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## ***Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research and Practice***

**October 13, 2009 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (ET)**

1:00 – 2:00 PM CST; 12:00 – 1:00 PM MST; 11:00 – 12:00 AM PST;  
10:00 – 11:00 AM ALA; 9:00 – 10:00 AM HAW

No single setting or program can provide all the different supports, services, and opportunities that youth need to be successful. In many states and communities, public- and private-sector leaders have come together to develop comprehensive systems of support for positive youth development through coordinating policies, programs and funding. Based on The Finance Project's new report, [\*A Guide to Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research for Financing and Sustaining Programs\*](#), this webinar will:

- ✓ share key findings on “what works” for youth programs and identify gaps in the research;
- ✓ discuss three promising strategies for financing and sustaining a comprehensive and seamless system that supports positive youth development; and
- ✓ highlight how some states and communities are developing systems and strategies that coordinate supports for youth.

### ***Agenda***

#### **1:50pm (ET) Participants Call-in and Log-On**

- Full instructions will be provided upon registration

#### **2:00-2:05pm Welcome and Introduction**

- Torey Silloway, Senior Program Associate, The Finance Project

#### **2:05-2:45pm Panel Discussion**

- **Torey Silloway, Senior Program Associate, The Finance Project**, will frame the discussion with an overview of the key findings from The Finance Project's new report on “what works” to promote positive youth development and the effects of various program- and system-level strategies on key outcomes for youth. Three promising strategies for financing and sustaining a comprehensive and seamless system that supports positive youth development will be highlighted: using data to target and track investment decisions; accessing flexible funding to maximize coordination; and building and strengthening partnerships.
- **Elizabeth Gaines, State and Local Policy Director, Forum for Youth Investment**, will discuss the Forum's work to support system-building efforts

in youth development at the state and local level. She will also provide an overview of the Ready by 21 framework, an outcome-focused approach and partnership of national organizations representing state and local government, business, education, nonprofits, and community leaders that have joined forces to bring together leaders from across a community and offers proven frameworks, tools and coaching to engage these leaders where they are — building on their current initiatives and resources — and equipping them to think and act differently to improve outcomes for children and youth.

- **Carol Behrer, Executive Director, Youth Policy Institute of Iowa**, will offer insights and lessons learned from the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development, a state-led interagency initiative designed to better align policies and programs and to encourage collaboration among multiple state and community agencies on youth-related issues.
- **Diana Hall, Program Supervisor, SUN Service System, Department of County Human Services, Multnomah County, Oregon** will offer insights and lesson learned from Oregon's Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) initiative, a city-county-school initiative which focuses on bringing together parents, schools, businesses, government, and nonprofit community organizations to ensure student success and close the achievement gap. SUN aligns resources and services to provide a single integrated system of care based on county priorities that include basic living needs, education, safety, accountability, a thriving economy, and vibrant communities.

**2:45-2:55pm Question and Answer Discussion**

**2:55-3:00pm Closing Comments**

- Torey Silloway, Senior Program Associate, The Finance Project

## **Resources**

- [A Guide to Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research for Financing and Sustaining Programs \(August 2009\)](#): This report reviews the research on “what works” to promote positive youth development and explores the effects of various program- and system-level strategies on key outcomes for youth. It addresses the importance of using a strategic financing approach and highlights three promising financing and sustainability strategies to guide investments in positive youth development.
- [Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Results Framework](#): The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development has used several prominent youth development models and research to create a results framework for youth development in Iowa. The Iowa youth development framework identifies four broad result areas, designed to be used across State departments and agencies and at both the state and community levels to guide youth policy, organize planning activities and monitor youth development outcomes.
- The Finance Project, <http://www.financeproject.org>
- The Forum for Youth Investment, <http://forumfyi.org>
- Ready by 21, <http://forumfyi.org/readyby21>
- State Children's Cabinets and Councils Series: <http://forumfyi.org/node/54>
- Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development, <http://www.icyd.org>

- Oregon's Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System, <http://www.sunschools.org>