

# Multiple Education Pathways Blueprints

*City of Des Moines, IA*

**GRANTEE:** City of Des Moines

**ADDRESS:** 400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

**AMOUNT:** \$491,666

**DURATION:** July 1, 2007- June 30, 2009

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

**PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION:** The City of Des Moines has established a Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint Steering Committee that consists of the following major partners: the Mayor's Office, Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines Independent School District, Iowa Comprehensive Human Services, Pace Juvenile Center, Greater Des Moines Partnership, and Urban Dreams, a community-based organization serving local youth. Additional partners include the local workforce investment board, post-secondary educational institutions, foundations, and community-based organizations.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project, administered by Des Moines Area Community College, will expand upon an on-going regional workforce development effort, promoted through a Greater Des Moines Partnerships report entitled, "Pathways to Prosperity." Five project networks — Education, Employment Services, Juvenile Justice, Social Services and Career Pathways — will work together to analyze both current policy and dropout data to identify gaps in the education and social service delivery system. Youth representatives will play a significant role within each network. The networks' analysis will provide the basis for the development of a comprehensive, multi-faceted strategy that will enhance educational opportunities for struggling students and out of school youth, to decrease the number of dropouts from local high schools, and reform outreach efforts to students in need of supportive services.

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