

THE RESILIENCE ADVOCACY PROJECT
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS
SUMMER 2009

STRENGTHENING YOUTH

RAP strengthens low-income children and youth to move out of poverty by using innovative legal advocacy strategies to protect their access to essential resources and supports.

RAP launched its Preventive Advocacy program in July 2008.
Since then RAP has:

- ◆ Conducted 18 weekly Clinics throughout New York City, providing over 250 young people with legal-rights information, social service referrals, and advocacy assistance;
- ◆ Conducted 25 self-advocacy workshops, providing self-advocacy skill training to over 300 young people in New York City's lowest income communities; and
- ◆ Paired 17 young people with personal advocate-counselors.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

RAP builds the capacity of vital community institutions to strengthen and support youth by providing comprehensive advocacy trainings and resources.

RAP launched its Youth Resilience Training Institute in July 2008.
Since then RAP has:

- ◆ Provided advocacy training and technical assistance to over 100 front-line staff from more than 45 community-based institutions throughout the city; and
- ◆ Built the capacity of a wide range of community institutions, including NYC government agencies, domestic violence shelters, child care programs, and workforce development programs.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Since its founding, RAP has worked to build a strong organizational foundation in order to support and sustain our continued growth and innovation.

Since its founding in 2007, RAP has:

- ◆ Trained 21 volunteers to conduct our Preventive Legal Information and Advocacy Help Desks; Youth Self-Advocacy Workshops; and Advocate-Counselor program;
- ◆ Distributed over 350 newsletters to donors, supporters, and organizational partners;
- ◆ Built a support base of over 100 individual donors, law firms, and institutional supporters.