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The National Collaboration for Youth (NCY) took the following steps to develop the compendium:

1. Convened a panel of advisors who helped establish criteria for selecting programs.
2. Distributed a web-based survey to NCY member organizations to identify a set of youth programs to be considered for inclusion in the publication. Member organizations answered questions about their youth program's target population, goals, desired outcomes, evaluation methods and results.
3. After the surveys were analyzed, the advisory group reviewed the findings and selected 10 programs based on the following criteria:
 - Programs should represent a diverse sample of NCY members, including different types of programs, serving different age groups and target populations, and accomplishing different kinds of goals.
 - Programs must have undertaken a formal evaluation—preferably a quasi-experimental design utilizing a pretest-posttest with a control or comparison group without randomization or, at minimum, a pretest-posttest design without a comparison group.
 - Evaluation results must clearly demonstrate that the program contributes to positive outcomes for youth.
 - It should be noted that many effective youth programs were not able to be included in this compendium. For example, some NCY member organizations submitted information on multiple programs that met the selection criteria. In those cases, only one program was chosen.
4. Once programs were selected, interviews were conducted with the evaluator, a program administrator and a direct program staff person from each program. Site visits could not be made to all ten of the sites but were made to two of the programs, and in those sites, the project team was able to conduct focus groups with both parents and youth.
5. Finally, case studies were drafted based on information provided by interviewees and other written documentation of the programs.

ACROSS AGES

Generations United

Generations United (GU) works to improve the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all. This organization invites students, retirees, caregivers and neighbors to join in this important endeavor. GU represents more than 100 national, state, and local organizations and individuals representing more than 70 million Americans. For more information, contact Brent Elrod – belrod@gu.org

Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning

The Center for Intergenerational Learning at Temple University is a member of Generations United. The Center is dedicated to strengthening communities by bringing generations together to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout the life cycle and serves 2,000 people every year. It has created intergenerational programs that promote productive aging, family support, positive youth development, and lifelong learning/service. The Center also provides training and technical assistance to organizations throughout the country and conducts research to assess the efficacy of intergenerational program models. For more information, contact Andrea Taylor, Ph.D. - ataylor@temple.edu

Communities and Schools for Career Success (CS²)

National Youth Employment Coalition

The National Youth Employment Coalition envisions a nation in which every young person is assured the full range of educational, developmental, vocational, economic and social opportunities, supports, and services they may need to become a productive and self-sufficient worker, taxpayer, parent, and citizen. NYEC is a 280+ membership network that seeks to improve the effectiveness of organizations that seek to help youth become productive citizens. For more information, contact Mala Thakur - mt@nyec.org

New Ways to Work

New Ways to Work is a member of the National Youth Employment Coalition. New Ways helps communities target energies and resources to build broad-based systems that work at the local, state, and national level, uniting a range of organizations to provide seamless services over time, based on youth needs. New Ways builds community connections that prepare youth for success as adults by using the All Youth-One SystemSM approach to developing comprehensive youth-serving systems for all youth, including our most vulnerable young people. For more information, contact Chandra Larsen - clarsen@newwaystowork.org

Petaluma City Schools

Located in Northern California, Petaluma City Schools are committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and motivated in school so that upon graduation, they will be successful in their future educational endeavors, careers, and community. In the Petaluma City Schools, Community Entrepreneurs build connections between schools and their communities to support the needs of all youth. For more information, contact Ellen Lewis - elewis@pet.k12.ca.us

FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER (FAST)

Alliance for Children and Families

The Alliance for Children and Families is the country's largest organization of private, nonprofit human service agencies. Member agencies annually serve more than 8 million individuals in community-based settings. The Alliance's mission is to build the capacity of members to serve and advocate on behalf of children, families, and their communities. Motivated by a vision of a healthy society and strong communities, the Alliance also works to strengthen America's nonprofit sector and through advocacy assure the sector's continued independence. For more information, contact Peter Goldberg - pgoldberg@alliance1.org

Families and Schools Together (FAST)

Families and Schools Together is affiliated with the Alliance for Children and Families. FAST is a multifamily group intervention designed to build protective factors for children and empower parents to be the primary prevention agents for their own children. FAST has been replicated in over 800 communities, in 45 states and has expanded internationally. Over the past 14 years, six state governments and five national non-profit organizations have worked to develop their own capacity to disseminate FAST through their own infrastructures. For more information, contact Pat Davenport - pdavenport@fastnational.org

Lyons Township FAST Programs

The Lyons Township Area FAST Programs, which evolved three years ago as a community-schools collaborative, involves the partnership of Community Memorial Foundation, 5 school districts and three community service agencies. This year, six FASTWORKS programs are running concurrently, including two Kindergarten Elementary sites, one fifth grade Middle Years site, two sixth grade and one seventh grade Middle School program sites. For more information, contact Dale Schaefer - Grantsman3@aol.com

HEALTH ADVENTURES

America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth

America's Promise is an Alliance that brings together communities, individuals, companies and organizations from all sectors to improve the odds for children and youth. Their mission is to mobilize people from every sector of American life to fulfill the Five Promises that are essential to every child's growth and success: caring adults who are actively involved in their lives; safe places in which to learn and grow; a healthy start toward adulthood; an effective education that builds marketable skills; and opportunities to help others. For more information, contact Richard Wells - RichardW@americaspromise.org

St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood, Washington

Lakewood is an America's Promise Community of Promise. St. Clare provides care for Lakewood, Spanaway, Steilacoom, DuPont, University Place, and South Pierce County in Washington. Patients receive outstanding care in this 106-bed community hospital, which is backed up by the resources of St. Joseph Medical Center. St. Clare Hospital also uses its facilities to provide classes and events that help people in the community keep up to date and expand their understanding of health and wellness. For more information, contact Renee Meyer - reneemeyer@fhshealth.org

JUMP-START

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

GLSEN is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students. GLSEN envisions a world in which every child learns to respect and accept all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. GLSEN works with nearly 3,000 school-based clubs (commonly known as Gay-Straight Alliances), a national student leadership team, more than 40 local GLSEN chapters, educators, parents, policymakers and others to support this vision. For more information, contact Eliza Byard, PhD - ebyard@glsen.org

(L.I.F.E.) Living Interactive Family Education

4-H

The 4-H Youth Development program is the flagship youth development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Founded over 100 years ago to transfer agricultural technology innovations to receptive youth and to create opportunities for youth in rural communities, this program now involves over 7 million young people in a range of settings—rural, urban, and on military installations around the world. Through 4-H programs, these youth are linked to the land-grant universities' research, extension, and educational programs. For more information, contact Lisa Hampton - lhampton@csrees.usda.gov

University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development

University of Missouri Extension State and Regional 4-H Youth Development specialists worked with over 10,994 youth and adult volunteers to plan, implement and evaluate local youth development programs, reaching 105,463 Missouri youths ages 5 to 18 in 2004. 4-H programs help young people develop citizenship, leadership and life skills. In addition, faculty work with parents, caregivers, educators, and youth professionals to improve the systems that support young people. For more information, contact Dr. Ina Metzgar Linville - Linville1@missouri.edu

PAVE THE WAY

Girl Scouts of the USA

Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent organization for and leading authority on girls with 3.7 million girl and adult members. Now in its 93rd year, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization strives to serve girls from every corner of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For more information, contact Alison M. Hill - ahill@girlscouts.org

Girl Scouts, Land of Lincoln Council

Girl Scouts, Land of Lincoln Council serves over 5,100 girls, ages 5-17, and 1,200 adults in Sangamon, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, and Montgomery counties in central Illinois. The Council provides a variety of opportunities to girls through local Girl Scout troops and outreach programs. The mission of Girl Scouting is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, contact Katie Emery - emery@girlscoutslc.org

PROJECT LEARN

Boys and Girls Clubs of America

Boys & Girls Clubs of America comprises a network of some 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities in the U.S. and on military bases around the world, annually serving more than 4.4 million young people. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Clubs provide programs on a daily basis for children 6 – 18 years old. Boys & Girls Clubs emphasize leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, fitness and recreation. For more information, contact Cynthia Gessling - Cgessling@bgca.org

Boys and Girls Club of Boston’s Charlestown Club

The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club helps boys and girls develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. To achieve this, the Club offers a variety of program activities and support services designed to assist in the educational, emotional, physical and social development of youth ages six to eighteen, without regard to social, racial, ethnic, or religious background. For more information, contact Jenny Atkinson - jatkinson@bgcb.org

SEEDS TO SUCCESS

Cooperative Extension System

The Cooperative Extension System is a nationwide, non-formal educational network. Each U.S. state and territory has a state office at its land-grant university and a network of local or regional offices. These offices are staffed by one or more experts who provide useful, practical, and research-based information to agricultural producers, small business owners, youth, consumers, and others in rural areas and communities of all sizes. For more information, contact Jennifer Martin - jmartin@csrees.usda.gov

Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension

Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension helps the diverse population of New Jersey adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve their lives through an educational process. Its programs focus on issues and needs relating to community health, economic viability of agriculture, sustaining natural resources, and youth development. Thousands of New Jerseyans are reached through workshops, publications, electronic, distance learning and mass media. For more information, please contact Linda Strieter - strieter@aesop.rutgers.edu

WILL POWER/WON'T POWER

Girls Incorporated

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, offering programs through a network of 1,000 sites nationwide. Girls Inc. provides vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underserved areas. Innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives. For more information, contact Heather Johnston Nicholson, Ph.D. - hjnicholson@girls-inc.org

Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas

In 2004, Girls Incorporated served over 34,000 girls, their families and community members in their six centers located in underserved neighborhoods throughout Dallas. Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas encourages girls to discover their own identity, develop their potential and grow in their sense of responsibility to self, family and community. It provides female-focused programs that empower girls to take charge of their lives. For more information, contact Ruth Thomas - rthomas@girlsincdallas.org