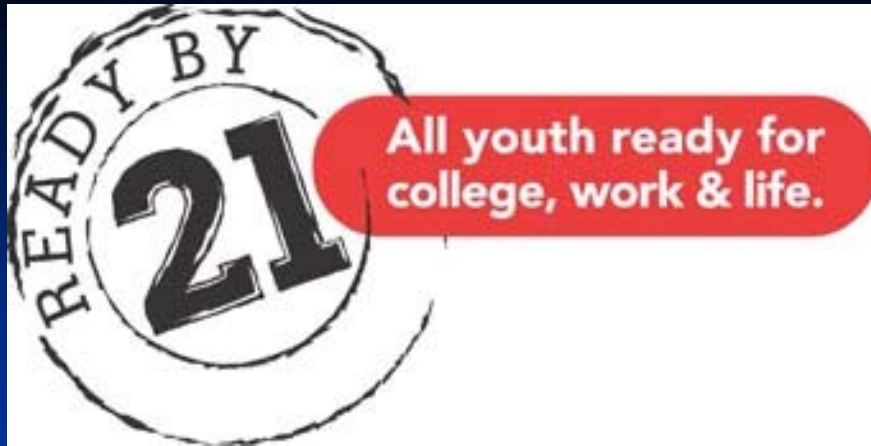


# Ready by 21 Coalition in Austin/Travis County

Report and Invitation to CAN Partners  
Resource Council Meeting  
September 12, 2008

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## **Our vision since inception in 2003**

*All youth in our community are prepared and supported to be:*

- ★ **Ready for higher education and learning**
- ★ **Ready for work and career advancement**
- ★ **Ready to lead healthy lives, and**
- ★ **Ready for positive social and civic connections and engagement.**



# Continuum of Youth Development

## Developmental Ages/Stages

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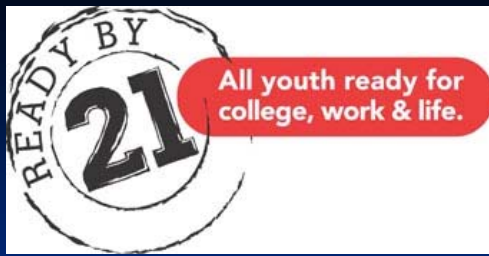
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Who's working on what? How do we make it systemic?

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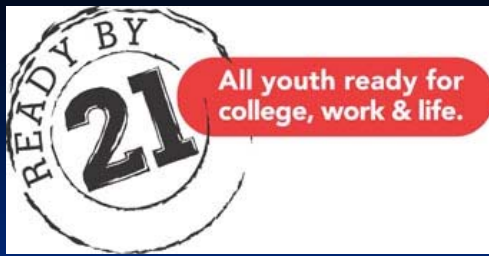


# Quality Counts initiative 2008-09

Forum for Youth Investment grant, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to improve the quality and reach of youth development programming. Austin was one of 11 sites, but the only Coalition in the country, to receive this grant.

- **Align youth policy, leadership, and resources**
- **Develop a strong program base and data map of youth programs and services**
- **Build the capacity to assess and improve programs**
- **Build the capacity to recruit, train, and retain the right staff to provide high quality services to youth**





# Align youth policy, leadership, and resources

- **Building consensus on outcomes and indicators across the continuum**, using the Ready by 21 “Dashboard” framework
  - Key sponsors/partners:
    - Workforce Solutions – Capital Area
    - United Way Capital Area
- **Inviting other Community Action Network partners serving children and youth** to jointly use the Dashboard for a systemic approach



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Community outcomes and indicators for each cell of the framework – draft sample for High School Learning

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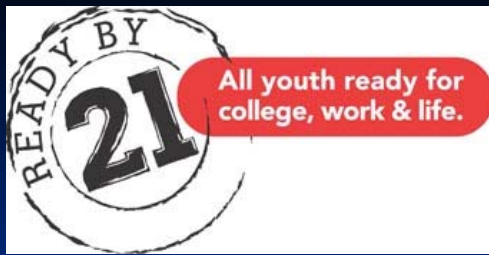
- are academically successful
- graduate from high school
- graduate college ready

**Indicators**

- % passing Algebra by end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- % taking rigorous courses senior year
- Retention rate
- High school graduation rate
- Drop out rate
- Attrition rate (12<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>)
- % meeting TSI requirements ... and more ...

**Comparisons for equity**





# Develop a strong program base and data map of youth programs and services

## ■ Youth Services Mapping (YSM) system

- New system to be launched late Spring 2009
- Profiles to include services, success criteria, capacity, and where services are delivered, by school and by zip code

## ■ Key sponsors/partners:

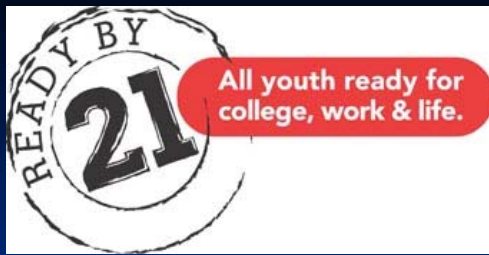
### ➤ Workforce Solutions – Capital Area

- Sponsored design, development and pilot of a YSM system prototype (2004-2007) plus ongoing support of the YSM team.

### ➤ Austin Independent School District

- AISD's ACCESS project (Austin Community Collaboration Enhancing Student Success) will provide approximately \$140,000 over 4 grant years (2008-11) for YSM system development across the continuum.

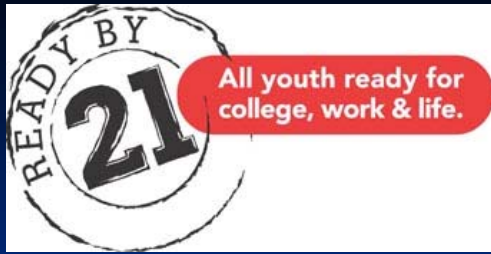




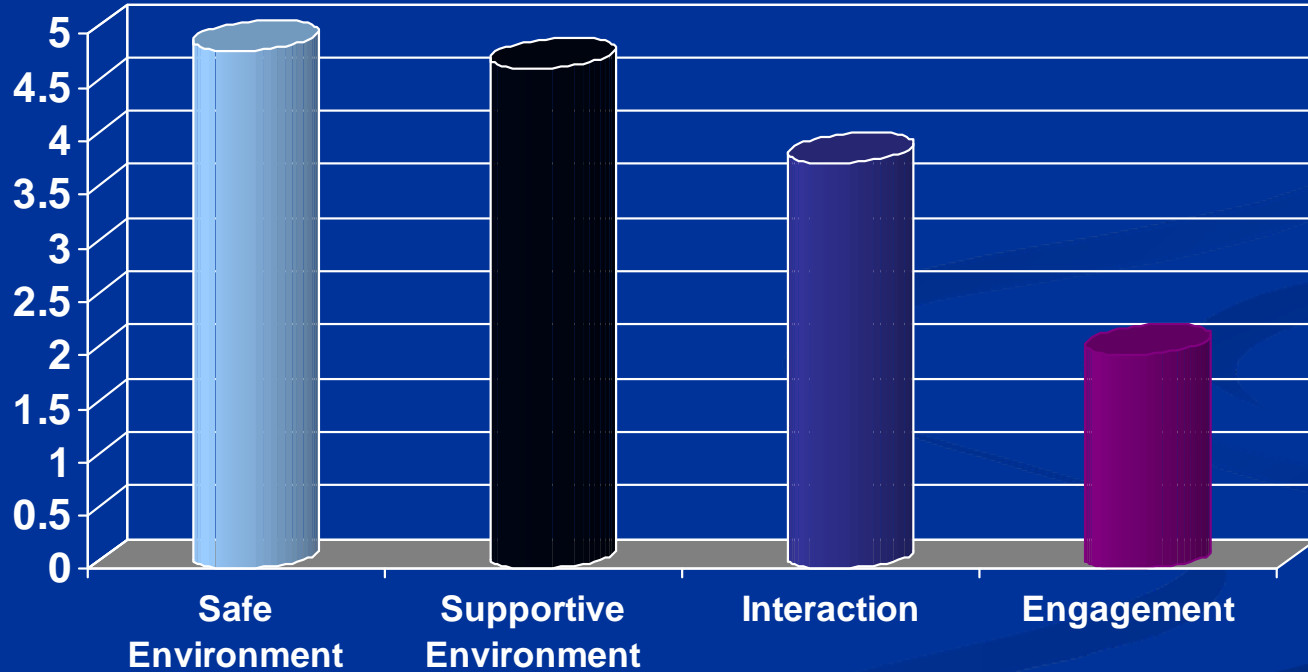
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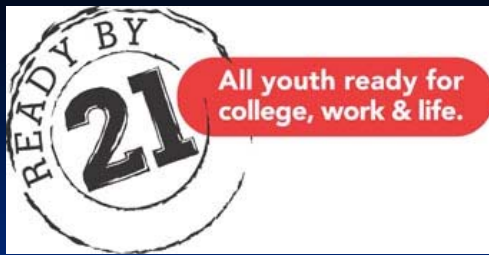
- **Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA)**
  - Nationally validated instrument focused on positive youth development at the point of service
  - YPQA assessor training October 14-16 in Austin
  - 30+ applications received from potential assessors
- **Professional development aligned with the assessment to improve program quality**
  - Key sponsors/resource partners:
    - **United Way Capital Area (UWCA)**
    - **Central Texas Afterschool Network (CTAN)**
    - **Forum for Youth Investment and the Center from Youth Program Quality** (\$90K over 2 years for coordination and professional development + TA valued at > \$34,000)





# Sample YPQA Score Report

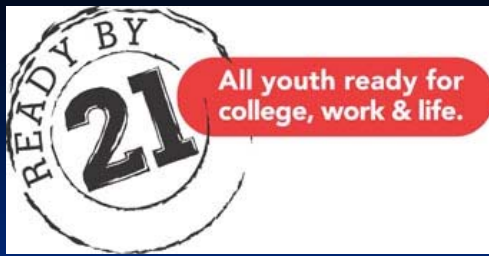




# Participation in the Ready by 21 Coalition

- **45–55 participants per meeting from diverse agencies**
- Steering Committee representatives work for: City of Austin, AISD, United Way Capital Area, Workforce Solutions – Capital Area, Goodwill, Austin Partners in Education, Austin Voices for Education and Youth, and CAN, with past representation from Travis County Juvenile Probation and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- **Value of in-kind time estimated at >\$35,000** by the end of May (based on participant survey using BLS wage data categories)
- **Ready by 21 work teams**
  - Youth Service Mapping (YSM)
  - Quality Assessment and Professional Development (Quality)
  - Go To College (GTC)
  - Youth Engagement
  - Millennium (focused on the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex)
  - New committee forming on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care





# Ready by 21 Systemic Approach

## Invitation/Request to CAN Partners:

- ✓ **Contribute to/adopt a common set of outcomes and indicators** using the Ready by 21 framework
- ✓ **Support implementation of the new YSM system** by encouraging providers to input and maintain profiles to ensure up to date data for community planning
- ✓ **Participate in quality assessment and professional development** to strengthen youth programming
- ✓ **Develop a joint compact** to align policies and resources in support of children and youth

