

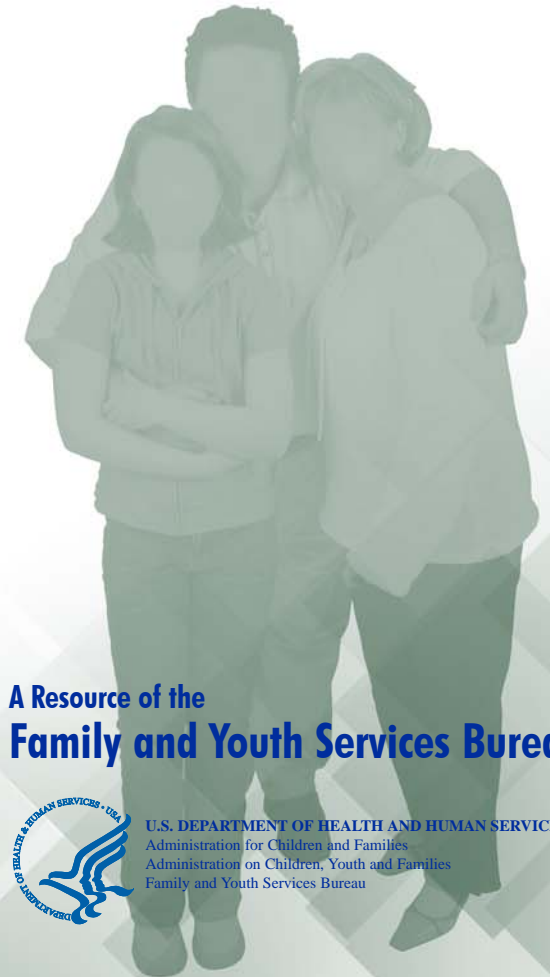
# National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth

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## Taking a Positive Approach

A major project of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NCFY promotes the Positive Youth Development approach. This approach suggests that helping young people to achieve their full potential is the best way to prevent them from engaging in risky behaviors.

Positive Youth Development strategies give youth the chance to exercise leadership, build skills, and get involved in their communities. The self-confidence, trust, and practical knowledge that young people gain from these opportunities help them grow into healthy, happy, self-sufficient adults.



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**Today, young people and families need our support more than ever.**

**Youth face many challenges as they move through adolescence to adulthood. But with guidance and support, even those young people facing difficult life circumstances can become healthy, contributing members of their communities.**

**To give all youth the opportunity to grow into happy, productive adults, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) funds programs that help communities support young people and their families.**

**FYSB also assists communities by sharing information through its National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY). Do you want to serve young people and their families in new and effective ways?**

**NCFY can help!**

## **Providing Youth Development Answers**

If you are using the Positive Youth Development approach or want to begin implementing it in your organization or community, NCFY will connect you to the information you need.

- ◆ Helpful staff will direct you to resources on a range of youth-related topics, link you to other youth services professionals, and update you on the youth initiatives of FYSB and other national organizations.
- ◆ NCFY's literature database, available at [ncfy.acf.hhs.gov](http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov), includes abstracts of more than 12,000 specially selected publications on youth and family issues and information on where to get them.
- ◆ Customized research will provide you with tips on funding sources, promising practices, and community resources.
- ◆ NCFY's publications are great for your conferences, training sessions, or community outreach efforts.
- ◆ NCFY's electronic newsletter, *Youth Initiatives Update*, is a free monthly compilation of information on new youth-related initiatives and resources selected from the Web sites of more than 100 national organizations and Federal agencies. Request a subscription by writing to [ncfy@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ncfy@acf.hhs.gov).
- ◆ The site [ncfy.acf.hhs.gov](http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov) offers a wealth of information including NCFY's literature database, FYSB's latest funding announcements, online versions of many NCFY publications, and a list of online, print, and community resources.

## **Improving Youth Policy and Practice**

NCFY works constantly to improve youth policy and practice.

- ◆ Its conferences and special-issue forums bring together young people, policymakers, and experts in the youth services field to discuss relevant issues and approaches and to learn from one another.
- ◆ NCFY also supports FYSB's work with other Federal agencies and national organizations to develop enhanced practices for strengthening youth and families.

Contact NCFY to learn about these national developments that may benefit youth and families in your community.

NCFY can help you Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (301) 608-8098 or e-mail [ncfy@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ncfy@acf.hhs.gov) for more information. Or visit [ncfy.acf.hhs.gov](http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov) anytime.

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