



**Youth in the Movement
To Leave No Child Behind**

What is the mission of YIM?

Youth voices often go unheard and are left out of important conversations that directly impact their lives. Youth in the Movement to Leave No Child Behind® (YIM) offers the unique opportunity for young people to be heard loud and clear by public officials and influence public policy through community education and raising awareness among legislators about issues affecting New York's youth.

The mission of YIM is to train and empower young people as frontline workers to educate their peers, families and legislators about the importance of improving the wellbeing of all children. YIM promotes collaboration among youth from different areas in New York and provides a forum to share experiences and best practices with each other. At the same time, young people are becoming familiar with public policy and advocacy while discovering where they fit in the bigger picture and how to effect change.

We can build a nation where families have the support they need to make it at work and at home;

Where every child enters school ready to learn and leaves on the path to a productive future;

Where babies are likely to be born healthy, and sick children have the health care they need;

Where no child has to grow up in poverty;

*Where all children are safe in their community and every child has a place to call home;
And all Americans can proudly say:*

“We leave no child behind!”

Who has participated in YIM activities to date?

Abraham House; The After School Corporation; Alianza Dominicana, Inc.; Angel Guardian; Asipra of New York, Inc.; Association to Benefit Children; ATREVETE! Latino Youth; Better Bronx for Youth; Bronx Helpers Program; Catholic Charities; Center for Family Life in Sunset Park; Children's Aid Society; Children's Village; Child Welfare Organizing Project; Christ Rock International Church; Citizen's Advice Bureau; Citizens' Committee for Children of NY; The Coalition for After School Funding; Coalition for Hispanic Family Services; Community Board 4; Community Conciliation Network; Committee for Hispanic Children and Families; Covenant House; The Dome Project; Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies; Flatbush YMCA; Friends of Island Academy; Goddard-Riverside Community Center; Grand Street Settlement Beacon Program; Harlem Children's Zone; H.E.L.P. Harlem Tutoring; Help USA The W.A.Y. Program; Inwood House; Jeter's Leaders; Kingsbridge Heights Community Center; Latin American Integration Center; The Lower East Side Girl's Club; Mott Haven Prevention Program; Miracle Makers; Neighborhood Family Services Coalition; Neighborhood Youth and Family Services; New Settlement Apartments; New York Foundling Hospital; New York Urban League; NYC Mission Society; Phase: Piggy Back, Inc.; Prep For Prep; Safe Space; South Asian Youth Action; St. Ann's Freedom School; Steinway Child and Family Services; Sunnyside Community Services Center; The Valley, Inc.; Youth Action Programs and Homes, Inc.; Youth Force; Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice...