



MAYOR'S INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE  
ON TRUANCY, CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM  
AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

**COMBATTING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM**  
**10 WAYS TO CONNECT STUDENTS TO CRITICAL RESOURCES**

- 1) Truancy Task Force Electronic Help Center:** Comprehensive listing of resources from academic tutoring to support dealing with asthma available in your neighborhood.  
  
[www.nyc.gov/everystudent](http://www.nyc.gov/everystudent)
- 2) Truancy Task Force Student Success Map:** An interactive directory tailored for *Every Student, Every Day* pilot schools pinpointing vital local resources, including public libraries and recreation centers.  
  
[www.nyc.gov/studentsuccessmap](http://www.nyc.gov/studentsuccessmap)
- 3) WakeUp! NYC:** The Task Force created this multimedia campaign to help students get up and get to school each and every morning. Students can sign up for calls from various celebrities like Trey Songz, Magic Johnson and Whoopi Goldberg. Follow the link to learn more and to sign up for these free calls.  
  
<http://www.wakeupnyc.org/>
- 4) Beacon:** These are school-based community centers serving children, youth, and adults. There are currently 80 Beacons located throughout New York City, operating in the afternoons and evenings, on weekends, during school holidays and vacation periods, and during the summer. These programs are free.  
  
[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/beacon\\_program\\_faq.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/beacon_program_faq.shtml) (FAQ)  
  
[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/beacon\\_program.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/beacon_program.shtml) (Overview)  
  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Beacon> (Search Beacon sites)
- 5) Cornerstone:** Year-round engaging activities for adults and young people, located at 25 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers throughout the five boroughs. Cornerstone youth programs are designed to help participants acquire the skills and attitudes they need to graduate from high school, succeed in their chosen career, and give back to the community.  
  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Cornerstone%20Program>



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- 6) **DYCD Youth Connect:** A free and confidential information service that connects youth to jobs, afterschool programs and training opportunities. Call 212-227-4005 for more information.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/youth\\_connect/youth\\_connect.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/youth_connect/youth_connect.shtml)

- 7) **Teen ACTION:** These programs allow youth between the ages of 13 and 21 to design and implement a meaningful service project that meets a need in their community.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Teen%20Action%20Program>

- 8) **NYC Ladders for Leaders:** An innovative program that offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in summer internships with some of the most dynamic corporations and businesses in New York City.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/nycladders\\_for\\_leaders.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/nycladders_for_leaders.shtml)

- 9) **Dial-A-Teacher:** A homework help program for elementary and middle school students. Call 212-777-3380 Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m., to talk to a teacher.

<http://www.uft.org/dial-a-teacher>

- 10) **And More! Check to see if your school has the following programs:**

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21stCCLC):** An after school program providing youth development activities, academic enrichment and parent outreach. 21stCCLCs are located in 254 schools in all five boroughs.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html>

- **Out-of-School Time:** The Out-of-School Time (OST) Program provides a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities for young people (grades K-12) after school, during holidays and in the summer.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Out%20of%20School%20Time>