



Youth Programs Strategic Plan Implementation Project Notes from YIC Meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Comments by each stakeholder for each task are designated as follows:

Task 1. Define standards for the Youth Learning System

- YIC: Research best practices and incorporate those that fit in with each provider's culture and achieve the standards.\
- Provider: Take proficiency standards and create a certification (credential measure) around these through creation of curriculum at the community colleges.
- YIC: Would like to see "common measures"....Why don't they align with the work readiness credential? It would be good if, by going to the One-Stop, youth could receive one hour credit or something like that.
- City: Expand this to fulfill common measures regulations also.
- YIC: Can they also get high school credit?
- City: Common measures also focus on "out-of-school" youths

Task 2. Strengthen Phoenix's network of youth services providers by adopting a best-practices standard (such as PEPNet)

- City: We will provide additional information on PEPNET at the next YIC meeting
- YIC: Self assessment was choice of measurement? How was PEPNET created? How far are providers from the standards?
- Provider: Goodwill has started the assessment process.

Task 3. Increase capacity of One-Stop Career Centers to serve needs of youth

- City: Action plan in place to begin July 1
- YIC: Close gap between youth and adult services
- YIC: Will there be an age limit for the Youth Fair?
- Provider: want to work with employers to see what the age restrictions are, 14-16?
- City: Entrepreneurial Program start July 5 and we have 20 interested businesses in taking part in it

Task 4. Build youth services network that coordinates resources for summer jobs, foster care, reintegration of juvenile offenders and dropouts

- YIC: Concerned that we need to serve more youth than just "show success"
- City: We already serve other areas; want to also focus on "hard to reach" areas
- YIC: Could the process start prior to release or probation? Interest could be piqued while still incarcerated
- YIC: Update catalogue of services frequently used to ensure data are current (requires allocated funding)
- YIC: Are you making this available to the "hard to reach?" Will you ask them what they want to do?

Task 5. Develop the capacity for youth caseworker training

- Provider: Is there training that is targeted to leadership volunteers?
- YIC: Good idea...need to understand best practices around this to see how we can help

Task 6. Define and map workforce and career pathways

- Provider: We will be doing a Power Point Presentation on Career Voyager...the date is yet to be determined
- YIC: How will students be made aware of this? Will they have to be connected to the providers or WIA to use it?
- Provider: We could also have this available through the career centers
- YIC: Should High Schools know about this? It is a tremendous tool that could have impact...how do we get this to youth statewide?
- City: We can put it on the Principals' Letter that goes out to the schools
- YIC: Remember, we are focusing on our WIA Program but it might be good to collaborate with others

Task 7. Collect and publish data on the condition of youth within Phoenix

- YIC: Need to think about what would be our goal strategically if we do ID new and/or different needs.
- Provider: Want to connect with "out of school" population.
- YIC: How would you find out who is dropping out?
- YIC: Maybe some indicators you could measure to tell you this.
- City: Yes, through Lattie Coor Center.
- City: Encourage YIC members to take part in our training and out task teams.
- YIC: Can we do this? Yes, but must be posted.

Task 8. Engage the education sector in ensuring comprehensive learning and workforce options

- YIC: Need to include charter schools here also.

Task 9. Work at the state level to seek resolution of data management issues

- Provider: Do you all know what VOS is?
- Provider: There is a training site for VOS.
- City: Tim will mail this training site information out to YIC team members.
- YIC: I would be curious to see data you are gathering now vs. what you get from VOS

Task 10. Begin formal efforts to organize youth employers

- No comments

General Comments

- YIC: Remember that there is always pain involved with change. I like the way this has all come together
- YIC: Want YIC to be in a support mode.
- Provider: There needs to be a great emphasis with employers but we are not provided an opportunity to do so.
- YIC: Don't want to build up false expectations with youth if employers are no there to provide jobs.
- YIC: Excellent document in pointing out role provider will play and criticality of identifying youth who have yet been identified.

Parking Lot (Items requiring action)

- Fall Retreat: Get together with YIC and educate them on all of these tasks in detail. No date is set for the retreat yet. The city was encourage to set this date soon so that YIC members can put it on their schedule ahead of time.
- Provide a glossary to spell out acronyms.
- Need to educate YIC further on VOS and its issues.
- Education on high-demand industries and clusters.
- Do role clarity with YIC members, Providers, and City at the June YIC meeting, which will extends its meeting time to accommodate this process.
- YIC would like statistics on the number of youth the City and providers are serving.