett Schneider First Deputy Commissioner of Administration for Children's Services and DYCD Commissioner and ICC Director Bill Chong prepare to address attendees.

History was made on June 26, 2015, when the US Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage bans are unconstitutional, effectively legalizing same-sex marriage across the country. NYC residents were delighted to be a part of this day as City employee and ICC member Denise Niewinski (ACS) and her partner Cindy Jackson were married at a ceremony in City Hall presided by Mayor Bill de Blasio. We are grateful to Denise, Cindy and the Mayor for allowing us to be part of this special day.



ICC COLLABORATIONS AND PROGRAMS

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) partnered with the Department of Education (DOE) to host regular professional development workshops for administrators and teachers. BPL worked closely with the DOE, New York Public Library (NYPL) and Queens Library (QL) 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 instructions.

Groundswell, New York City's leading organization dedicated to community public art; Row New York, the only program of its kind dedicated to teaching young people in under-resourced communities the sport of competitive rowing; and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) worked together to help create a series of murals celebrating watershed stewardship. "House of Knowledge," "Boat of Success" and "The Flow of Knowledge" were created by 17 teen artists working under the guidance of professional artists.

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 also 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.

In partnership with the NY County District Attorney's Office, the Police Athletic League offers Pro Hoops seminars (basketball instruction on Friday & Saturday nights to keep kids off the streets). This program expanded to Brooklyn last year with talks of expanding further to Queens next year and is funded by the Asset Forfeiture Units of the Manhattan and Brooklyn District Attorney Offices. Additionally, YSS partnered with the Kings County District Attorney in their office Project Re-Direct, providing a mentor to its alternative to incarceration program for young men.

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 around *The Voices From Within Project*.



In collaboration with the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) developed New York Connected Communities (NYCCC). The goal of the NYCCC program is to bring broadband internet technology to Community Centers at 12 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments citywide. There is a growing need for low-income New Yorkers, predominantly African-American and Latino-American, senior citizens, children and people with disabilities, to have better access to broadband internet technology.

DYCD continued to work with ICC member agencies to place youth 14–24 years of age in City agencies as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program that provides paid summer employment for up to six weeks during July and August.



CITYWIDE YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As part of the City of New York’s annual budget process, the City’s 59 Community Boards submit statements of community district needs 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 meetings during which Community Boards may consult with City agencies to discuss programs and budget, informing the Community Boards’ budget recommendations.

New York City agencies work with the Mayor’s Office to establish performance indicators that are used for management and planning purposes. These indicators are published annually in the Mayor’s Management Report, which is also available on the City’s website (www.nyc.gov). 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, several ICC members including HRA, DEP and DOP utilize instruments such as surveys, focus groups and other program evaluations/assessment tools to determine need. Group discussions “Teens speak-out” (NYCHA) and online program assessments (DEP) are given to all leaders/coordinators to help evaluate programs and their impact on youth. Each of the City’s three Library systems, New York, Brooklyn and Queens, conduct needs assessments in both formal and informal ways, including surveys, focus groups, demographic surveys, community engagement conversations and Teen Advisory Groups.



ALLOCATIONS FOR SERVICES TO YOUTH

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AGENCY NAME	NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED FISCAL YEAR 2015	AGENCY BUDGET FOR YOUTH FISCAL YEAR 2015
Administration for Children's Services	206,369	\$3 Billion
Department for the Aging	2679	\$242,100
Department of Citywide Administrative Services	527	\$2,000,000
Department of Correction*	441	\$49,678,0001
Department of Cultural Affairs	N/A	N/A
Department of Education	1,038,001	\$27.6 Billion
Department of Environmental Protection	40,000	\$313,853
New York City Fire Department	300,000	\$900,000
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	1,924,239	\$168,176,883
Health + Hospitals	327,054	\$739,900,432

AGENCY NAME	NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED FISCAL YEAR 2015	AGENCY BUDGET FOR YOUTH FISCAL YEAR 2015
Department of Homeless Services	66,369	\$571.8 Million
Human Resources Administration	13,485	\$2,827,522
New York City Housing Authority	15,561	\$10,200,000
Department of Parks and Recreation	89,735	N/A
New York City Police Department	81,000	\$335,020
Department of Probation	10,677	\$27,863,410
Brooklyn Public Library	629,319	\$31,164,697
Queens Library	833,1282	\$26,170,553
New York Public Library	800,117	N/A
Department of Youth and Community Development	293,245	\$593,922,686

*The decrease in the budget, compared to Fiscal Year 2014, is due to the decrease in the number of 16–18-year-olds under the DOC's care.



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