



Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) Evaluation Information Sheet

About the Study:

The Office of Community Services contracted with Abt Associates and its subcontractor Branch Associates to conduct a study of the Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) program. In response to direction from OCS, the researchers from Abt and Branch are gathering information about how partners awarded CEY grant funds in 2007 are working together to achieve their objectives under the grant. The information collection is referred to as "case studies." Ten grantees are to be selected. Information is to be gathered through on-site visits to these grantees over time (annually). During the visits, researchers will talk with key staff and observe partnership meetings or activities to better understand the nature of the partnership and how it changes over time.

The case studies are to address the following research questions:

- How are CEY partnerships structured and does this change over time? Do the dynamics between the lead and partner organizations change over time?
- In what ways and how do lead organizations build their own capacity and that of their partners? In what ways does the capacity of the partnership as a whole change over time?
- What are some of the successes, challenges, and promising practices among CEY grantees?

About the Interviews:

During the site visits, Abt and Branch research staff will want to meet and talk with program staff at the lead organization and each CEY partner organization. Researchers are interested in talking with staff involved with the CEY partnership and/or other capacity building activities.

The information learned from grantees and partners will be used to prepare reports that will provide valuable information for OCS and other grantees about the experiences, challenges, and successes of grantees operating under a new federal grant program. Specific information gathered through interviews will not be attributed to any individual or organization in the reports. Participation in the interview is voluntary, and key staff has the right not to answer any question or to end the interview at any time.

Your participation in this study is very important and we greatly appreciate your time and help with this research! Thank you!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the CEY case studies, please contact: **Barbara Fink, Case Study Director at 215-731-9980 or bfink@branchassoc.com.**