

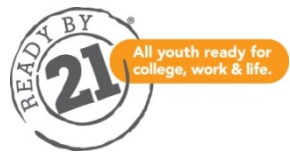
**White House/Obama  
Administration:  
Policies Supporting Comprehensive  
Strategies for Youth  
July 17, 2013**

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# Agenda

- Part 1: Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth
  - Co-Chairs of the Interagency Forum – Kathy Stack (White House Office of Management and Budget) and Johan Uvin (Department of Education) – will discuss what was learned through the Request for Information and the next steps they plan to advance this work.
- Part 2: Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs
  - Martha Moorehouse (chair of working group) and Sarah Oberlander will present “Pathways for Youth,” the working group’s draft strategic plan for federal collaboration.

# Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth

Co-Chairs:

Kathy Stack, White House Office of Management and Budget

Johan Uvin, Department of Education, Office of Vocational  
and Adult Education

# Background

## 2011 Presidential Memorandum on Administrative Flexibility

- Responses identified the following challenges to providing coordinated services to this population:
  - Differing reporting requirements
  - Conflicting eligibility criteria and intake processes
  - Differing governance and advisory structures
  - Allowable uses of funds
  - Lack of access to quality data

## FY13 Federal Budget (February 2012)

- Request for funding and authority to implement Performance Partnership Pilots to improve outcomes for disconnected youth
- State and local flexibility in exchange for outcomes

## Interagency Forum for Disconnected Youth(IFDY) (March 2012)

## White House Council for Community Solutions (June 2012)

- Community Solutions for Opportunity Youth Final Report

## IFDY issues Request for Information (June 2012)

- 170 responses received from a broad array of stakeholders, including service providers, funders, state and local government, and youth advocates

# RFI Themes

- Need for improved access to quality data and better information sharing
- Interim Indicators and Shared Outcomes Measures
  - A need to track interim/ progress indicators
  - Incentivizing a long-term approach to better track outcomes
- Alignment of eligibility requirements, intake processes, performance measures (both interim and long term) and data collection systems
- Need for a multiple pathway approach addressing the full continuum prevention, intervention and re-engagement
- Barriers related to lack of housing stability, financial literacy and mental health services
- Need to target subpopulations (e.g. foster care, justice involved, homeless, youth with disabilities, GLBTQ)
- Importance of a long term connection with a caring adult/mentor
- Full youth participation/partnership in the development, implementation and evaluation of proposed pilots

# IFDY Strategic Goals

Based on responses to the RFI and other stakeholder and agency engagement, the IFDY has developed a set of overarching strategic goals to guide its work:

- Create a sustainable interagency framework for improving program outcomes via flexibility
- Build evidence of what works, incorporate this evidence into program strategies, and disseminate this evidence to organizations serving disconnected youth
- Engage with philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders to leverage resources, share best practices, and align public and private strategies and goals for serving disconnected youth
- Convene agencies serving disconnected youth, leverage ongoing interagency work, and establish an interagency commitment to addressing problems faced by this population
- Identify and pursue administrative, legislative, regulatory changes needed to test new strategies and overcome barriers to serving disconnected youth effectively

# FY 14 Budget – DY Overview

## Performance Partnership Pilot General Provision

- Provides authority for Performance Partnership pilots, Labor/HHS/ED, HUD and DOJ appropriations
- Establishes up to 13 Performance Partnerships pilots
  - No new funding, involves \$130 million in **existing** discretionary Federal resources
  - Pilots could blend discretionary funds for youth-serving programs across agencies in exchange for greater accountability for results
  - Performance indicators , such as education and employment outcomes would be used to gauge progress

\$30 million is directed towards activities that will support disconnected youth and increase capacity to serve those youth

- \$10 million – Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF), Department of Labor
- \$10 million – Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE), Department of Education
- \$5 million – Disability Innovation Fund (DIF), Department of Education
- \$5 million – Youth Data Pilot, Department of Education

# FY 14 Budget: Department of the Treasury

\$300 million one-time mandatory appropriation for a new Pay for Success (PFS) program in the Department of the Treasury.

- The fund will:
  - Support nonprofit and other investors who finance preventive social programs when those programs prove that they can post savings to the Federal government and achieve the goal for their target population.
  - Ensure that taxpayers get the best possible returns for funds expended, protect government assets, and minimize losses in relation to social benefits provided.
    - It will accomplish this by offering credit enhancements or direct grants to support investors; intermediaries will receive a proportion of the funds saved by the government only when projects have demonstrated measurable outcomes that result in greater federal savings and programmatic efficiency.
    - In order to qualify, these programs will be required to utilize evidence-based approaches and provide data for program and policy evaluation.



# IFDY Activities

- Analyzing barriers and alignment issues raised in RFI and other venues
- Engaging with State and local governments, foundations, service providers, youth and other stakeholders
- Exploring opportunities to increase the focus on outcomes under current law

# FY 14 Budget: Performance Partnership Pilots and Pay For Success

Labor/HHS/ED General Provisions:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2014/assets/lab.pdf> (p. 792)

HUD General Provisions:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2014/assets/hud.pdf> (p. 604)

DOJ General Provisions:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2014/assets/jus.pdf> (p. 748)

Department of the Treasury Pay For Success Provisions:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2014/assets/tre.pdf> (p.978)

# FY 14: Agency Congressional Justifications

## Disconnected Youth Initiative

Department of Labor, ETA Overview (p. 15)

- <http://www.dol.gov/dol/budget/2014/PDF/CBJ-2014-V1-03.pdf>

Department of Education:

- Innovation and Instructional Teams (p. H-114)
  - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget14/justifications/h-iit.pdf>
- Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research (p. K-14)
  - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget14/justifications/k-rehabilitation.pdf>

Department of Health and Human Services, ACF (p. 107)

- [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/olab/fy\\_2014\\_cj\\_final\\_web.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/olab/fy_2014_cj_final_web.pdf)

# Helping Federal, State, and Local Groups Support Youth: The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs and FindYouthInfo.gov

Martha Moorehouse  
Sarah Oberlander  
July 2013

*Working Together to Improve Youth Outcomes*

# We want your input!

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## Action steps to give and get input:

- Sign up for the newsletter on FindYouthInfo.gov during the webinar
- Email us at: [FindYouthInfo@air.org](mailto:FindYouthInfo@air.org)
- Visit [FindYouthInfo.gov](http://FindYouthInfo.gov) and click to give input

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# Issues Youth May Be Dealing With

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- Housing
- Physical Health
- Mental health
- Wellness
- Education
- Delinquency
- Exposure to Violence at Home, in School, and in Community
- Substance abuse
- Transportation
- Civic engagement
- Community connections
- Training and workforce readiness
- Employment
- Service learning
- Mentoring
- Disparities
- Safety

# Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs: Membership

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- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Chair)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of Justice (Vice-Chair)
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Science Foundation
- Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Small Business Association
- U.S. Social Security Administration



# Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs: Activities

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- ❑ Create and support a federal interagency website on youth: FindYouthInfo.gov
- ❑ Identify and disseminate effective strategies and practices that support youth
- ❑ Promote enhanced collaboration at the Federal, State, and local level
- ❑ Develop an overarching strategic plan for federal youth policy

\*\* From Executive Order 13459, “Improving the Coordination and Effectiveness of Youth Programs,” and Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 Committee Print of the House Committee on Appropriations on H.R. 1105/Public Law 111-8, Division F



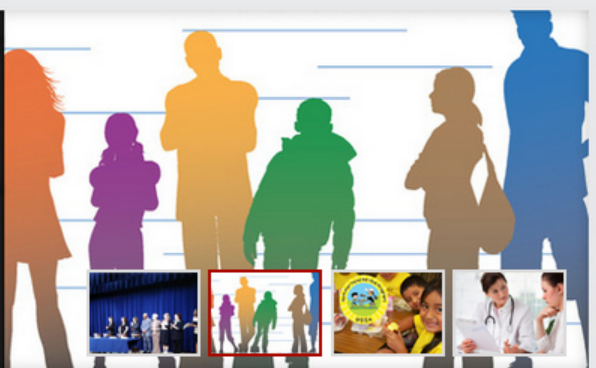
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The map helps you find local partners, avoid duplication, and fill gaps

### Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach

The report concludes that changes are needed if the juvenile justice system is to meet its aims of holding adolescents accountable, preventing reoffending, and treating them fairly.

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NEW Evidence & Innovation microsite

A rotating spotlight section features special articles

What do you think? What is the biggest opportunity to move Pathways for Youth forward? Read & Comment

Read Pathways for Youth – draft strategic plan and provide input

### Youth Topics

Through the Youth Topics series, the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs provides information, strategies, tools, and resources for youth, families, schools and community organizations related to a variety of cross-cutting topics that affect youth.



Cross-cutting youth topic information—federal work, collaborations, and summaries from the literature

- Choose a topic:
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Preventing Gang Involvement
- Youth Disaster Preparedness and Recovery
- Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Substance Abuse
- LGBT Youth
- Reconnecting Youth
- Youth Mental Health
- Juvenile Justice
- Teen Dating Violence

- In Focus: Reconnecting Youth
- Preventing Youth Violence
- Mentoring
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Teen Driver Safety
- Afterschool Programs
- Bullying
- Positive Youth Development
- Service Learning
- Transition Age Youth
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### What's New

#### Announcements

Immediate Openings Available with JobCorps... Young people ages 16 through 24 are encouraged to apply to be a part of JobCorps, a program that provides career and technical training, mentoring, room and board, and basic medical care to low-income youth through its 125 centers nationwide.

Posted: July 3, 2013

Funding Opportunity: Support to the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence

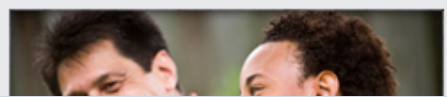
Funds will be used to conduct hearings and listening sessions in tribal communities on children's exposure to violence, and provide

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# Reconnecting Youth



## Reconnecting Youth

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Disconnected youth<sup>1</sup> are often defined as young people ages 14-24 who are homeless, in foster care, involved in the justice system, or are neither employed nor enrolled in an educational institution. Across the U.S., there are approximately 6.7 million youth that exhibit one or more of the above risk factors and touch multiple systems.<sup>2</sup>

The economic burden of disconnected youth is significant, as these young people not only fail to meet their personal potential, but also cost the U.S. billions of dollars every year in lost earnings, incarceration costs, and expenditures on social services. Moreover, siloed administrative and reporting requirements can make it unintentionally difficult for providers to give youth the comprehensive, effective services they need.

To address issues faced by disconnected youth and the entities serving them, the 2013 Budget included proposals for Performance Partnership Pilot<sup>3</sup> authority and targeted funding. The Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth (IFDY) was established in March 2012 as an out-growth of these budgetary proposals. The IFDY is committed to improving educational, employment and other key outcomes for this population through interagency and intergovernmental collaboration. Learn more about the [shared goals and approach](#) of the IFDY to support and reconnect disconnected youth and see additional [action steps](#) being taken by Federal agencies and interagency groups.

A [Request for Information](#) (RFI) on disconnected youth was published by the Department of Education in the Federal Register in June 2012. The RFI yielded 171

### ISSUES RELATED TO RECONNECTING YOUTH

- [Shared Goal Statement \(Draft\)](#)
- [Request for Information on Disconnected Youth Summary \(Draft\)](#)
- [Find evidence-based programs](#)
- [Videos: emphasizing evidence](#)
- [Hear from youth](#)
- [Collaborations to reconnect youth](#)
- [Other relevant youth topics](#)

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## Federal Investment in Tiered Evidence Initiatives

The Federal government is placing a stronger emphasis on evidence and the need to build the evidence base to support its policies and programs. This work builds on a long history of research and evaluation conducted across many Federal agencies.

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## Pathways for Youth: Strategic Plan

READ THE  
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Many youth-serving programs and initiatives implement evidence-based and innovative strategies to improve youth outcomes. As one of three core goals, [Pathways for Youth: Draft Strategic Plan for Federal Collaboration](#) promotes the use of evidence-based and innovative strategies at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels.

[View the Plan](#)

## Investing in Evidence

## Listen to the Experts

David Harris

Evidence-Based Policy Initiatives...Now What?



[See All Experts](#)

## Implementing Evidence-Based Programs

More and more, funding sources for youth programs require the implementation of evidence-based programs. When implemented with fidelity, evidence-based programs can deliver results and improve outcomes, but implementation can be challenging and necessitates multiple steps.

### Where Are You?

Identifying what you want to address and the capacity, culture, and structure of your organization is an essential first step. [more](#)

### Selecting Programs

Knowing where to look and what to look for is important when trying to find an evidence-based

## Map My Community

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Use the interactive mapping tool on this page to locate federally supported youth programs in your community. Search by full address or ZIP code and click Find Programs. If programs are found the location is marked on the map. Click on the marker to see the program title, CFDA number, department, funding agency, recipient name and full address. Results can be filtered by state, funding agency, and federal department. The search engine filters opportunities in [USASpending.gov](#) for the following CFDA numbers. Visit [About the location data](#) to learn about where the data comes from.

**Note:** Only programs with a street level address are shown on this version of the map. For a full list of federally supported youth programs use the [Text-Only Version](#) of this tool.

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Map My Community enables you to enter your zip code and find federally funded youth programs in your area – so you can identify resources and gaps.

**Address or ZIP Code:**

**Radius:**

**Search Filters**

Topics [\[Select All\]](#) | [Deselect All\]](#)

- Afterschool
- Bullying
- Community Development
- Disabilities
- Education, Training and Employment

## Funding Search

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### Federal Funding at Grants.gov

Grants.gov contains information about more than 1,000 grant programs funded by federal grant-making agencies, including the federal agencies that support FindYouthInfo.gov. You can search and apply federal government grants at Grants.gov. **Read more** about how to register and get connected to Grants.gov.

The new custom search of grants.gov will help you find open solicitations for youth programs.



**Grants.gov**  
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Search 300+ funding streams for youth program grants!

To simplify your funding search, we've developed a **custom search tool** that allows you to search Grants.gov by *Youth Topic* or *Federal Agency*.

### Additional Assistance and Services

#### Benefits.gov

This is the U.S. Government's official benefits Web site. It provides information on more than 1,000 benefit and assistance programs such as social security/supplemental security income, Medicaid, and state social services.

Complete a short questionnaire to find out about all of the programs for which you might be eligible, including food stamps, child care subsidies, health insurance, scholarships, lending programs, and more.

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#### Share and Search for Resources!

Help build FindYouthInfo.gov by submitting training materials, policy documents links, videos and more.

# Pathways for Youth: Draft Strategic Plan for Federal Collaboration

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The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (Working Group) has developed a draft strategic plan, Pathways for Youth. Below you can see a brief overview of the draft plan. Click sections in the contents box to learn more about the background and plan development, vision, goals and objectives, and cross-cutting initiatives or view the entire *Pathways for Youth: Draft Strategic Plan for Federal Collaboration* (PDF, 50 pages). Use the comment box at the bottom of the pages to respond to the question and provide feedback.

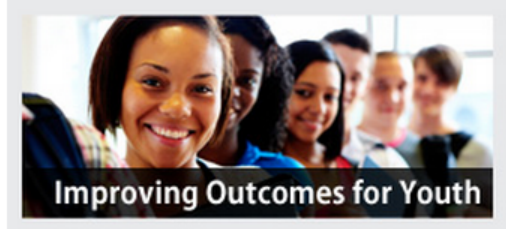
## Introduction, Background, and Plan Development

The primary function of the Working Group is to support coordinated federal activities focused on improving outcomes for youth. The Working Group pursued a multistep strategy in developing the draft plan. This included the initial framework, public input process, and federal drafting effort.

## Strategic Plan Framework

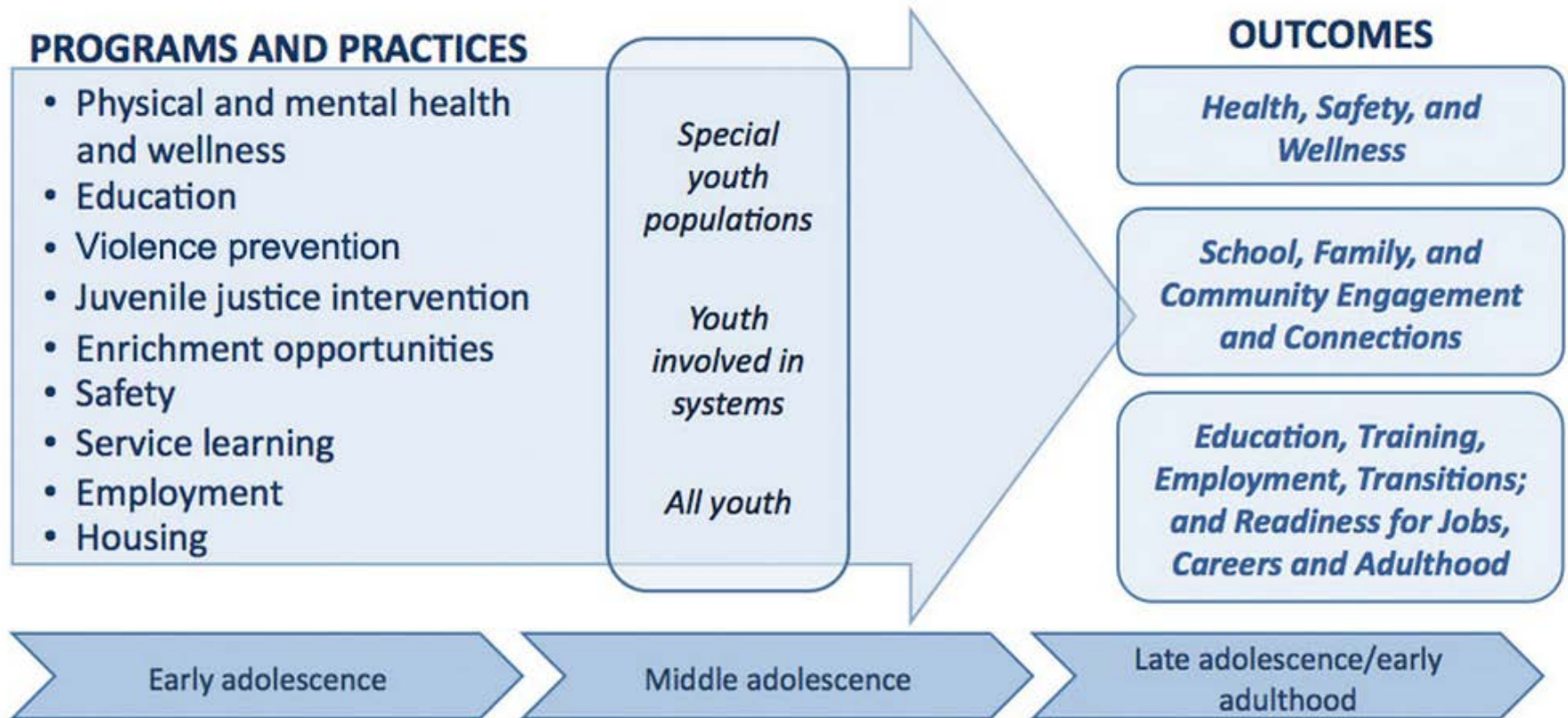
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- [Cross-Cutting Initiatives](#)



A Vision for Youth	
The strengths-based <i>vision for youth</i> acknowledges the importance of pathways to opportunity for youth that include meaningful connections and safe, healthy, and stable places to live, learn, and work.	
Goals & Objectives	
<b>Goal 1</b> Promote coordinated strategies to improve youth outcomes	<b>Objective 1</b> —Align and simplify federal guidance for youth programs. <b>Objective 2</b> —Coordinate youth programming and funding support at the federal, state, local, and tribal level. <b>Objective 3</b> —Coordinate technical assistance efforts to

## Framework for Input on Strategic Plan for Federal Youth Policy



A youth development approach will promote positive outcomes as well as reduce risk, and includes youth as active agents across developmental stages. Youth will be considered in the context of their families, schools, neighborhoods, and communities; as well as their cultural and linguistic contexts.



# Pathways: Input Process

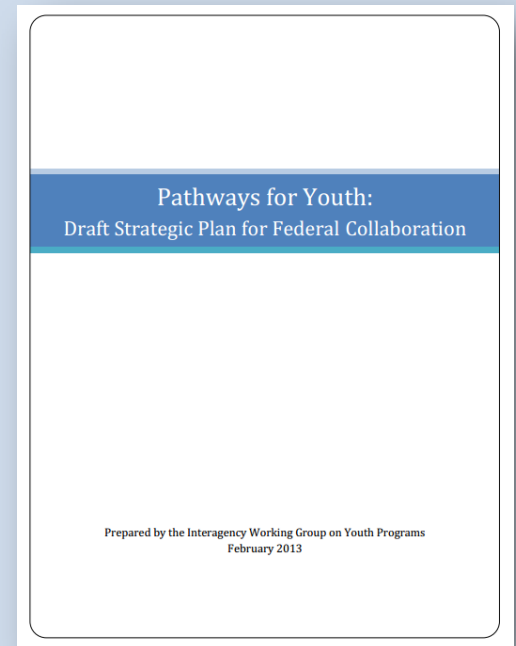
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- Solicited input from: young people, family, State Children's Cabinet directors, nonprofit orgs, government orgs (federal, state, and local levels), policymakers, researchers, service providers, faith-based and community-based organizations, and schools
- Reviewed key strategic documents related to youth
- Summarized the input and posted it for review
- Engaged federal partners who drafted and reviewed the report

# Pathways: Goals & Initiatives

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- ❑ Goal 1: Collaboration and coordination
- ❑ Goal 2: Evidence-based and innovative strategies
- ❑ Goal 3: Youth engagement and partnerships
  
- ❑ Cross-cutting initiatives:
  - ❑ Develop shared language for grant applications and federal documents
  - ❑ Assess and disseminate models of collaboration
  - ❑ Centralize and disseminate information on promising and evidence-based strategies for youth
  - ❑ Promote data collection and long-term evaluation of policies and programs that impact youth



# Pathways: Next Steps

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- Action on existing activities
- Plan for future action
- Two-phase roll out plan:
  1. Increase awareness and understanding
  2. Deepen understanding and investment
- Incorporate feedback
- Finalize the plan

# Read the Plan and Share Your Ideas

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- Visit [FindYouthInfo.gov](http://FindYouthInfo.gov) and give input



The screenshot shows a website interface for the Strategic Plan for Youth. It features a blue header with the text "Strategic Plan for Youth" and a green graphic of a hierarchical tree structure. Below the header, there is a section titled "What do you think?" with a text input field and a red "Read & Comment" button.

**READ THE PLAN & SHARE YOUR IDEAS**

**Strategic Plan for Youth**

**What do you think?**

What is the biggest opportunity to move Pathways for Youth forward?

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# Thank you!

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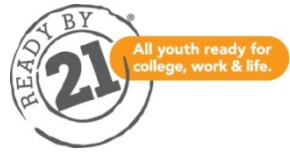
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