

A photograph of four diverse children (two boys and two girls) smiling and laughing outdoors. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter. The children are of various ethnicities and are dressed in casual clothing. The background shows green foliage.

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Youth Development across the Federal Government

A Thought Leader Session with Cheri Hoffman

April 1, 2020

THOUGHT LEADER ROUNDTABLE

Positive Youth Development across the Federal Government: A Conversation with Cheri Hoffman

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At least 21 federal agencies support programs and services focused on youth. What does it take to make sure that all of these policies and programs add up to positive, healthy outcomes for young people? In this thought leader session, Karen Pittman will sit down with Cheri Hoffman, who chairs the working group and also directs the Division of Children and Youth Policy for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. This session will explore how the working group helps federal agencies approach positive youth development and emerging ways that the working group is tackling its mission.



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Logistics for today's conversation

- Please feel free to submit questions and comments via this webinar application, using the chat feature.
- There are some slides for today's session for background and context. The focus will be on the unscripted conversation.
- Today's session is being recorded and will be made available to you early next week.

INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON youth PROGRAMS

Working Together to Improve Youth Outcomes



History

- Established by Executive Order 13459, signed by President Bush in 2008 - *Improving the Coordination and Effectiveness of Youth Programs*
 - Support enhanced collaboration to improve outcomes for youth
 - Identify and disseminate evidence-based strategies that support youth
 - Create a federal interagency website on youth ages 10-24 – youth.gov
- 11 agencies named in Executive Order as partners
- 21+ federal departments and agencies are now partners

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- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Education
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- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Resources to Support Youth and Families During the COVID-19 Outbreak

This feature article provides resources on mental health and coping, particularly for those working with children, youth, and families.



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Mission Statement

youth.gov is the U.S. government website that helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news.

Positive Youth Development Definition

"Positive Youth Development is an intentional, prosocial approach that engages youth within their families, peer groups, schools, organizations, and communities in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youth's strengths and assets; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths."

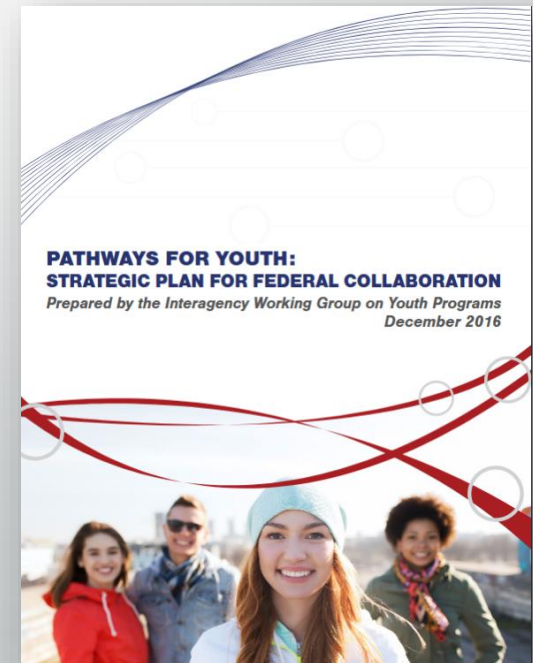
Strategic Plan

- Listening sessions held across the country
- *Pathways for Youth* finalized in 2016
 - Views young people as resources, not problems
 - Promotes positive outcomes for all youth

Goal 1: Collaboration and coordination

Goal 2: Evidence-based and innovative strategies

Goal 3: Youth engagement and partnerships



Strengths-based Vision for Youth

- Youth and their families have safe, healthy, and stable places to live, learn, and work.
- Youth have opportunities to access high quality, affordable healthcare.
- Youth have multiple opportunities to acquire education, training, life skills development, and to succeed in jobs, careers, self-sufficiency, and adulthood.
- Youth have strong, positive, stable connections to family, peers, school, supportive adults, and community.

Strengths-based Vision for Youth

- Youth-serving organizations and partnerships are staffed by individuals who are well-trained, knowledgeable in the field, competent, compassionate, and culturally responsive.
- Youth are recognized by their community for their strengths and provided multiple opportunities for civic engagement, service, and leadership.
- Youth thrive throughout all phases of their development, including early and middle childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood.

IWGYP Common Outcomes

Social-Emotional Well-Being

Youth experience social, emotional and broader well-being across different areas of their lives

Connectedness

Youth are and feel connected, cared for, and supported

Health

Youth are screened and receive health services that promote and improve health outcomes

Healthy and Safe Environment

Youth thrive in safe, supportive, and healthy environments and communities

Youth Contribution and Engagement

Youth are engaged in opportunities for participation, decision-making, and community service

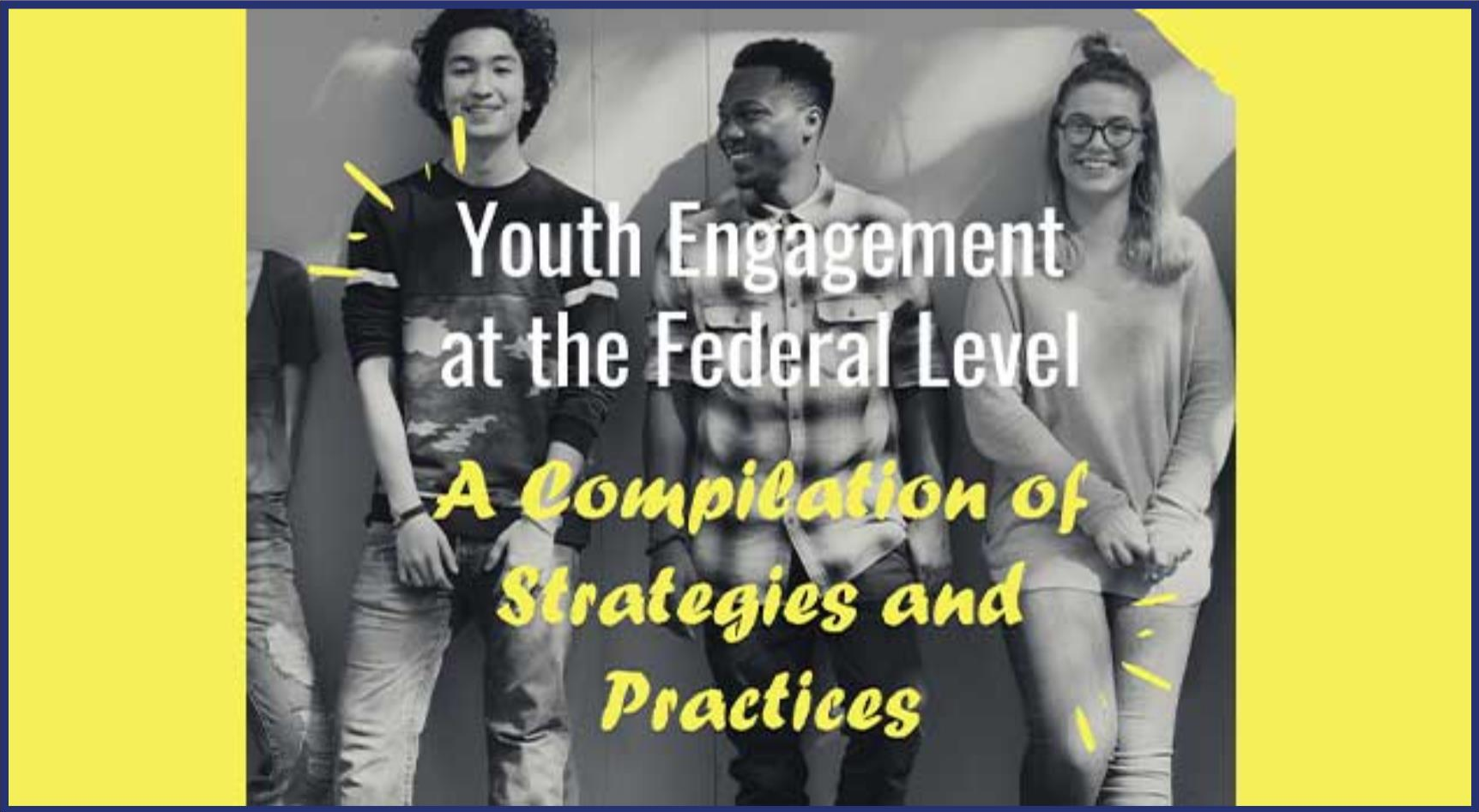
Education

Youth achieve social, emotional, and cognitive learning outcomes

Employability and Economic Opportunity

Youth have the critical skills and supports to be self-reliant, successful, and to thrive in adulthood

Youth Engagement at the Federal Level: A Compilation of Strategies and Practices



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Thanks so much!

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