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COMING TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DISCONNECTED YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:
A CITYWIDE DIALOGUE AND CALL TO ACTION



In the District, 8% of teenagers are neither working nor in school; among 18-24 year-olds, 16% are not working, not attending school, or have only a high school diploma. Additionally, the District's high school drop-out rate is estimated at 50%. The National League of Cities¹ notes that while these youth present challenges, they also offer opportunities to communities that can effectively harness their energies and talents.

Lets come together to hear from young people and key leaders in the field to determine how we can better leverage our current supports to meet young people where they are and ensure their successful transition to adulthood.

This event is presented by the DC Alliance of Youth Advocates, Executive Office of the Mayor, the DC Children's Trust Fund, the Kid's Count Collaborative (A Project of the DC Children's Trust Fund), and the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect

Please join us for a discussion with youth, city leaders, community providers and Mayor Adrian M. Fenty to:

1. Gauge where we are as a city in meeting the needs of our disconnected youth, and
2. Determine what it will take to maximize and leverage our current resources to ensure that our most vulnerable youth have access to the developmental supports they need to thrive.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Public Welfare Foundation

1200 U Street, NW

2:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: *Mayor Adrian M. Fenty*

**Space is limited, please RSVP to info@dc-aya.org. We are holding a certain number of seats for youth; if you plan to bring youth, please specify that in your RSVP*

¹The National League of Cities defines disconnected youth as those "ages 16-24 who are unemployed, high school dropouts, transitioning from foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, or otherwise" divorced from social and community supports.

1 - National League of Cities, Washington DC; see <http://www.nlc.org>

