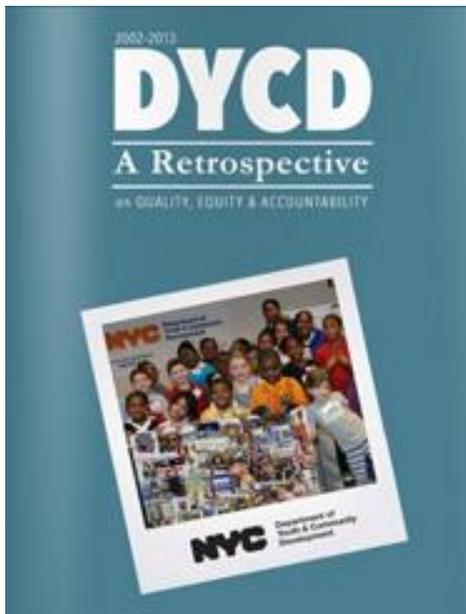




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Commissioner Mullgrav is delighted to announce that “*2002–2013: A DYCD Retrospective on Quality, Equity and Accountability*” is here! In the report’s 45 pages, you will learn about the rich history of youth and community development services in New York City, meet some of our talented and dedicated staff, view archival photographs and learn more about the range of programs DYCD supports and the outstanding community-based organizations that provide them. Of course, it wouldn’t be a look back at nearly 12 years of growth at DYCD without the inspirational stories of the real stars of DYCD’s legacy: our program participants and community partners whose successes are profiled in this publication.

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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Parents Learn More about Cornerstone Expansion**

The Department of Youth and Community Development and NYCHA held a series of parent information sessions at NYCHA Community Centers across the City as part of the expansion of the DYCD Cornerstone Initiative at 45 NYCHA facilities in January 2014. During the gatherings, parents heard from nonprofit organizations providing services at each Community Center and had an opportunity to give their input.

****DYCD Hosts Brazilian Delegation Interested in Community Development**

On November 26, DYCD and Grand Street Settlement hosted a delegation led by Marcia Fruet, president of the Curitiba Social Action Foundation and wife of Curitiba’s mayor. They were interested in learning about DYCD’s community development best practices and visiting a community-based organization that delivers services to seniors, youth and vulnerable populations. While visiting Grand Street Settlement, the delegation had a chance to observe Chinese calligraphy and computer classes for seniors.

****Literacy RFP Readers Training Held by DYCD**

The submission date for proposals for the Comprehensive Literacy Services Request for Proposals (RFP) was December 4. In preparation for proposal review, DYCD trained 105 readers who then completed their evaluations. The Comprehensive Literacy RFP includes four service options: Adult Literacy, Young Immigrant Literacy, Young Adult Literacy and Adolescent Literacy. DYCD expects to award \$11.4 million in contracts from this competition.

****Addition of Expanded OST Programs Underway**

DYCD successfully launched 35 new afterschool programs as a result of a commitment of \$13 million from the New York City Department of Education (DOE). Following the September 9 announcement by Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott and Commissioner Mullgrav, DYCD began a concerted effort to identify community-based organizations and school partnerships in underserved communities, bring the programs on board and enroll participants. The expansion serves an additional 4,000 elementary and middle school students.

****The New York Times Reports on DYCD/New York Immigration Coalition DACA Outreach**

On December 9, *The New York Times* featured DYCD, the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) and community partners in a [story](#) about the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). In 2012, President Obama signed an executive order that certain undocumented youth would not be deported, and eligible young people would be given temporary relief to legally live and work in the country. The City Council and the Administration provided \$13.7 million in funding to help potential DACA-eligible New Yorkers meet application requirements, including an increase in the number of adult education seats over a two-year period, with priority given to DACA-eligible New Yorkers. Legal and outreach services are also provided under the initiative. DYCD is working with NYIC and more than two dozen other providers to connect with diverse communities and spread the word about DACA.

****DYCD Facilitates Annual “Shop with a Jock” Day**

The 2013 Joe Johnson “Shop with a Jock” event was held December 11 at the Target Gateway location in Brooklyn. DYCD worked with EAG Sports Management to provide 50 children from SCO Family Services with a happy holiday. Each child received a \$100 Target gift card to spend during the event, t-shirts were distributed and photographs were taken of the children with Joe Johnson of the Brooklyn Nets.

****ICC Focuses Last Meeting of 2013 on Drug Policy**

On December 12, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth and its Court-Involved, Supporting LGBTQ and Transitional Aged Youth work groups sponsored a meeting with the Drug Policy Alliance featuring “The House I Live In.” The film offered a look inside America’s criminal justice system related to drug enforcement, and was followed by a panel discussion with the Drug Policy Alliance, the New York Academy of Medicine and PartnershipAtDrugFree.org. Some 35 individuals participated, including ICC member representatives, the Kings County and New York County District Attorney’s Offices and the NYC Law Department.

****NYC Summer Quest Team Seeks Applications for Year Three**

The NYC Summer Quest (NYCSQ) team making the case for sustainable and scalable learning opportunities that reduce summer learning loss and result in summer learning gains issued its Request for Applications for the third year of this pilot program. The initiative of DYCD, DOE and The Fund for Public Schools is expected to serve nearly 1,800 students from Districts 7, 9 and 12 in the summer of 2014. An information session for the leadership of partnered schools and community-based organizations invited to apply was held on December 12, and applications are due on January 17.

****DYCD Receives Award for Voter Assistance**

On December 16, Commissioner Mullgrav accepted an award on behalf of DYCD for “Outstanding Public Outreach” from NYC Votes, which is comprised of the NYC Voter Assistance Advisory Committee and the NYC Campaign Finance Board. Some of the activities for which DYCD was recognized included our youth voter registration jams, participation in National Voter Registration Day and the “I VOTED” sticker campaign.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT DYCD!