

# Working together to Improve Youth Outcomes

INTERAGENCY  
WORKING GROUP  
**ON**  
youth PROGRAMS



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# INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH PROGRAMS: HISTORY

- **Helping America's Youth**
  - First Lady Laura Bush's Initiative
- **2008 Executive Order by President Bush**
  - Improving the Coordination and Effectiveness of Youth Programs
  - FindYouthInfo.gov → youth.gov in 2015



# IWGY: PARTNERS

- 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
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Corporation for National and Community Service\*
- National Science Foundation
- Office of National Drug Control Policy\*
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- U.S. Social Security Administration
- National Endowment for the Arts



# IWGY: ACTIVITIES

- Primary focus: Youth ages 10-24
- Create and support a federal interagency website on youth: youth.gov
- Identify and disseminate effective strategies and practices that support youth
- Promote enhanced collaboration at the federal, state, and local levels
- Develop an overarching strategic plan for federal youth policy (*Pathways for Youth*)

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

# PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH

## A strengths-based vision for youth

- Youth have strong, positive, stable connections to family, peers, school, supportive adults, and community.
- Youth are recognized by their community for their strengths and provided multiple opportunities for civic engagement, service, and leadership.



# PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH

**Goal 1: Collaboration and coordination**

**Goal 2: Evidence-based and innovative strategies**

**Goal 3: Youth engagement and partnerships**



# POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- PYD views young people as **resources**, not problems
- PYD does not replace the focus on prevention of problem behavior, but it promotes **positive outcomes** for all youth
- “**Problem-free ≠ fully prepared**”