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Collaboration is Messy

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POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Positive Youth Development (PYD) is a theory about the best way to help young people (up to 21) grow into adulthood.
- ▶ The Idea: Given guidance and support from caring adults, all youth can grow up healthy and happy and contribute to their families, schools, and communities.

PYD in PUBLIC POLICY

- ▶ A youth development approach shifts the focus away from youth problems and categorical youth programs, to a more holistic, positive approach to supporting and engaging all youth in healthy and positive development.
- ▶ A youth development public policy approach, while not ignoring youth problems, is based on the principle that many youth problems are interrelated and can best be addressed through comprehensive and proactive strategies that engage youth in positive ways.

NATIONAL TRENDS

- ▶ 20 + States have formal children cabinets/ councils/commissions
- ▶ Federal government is seeking ways to create cross-agency collaborations:
 - Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs
 - www.FindYouthInfo.gov

KEY NATIONAL INITIATIVES

- ▶ National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) – Youth Policy Institutes
- ▶ National Governors Association (NGA)
- ▶ National Crime Prevention Council
 - Embedding Prevention
- ▶ America's Promise
 - State of Promise
 - Dropout Prevention Summit
- ▶ Forum for Youth Investment
 - Ready by 21 Quality Counts
 - Children's Cabinet Network

HISTORY OF ICYD COUNCIL

- ▶ The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) Council and the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) are in Iowa Code, Section 216A.140. Legislation passed in 2009.
- ▶ Prior to that, the ICYD was an informal network of state agencies serving as a forum to foster improvement in and coordination of state and local youth policy and programs. SIYAC also operated as an informal council.

ICYD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Isaiah McGee, Chair , Director, Department of Human Rights	Adam Lounsbury, Executive Director Commission on Volunteer Service
Teresa Wahlert, Director Iowa Workforce Development	Dick Moore, Director Child Advocacy Board
Jason Glass, Director Department of Education	Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Director Department of Public Health
Mark Schouten, Director Office of Drug Control Policy	Chuck Morris, Director ISU Extension, 4-H Youth Development
Chuck Palmer Department of Human Services	Shanell Wagler, Facilitator Early Childhood Iowa

VISION and PURPOSE

“All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood.”

- ▶ With a purpose to improve the lives and futures of Iowa’s youth by:
 - Adopting and applying positive youth development principles and practices at the state and local levels;
 - Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of opportunities and services and other supports for youth;
 - Improving and coordinating state youth policy and programs across state agencies.

Fragmentation Doesn't Help Families Help Children and Youth

Children's Services in L.A. County

Education



Health & Food



Social Services



Child & Family Services



Mental Health & Probation



- Public Schools
- ESEA, Title I
- School Lunch & Breakfast
- Head Start
- IDEA
- After-School Programs
- Textbook Funding
- Tests & Achievement
- Teacher Issues
- GED
- Medi Cal – EPSDT
- Healthy Families Parent Expansion
- Child Health & Disability Program
- Expanded Access Primary Care
- Trauma Case Funding
- Co-payments for ER Services
- Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- HIV/AIDS Prevention & Education
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Food Stamps
- WIC
- TANT
- GAIN, CAL Learn, CalWORKS, etc.
- Child Care – CCDBG, SSBG, CalWORKS Child Care, etc.
- After-School Programs – 21st Century Learning Centers, etc.
- Promoting Safe & Stable Families
- Child Abuse & Neglect Programs
- Foster Care – Transition
- Independent Living, Housing, etc.
- Adoption Assistance, Adoption Opportunities
- School-Based MH Services for Medi-Cal-Kids
- Probation Officers in Schools
- Cardenas-Schiff Legislation
- Health Care Through Probation
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Juvenile Halls



Mom



Dad



9 year old



5 year old



Baby 1½



Mom's sister



Boyfriend in trouble

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE

STATE
LEGISLATURE

ICYD COUNCIL

Agency Directors

READY by 21
RESULTS TEAM

Agency Staff

CROSS-CUTTING FOCUS AREAS

▶ **Transitioning Youth**

- Shared Vision for Youth
- Community Partnerships for Protecting Children / Transitioning Youth Initiative
- Rural Homeless Youth

▶ **Disproportionality**

- Dropout Prevention Summit
- Governor's Race and Detention Task Force / Implementation Committee

▶ **Quality / Youth Engagement**

- Quality Improvement Planning – Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA), Coaching, and Youth Work Methods
- State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC)

ICYD'S 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

“By 2020 Iowa will increase the graduation rate from 89% to 95%”

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Focus on Underperforming Schools and Communities;
- ▶ Assess Current State Initiatives and Maximize Existing Resources;
- ▶ Investigate Research-Based Approaches and Effective Strategies;
- ▶ Coordinate Across Systems to Identify and Support Vulnerable Students;
- ▶ Engage Additional Stakeholders.



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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESULT AREAS

All youth have the benefit of safe and supportive families..... schools..... and communities

All youth are healthy and socially competent

All youth are successful in school

All youth are prepared for a productive adulthood

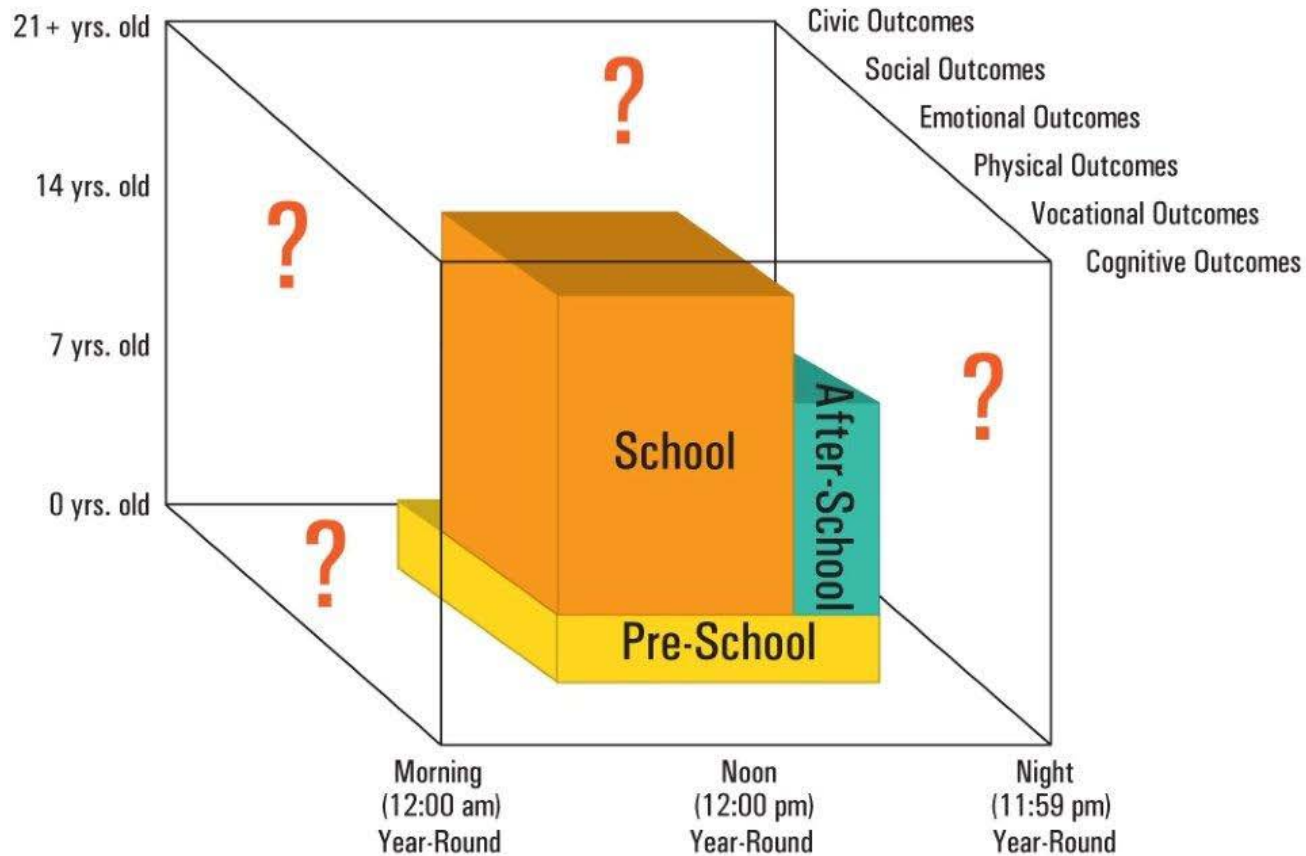
RECOMMENDED LEADING INDICATORS

Rate of founded child neglect and abuse	Safe schools ("feel safe" at school – IYS)	Poverty Rate	Juvenile Delinquency Complaints	Proficiency Rates: % of 8 th graders proficient in reading	Graduation Rate
Family Support (IYS construct)	Positive Peer Norms (IYS Construct)	Employment Rate	Current Cigarette Use by Youth	% of 8 th graders proficient in math	Teen birth rate
Family Boundaries (IYS construct)	Supportive school staff and climate (IYS Construct)	Adult Arrest Rate	Empathy	Attendance Rate	Youth Employment (% of 11 th graders that work in a paid job 3+ hours per week - IYS)
	Suspensions and Expulsions	Neighborhood Safety (IYS Construct)	Self-Confidence	Drop out Rate	Youth (16 – 19) not in school & not working
		Supportive Neighborhoods (IYS Construct)	Current Alcohol Use by Youth	Commitment to School & Learning (IYS Construct)	Youth Participation in Structured Activities
			Suicide Attempts		
			Violent or Aggressive Behavior		
			Physical Activity		
			Weight Perception		

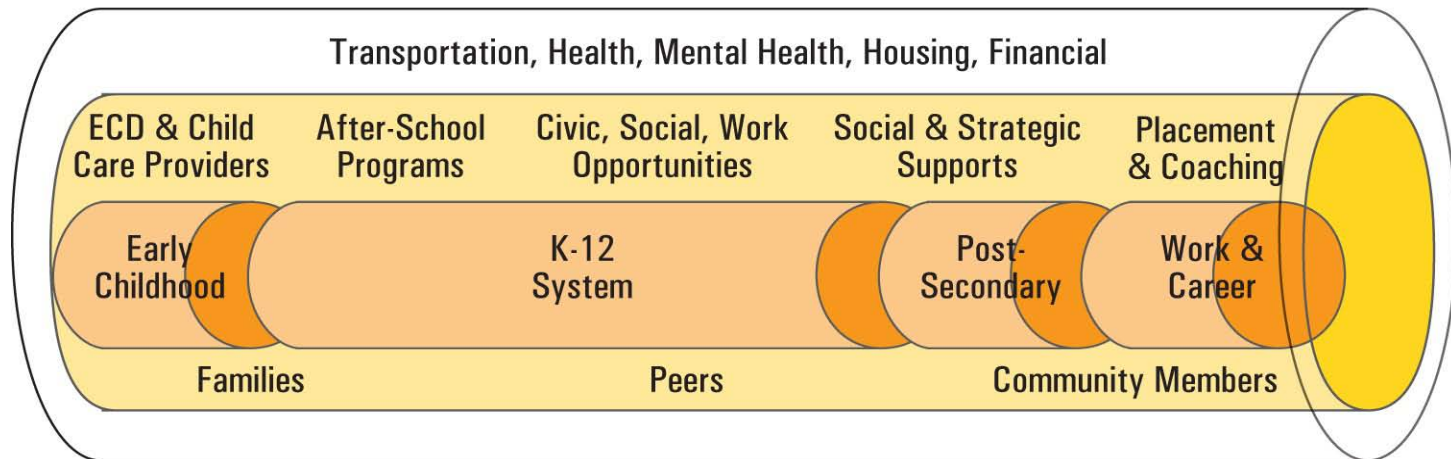
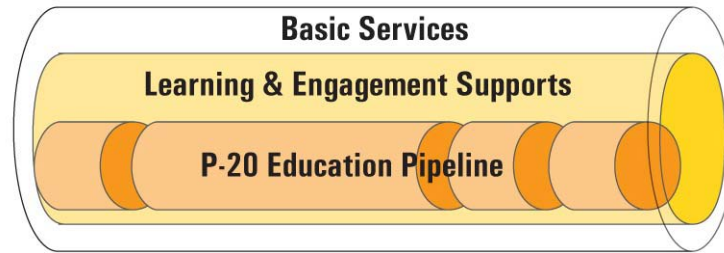
IOWA YOUTH SURVEY (IYS)

- ▶ IYS is conducted with students in 6th, 8th, and 11th grade every 3 years. In 2010, survey is now every 2 years.
- ▶ In 2008, 97,741 students completed the survey from 347 of 362 public school districts (95.9%).
- ▶ IYS is designed to help state and community level planners to identify youth development needs, implement interventions, and assess outcomes.
- ▶ Partnering agencies:
 - Iowa Department of Public Health
 - Iowa Department of Education
 - Office of Drug Control Policy
 - Iowa Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning
 - Iowa Department of Human Services

THINK OUTSIDE the BOX to FILL the INSIDE



COMMIT BIG – INSULATE the PIPELINE



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