



Youth:Work OBRA

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IYF: Who We Are



- Global non-profit, 501(3)(c), based in Baltimore, MD, USA
- World-wide multisectoral network
- Goal: children and youth are healthy, productive & engaged
- Programs in over 70 countries
- Effectiveness, scale and sustainability -
- “what works”

IYF Core Areas of Focus

- Work
- Learning
- Citizenship



IYF Foundational Programs

- *entra21: Connecting Disadvantaged Youth with Quality Employment (& CYEP) - LAC*
- *Make a Connection (MaC) – worldwide including LAC*
- *Education and Employment Alliance (EEA) – N. Africa, East and Southern Asia*



Youth:Work OBRA Genesis

Included in
President Obama's call
April 2009 Summit of the Americas

- Partnerships
- At-risk youth
- Address key issues
- Leverage interest, relationships and resources



- Two-year, \$2 million initiative
- Geographic focus: LAC region – Caribbean, Central America and South America
- Implemented by IYF, team based in Baltimore, MD, USA
- Central emphasis: formation of multi-sectoral partnerships

OBRA Program Goal

To ensure youth at risk have better access to services and programs needed to be more prepared for citizenship, work, and life, through the creation of effective partnerships among public, private and civil society sectors to expand programs and services.

Intermediate Results

- Multi-Sectoral Partnerships Mobilized to Support Youth At Risk
- Youth At Risk More Prepared and Productively Engaged
- Youth At Risk Programs and Policies Better Informed



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