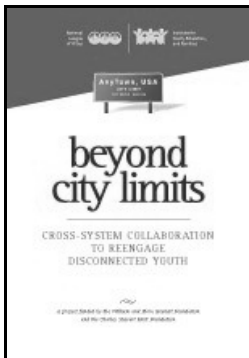




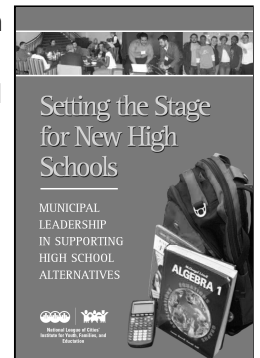
**EDUCATION, HIGH SCHOOL REFORM, AND REENGAGING DISCONNECTED YOUTH**

**LEARN NEW STRATEGIES**

NLC's Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute) offers publications on city strategies to improve public schools, expand high school alternatives, reengage disconnected youth, and bolster public engagement. These publications include action kits for municipal leaders, research reports, "lessons learned" reports, and other resources. To download these publications, visit the YEF Institute Web site at [www.nlc.org/iyef](http://www.nlc.org/iyef).



- Setting the Stage for New High Schools: Municipal Leadership in Supporting High School Alternatives
- Beyond City Limits: Cross-System Collaboration to Reengage Disconnected Youth
- Stronger Schools, Stronger Cities
- Action Kit for Municipal Leaders on Reengaging Disconnected Youth
- Action Kit for Municipal Leaders on Improving Public Schools
- Action Kit for Municipal Leaders on Expanding Afterschool Opportunities
- The Afterschool Hours: A New Focus for America's Cities



**CONNECT WITH PEERS**

The **Municipal Network on Disconnected Youth (MNDY)** is a nationwide peer learning community of local elected officials, senior municipal staff, and those who work with such officials that focuses on young adults ages 16-24 who are unemployed, high school dropouts, transitioning from foster care, or involved in the justice system.

The **Afterschool Policy Advisors Network (APAN)** helps local elected officials promote afterschool opportunities in their cities by sharing resources, research, tools and strategies, policies, and best practices.

**TAKE ACTION**

The YEF Institute provides assistance to municipal leaders who are committed to expanding educational options and alternatives, and to reconnecting youth who are out of school or out of work to vital programs and services. The Institute offers competitive technical assistance initiatives, informative audioconferences, referrals to national experts, and brokered relationships between city leaders and alternative high school program providers. To learn more about these resources and how you can access them, visit [www.nlc.org/iyef](http://www.nlc.org/iyef).

The Institute co-convenes the Alternative High School Initiative, a network of youth development organizations committed to creating educational opportunities for young people for whom traditional school settings have not been successful. Visit [www.ahsi.org](http://www.ahsi.org) to learn more. For more information about municipal leadership around education, high school reform, and strategies for reengaging disconnected youth, contact Marjorie Cohen at (202) 626-3052 or [cohen@nlc.org](mailto:cohen@nlc.org).

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## *mission* [MISSION & ORGANIZATION]

The Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, a special entity within the National League of Cities (NLC), helps municipal leaders take action on behalf of the children, youth, and families in their communities. NLC launched the Institute in January 2000 in recognition of the unique and influential roles that mayors, city councilmembers, and other local leaders can play in strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth.

Responsive to municipal leaders on a wide range of issues, the Institute focuses on five core program areas:

1) education and afterschool 2) youth development 3) early childhood development 4) safety of children and youth 5) family economic success



## *get* *connected* *to the Institute*

By registering with the Institute, municipal officials will receive **access** to networks of colleagues sharing their interests, e-mail **updates** on noteworthy developments, immediate **notices** of new publications and resources, **invitations** to participate in meetings and activities, and **opportunities** to share their successful programs and learn from the successes of others. To register with the Institute, and to obtain more detailed information on its publications and services, go to [www.nlc.org/iyef](http://www.nlc.org/iyef) or call (202) 626-3014.

## [STRATEGIES AND TOOLS]

Through the Institute, municipal officials have direct access to a broad array of strategies and tools that can help them strengthen families and enhance the well-being of children and youth:

- **Action kits** offer a menu of practical steps that officials can take to address key problems or challenges.
- **Technical assistance projects** in selected communities provide in-depth help to municipal leaders who are committed to taking action on behalf of children and families.
- NLC's **Summit on Your City's Families** and other workshops, training sessions, and cross-city meetings highlight best practices and promising city innovations.
- **Targeted research and periodic surveys** of local officials fill critical gaps in the nation's knowledge of the challenges facing cities and towns.
- The Institute's **web site, audioconferences, and e-mail listservs** help officials stay connected to their peers in other communities and easily share information on progress, pitfalls, and lessons learned.