

# Multiple Education Pathways Blueprints

*Brockton, MA*

**GRANTEE:** City of Brockton, Brockton Public Schools

**ADDRESS:** 43 Crescent Street  
Crosby Administration Building  
Brockton, MA 02301

**AMOUNT:** \$491,666

**DURATION:** Two years

**POPULATION SERVED:** All youth, who are at risk of dropping out, and all dropouts, ages 16-21

**PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION:** The City of Brockton has established the Brockton Working for All Youth (WAY) Task Force that consists of the following major partners: the Mayor's Office, Brockton Public Schools, and Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board (BAWIB). Other partners include the juvenile justice system, a community college, and the local police department.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Brockton's WAY Task Force will build upon the work of the Brockton Blueprint Coalition, established in 1999 to improve efforts to serve at-risk youth. The task force will profile the dropout and at-risk youth population and create a map of existing programs that serve this population. It will research alternative education programs employed throughout the country and assess how national models could be adapted to serve Brockton's dropout and at-risk population. Through focus groups, the Mayor, Brockton Public Schools, and BAWIB will increase public understanding of the city's dropout problem and generate support for efforts to serve the targeted population. Following the development of the blueprint, the city will begin a pilot initiative for ten targeted youth to put the ideas of the task force into practice.

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