Please join us for an important Roundtable Discussion on Serving Transitional Youth.

Building Bridges:

Keeping Youth Connected

How are municipalities and nonprofit service providers putting service integration and inter-agency collaboration into practice?

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., with reception to follow

South Light Court, City Hall

San Francisco, CA

Presented by U.C. Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, the City and County of San Francisco, and the Center for Child and Youth Policy, this “policy in practice” roundtable discussion will offer practical guidelines and best practice models for municipalities and nonprofits providing services to transitional youth.

Participants will include:

- Michael S. Wald, Moderator. Michael S. Wald is the Jackson Eli Reynolds Professor of Law at Stanford Law School. He has served as Director of the Department of Human Services for the City and County of San Francisco and Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Wald is the author of numerous books and articles, including Connected By 25, which addresses the needs of transitional youth ages 14-24.

- Linda Harris, Panelist. Linda Harris is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy, where her focus is at-risk youth policy. She is currently co-chairing the Campaign for Youth which is a coalition of national organizations focused on elevating awareness of the growing number of disconnected youth and creating advocacy for a national investment strategy to reconnect them. She previously served as Director of the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Employment Development and as Administrator for the Baltimore City Private Industry Council. Under her leadership, Baltimore was recognized for its comprehensive youth delivery system, its successful welfare employment interventions, "Employ Baltimore" (its intermediary for business services), and for its One-Stop system that served as a “learning laboratory” for the country.

- Amy Lemley, Panelist. Lemley co-founded Oakland, California’s First Place Fund for Youth, a nonprofit organization offering a broad spectrum of services to youth aging out of the foster care system. Lemley has had a significant effect on California policy relating to
transitional youth, particularly in the area of affordable housing and supportive services. She is currently serving as a Policy Advisor for the John Burton Foundation for Children Without Homes.

- Laura Shubilla, Panelist. Laura Shubilla is a co-founder and President of the Philadelphia Youth Network (PYN), a nonprofit, youth workforce development intermediary that promotes academic achievement and career success for 14 to 21 year-olds in Philadelphia. She has overseen PYN's growth from a small subsidiary to an independent citywide organization dedicated to improving post-secondary outcomes for youth. Shubilla has testified at hearings from local to federal levels on the need to coordinate youth development programs.

- Additional panelists will be named shortly, including our youth representative on the panel.

Panelists and participants will share their practical experience and sharpen awareness of promising solutions in this challenging area.

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Youth are welcome!

Event services are being provided by BayCat and Corners Café, two leading youth training and employment providers in the Bay Area. In addition to youth speakers and panelists, we encourage transitional youth advocacy groups and youth-driven nonprofit organizations to attend and join in the roundtable discussion.

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Seating is limited, and so we highly encourage that you register in advance.

Questions? Email BuildingBridgesSF@gmail.com