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YTFG Info

YTFG launches its new website at www.ytfg.org. Please make sure to bookmark the new site address for future reference. The updated website features three of YTFG's newest projects:

- The *Beyond the Tunnel Problem: Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues that Impact Vulnerable Youth* Briefing Paper Series for 2005.
- The *Learning by Connections: A Teleconference Series for Funders*
- The *Membership Login Workspace* for YTFG Action Group Members and Partners

For more information on the website, please contact Lisa McGill, director of YTFG, at lmcgill@ytfg.org. To participate in the Membership Login Workspace, a password must be provided to action group members. Please contact membershipservices@ytfg.org for a password.



Investing to make sure that all youth are Connected by 25.

FOSTER CARE

Don't forget that May is National Foster Care Month! Organizations across the country will hold events this month to recognize and honor foster parents and heighten awareness around the issues of children and youth impacted by the foster care system. The website, www.fostercaremonth.org, has a state-by-state calendar of events.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

New! The Juvenile Justice Work Group (JJWG) releases A Platform for Juvenile Justice Reform. This advanced copy of the JJWG publication portrays the array of exciting opportunities to help improve the administration of justice for youth across the country. It highlights jurisdictions promoting innovative reforms and partnerships between foundations and public systems. It also provides a partial list of resources in the field. [Click here](#) for a downloadable copy of the Platform for Juvenile Justice Reform.

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OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH/ STRUGGLING STUDENTS

The National Education Data Partnership (NEDP) recently introduced its new website SchoolMatters.com, www.schoolmatters.com, as an effort to make state, national, and school-level data more accessible and usable. The site allows users to do a comparative study of test scores, school spending, student demographics, and other relevant information.

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CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

YTFG introduces *Beyond the Tunnel Problem: Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues that Impact Vulnerable Youth* as our briefing paper series for 2005. This series examines how the systems of public education, juvenile justice, and child welfare can work in better coordination to address the needs of youth who are often impacted by more than one system at a time. The series provides information on the scope of the "tunnel problem" and recommendations for how funders and policymakers can support better collaboration between systems and youth-serving organizations at the federal, state, and local levels. The series is sponsored by Youth Transition Funders Group in partnership with The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Briefing Paper #1 is written by Tim Ross and Joel Miller. Tim and Joel are researchers at the Vera Institute in New York, New York. [Click here](#) for a downloadable version of the briefing paper.

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