



Dear Colleague:

Shirley

We are pleased to present our new compendium of evaluations of youth programs and practices, **MORE Things That DO Make a Difference for Youth**. With its 1997 predecessor, **Some Things DO ...**, we now have a set of useful tools: *documented* evaluations of effective youth development practice from around the country.

The new volume was made possible in particular by the Lilly Endowment, The Commonwealth Fund and the General Electric Fund. Since the entire staff of the American Youth Policy Forum contributed to the two compendia, we also acknowledge with thanks all the Forum's supporters who enabled us to publish this new resource for the field.

Additional copies are available upon request, along with the enclosed flyers and press releases, which we hope you will send to your colleagues, policymakers, practitioners and researchers.

Thank you again for helping the Forum improve policy and practice for the advancement of American youth and young adults.

Sincerely

Betsy

Betsy Brand

Glenda

Glenda Partee

Sam

Samuel Halperin

Shirley: Another tool for strengthening youth programs & their providers. Please show Hillary (when she's around post-NYC visits) ... Thanks!

Sam

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National Guard Youth Challenge Program
New American Schools
ProTech: Boston, MA
School-to-Work: Employers
School-to-Work: National
School-to-Work: New York
Tech-Prep: National
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Turner Technical Arts High School:
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Safe Havens: Boys & Girls Clubs of America,
Girls, Inc. and YMCAs

Juvenile Justice Studies

Multisystemic Therapy
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