

Monday Bulletin on Services to Youth

To Coordinate... To Enhance... To Serve... Through Communication...



From the Editor

Hello Readers!

Thanks to all who responded to the request for feedback on the **Monday Bulletin on Services to Youth**. As a result of your feedback, we are making a number of improvements to the Bulletin, such as publishing it on a monthly basis, featuring best practice stories from the field, guest articles, updates on current state initiatives, policy and resource updates, and the calendar of events.

Julie Eckhardt continues on contract as our producer, layout designer and writer. Melissa Emmer has joined the Youth Services team at MRS and will distribute the electronic newsletter to you. Lynn Boza replaces Rosanne Renauer as the editor.

During the next year we will feature the MiConnections project, including the High School High Tech model guideposts and feature stories from the affiliated sites. Your best practice stories, or "I learned a lesson" experiences are welcomed and encouraged. Please email any submissions to Lynn Boza, the editor, at Bozal@michigan.gov.

Your input is invited and always greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Fast Facts on Demographics/Family Life

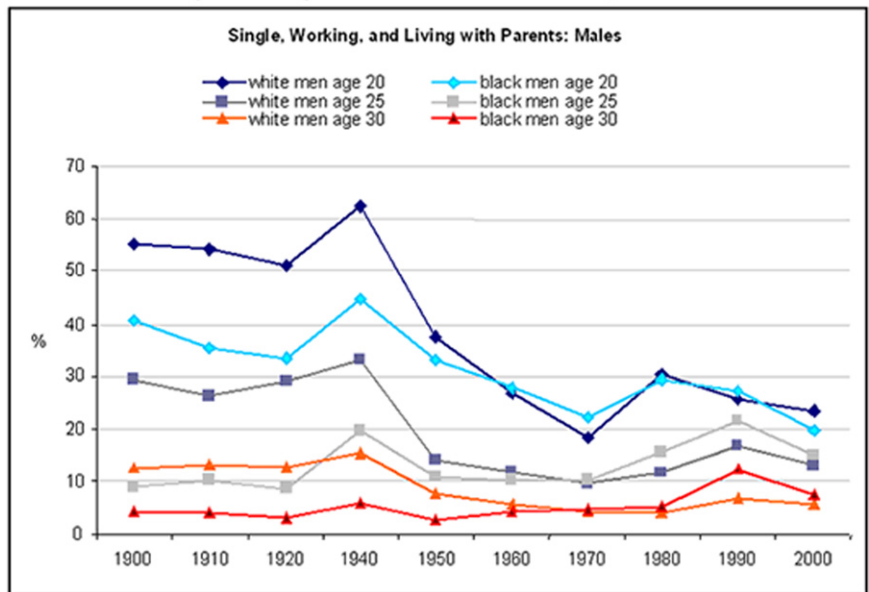
From The Network on Transitions to Adulthood:

www.transad.pop.upenn.edu/media/facts_bd.htm

In 2005, 67 million Americans were between the ages of 18 and 34. Compared with those entering adulthood in the 1970s and 1980s, 18-24 year olds in the late 1990s were:

- more racially and ethnically diverse. Almost 20% of young adults aged 25-34 were born outside the United States.
- much less likely to have been reared in an intact, two-parent family
- more likely to have never married; their earnings are the lowest of all three time periods; and they have lost ground on both social class ranking and occupational prestige.

Patterns of Working and Living with Parents, across the century.



About one-fourth of young adults aged 18-34 are not in the labor force.

About one in five (20%) youth aged 18-34 do not have a high school degree:

- 61% have some college
- 19% have a college degree or higher

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Demographics/Family Life

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Since the 1970s, there has been a 50% increase in the number of young adults in their 20s living at home, which alone has led to a 19% increase in shared housing costs incurred by parents.

Although slightly more than half of men and nearly two-thirds of women had left their parents' home by age 22, 16% of both returned home at some point before age 35.

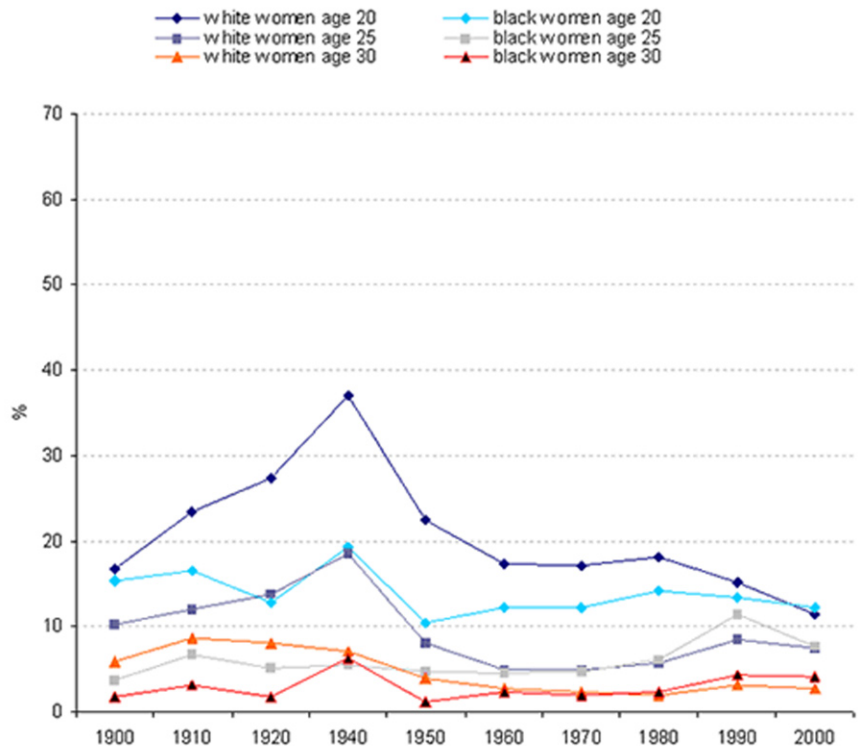
Over time, youth have been less inclined to marry early. The percent of 18-24 year olds never-married:

- 1973: 60.5%
- 1985: 73.8%
- 1997: 73.9%

Even after marriage, men and women combine a variety of roles more often than in the past, such as attending school and working, both before and after childbearing.

Youth today are more disconnected from society via conventional indicators (they are less likely to read a newspaper, attend church, belong to a religion or a union, vote for President, or identify with a political party than previously). However, they are more likely today to have done community service, to use the internet for communication and political information, and to get political information from unconventional sources, such as "mock" news. They are more pessimistic about society in general and of people in particular,

Single, Working, and Living with Parents: Females



but they are more liberal on a wide range of measures, especially on civil liberties, modern gender roles, racial equality, and secularism.

SOURCE: All data from *On the Frontier of Adulthood: Theory, Research, and Public Policy*, edited by Richard Settersten, Jr., Frank Furstenberg, Jr., and Ruben Rumbaut.

Know a youth with vision AND hearing problems?

He or she may be eligible for services from DB Central

Having vision and hearing problems in combination means a youth has very unique educational and transition needs. The youth does not have to be totally deaf and totally blind to be eligible. Students with additional disabilities also qualify.

It doesn't matter if the youth spends time at home or attends school, the youth and his/her family may be eligible for support services from DB Central: Michigan Services for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind.

DB Central provides educational consultation, family support services and training on child-specific or general topics related to meeting the needs of children and young adults who are DeafBlind.

Toll Free: 1-888-758-0508 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dbcen@cmich.edu

Website: www.dbcentral.org

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2006 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>

NOMINATION DEADLINE - April 30, 2006.

Let's Connect Web Site

This web site was created by young people with chronic illnesses for young people with chronic illnesses. It provides forums, links to information about conditions and programs, and Dear Connect where users can write to the site's creators, and more. The web site can be found at <http://www.letsconnect.org/>

Make a World of Difference: 50 Asset-Building Activities to Help Teens Explore Diversity

Help teens explore a wide range of cultural competence with this fun, creative resource for raising diversity awareness. With a comprehensive approach that incorporates a variety of learning styles and skill levels, the three sections include personal-awareness activities for those with little exposure to diversity issues, a section for building cultural awareness around a particular topic, and practice activities for trying out new relationship-building methods. For more information, go to <http://www.search-institute.org/catalog/customer/product.php?productid=16422&cat=&page=&>

SOURCE: Reference Points transition updates from the TATRA Project: www.ncset.org

Save the Dates • Events & Training

Date	Training or Event	Location
March 15, 16 & 17, 2006	MICHIGAN TRANSITION SERVICES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE "THE ART OF TRANSITION" Contact Rick Conklin, MTSA Conference Chair 2006 at 906-645-5681 ext. 115 or e-mail: rconklin@exp.k12.mi.es	Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
March 20-23, 2006	MICHIGAN ADULT EDUCATION & TRAINING CONFERENCE "REACHING OUT - CHANGING LIVES" Register online now! www.mccte.msu.edu	Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center, Kalamazoo
March 20, 2006	BRIDGES TO PRACTICE A research based program for literacy practitioners regarding students with learning disabilities. Information and registration online at: http://www.maepd.org/training.asp	MTEC Henry Ford CC 3601 Schaefer Road Dearborn (313) 317-6600
May 11 & 12, 2005	MI-AHEAD ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE A individuals working with persons with disabilities within higher education. Info and registration at www.mi-ahead.org ! There is a \$5.00 additional charge for online registration and payment.	Radisson Hotel 111 N. Grand Avenue Lansing

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