ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE YOUTH BUREAUS

In New York, our children have a system devoted entirely to positive youth development for all youth. The Youth Bureau system embodies the definition of youth development as an ongoing process in which children and adolescents seek ways to meet their personal and social needs, building skills and competencies that allow them to be successful and function effectively in their daily lives. Youth development recognizes the potential which youth people possess and builds upon their strengths for success in the future. Youth Bureaus throughout New York provided programs and services to more than 1.5 million youth - thus reaching almost half of the youth population in the state, under the age of 21.

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Founded in 1971, the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) represents municipal and local youth bureaus, youth boards, and not-for-profit youth development organizations throughout New York State. The ANYSYB is built on a regional structure, with each of the regions represented on the Board of Directors.

MISSION

The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) is a unified statewide resource and support system that professionally develops and advocates for local Youth Bureaus. The ANYSYB works to promote the physical, emotional and social well-being of youth and families in New York State through a unified, statewide network of youth service programs and professionals.

The ANYSYB works to support and strengthen its member youth bureaus and youth bureau contract agencies through comprehensive

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training, outcomes and development. Supported by a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, training covers a wide range of topics including best practices, monitoring and evaluation, result based accountability and performance outcomes and issues related to juvenile justice and child welfare reform. Local, regional and state-wide events are held throughout the year in addition to the Association's Annual Youth Development Conference.

The ANYSYB is also committed to advocating for our children and informing state elected officials and policy makers. Our mission can best be accomplished when all Youth Bureaus and the individuals and organizations they represent participate actively in our advocacy efforts. The Association provides a unified planning and advocacy network to strengthen positive youth development initiatives.