



"Together we can - and we will - prepare children and youth for college, work and life."

- General Colin Powell

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100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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2011 Competition Winners

In a celebration of America's young people and the communities most dedicated to helping local youth graduate from high school, America's Promise Alliance has announced the 2011 list of *100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING*. This year, more than 300 communities in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., were nominated for the competition. The winners come from 39 states. Twenty-two communities are now five-time winners and 29 communities are first-time recipients of the honor. They were chosen by a distinguished panel of judges that included some of the nation's most well-known civic, business and nonprofit leaders.

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Alabama

- Birmingham
- Sylacauga
- Tuscaloosa County

Alaska

- Anchorage

Arizona

- Chandler
- Flagstaff
- Scottsdale

California

- Alameda
- Chino
- Chino Hills
- Corona
- Indio
- Marina
- Solano County

Colorado

- Aurora
- Brighton
- Montrose County

Connecticut

Mississippi

- Jackson
- Pascagoula School District

Missouri

- Columbia

Montana

- Bigfork
- Missoula County

Nebraska

- Boys Town

New Hampshire

- Dover

New Jersey

- Roxbury

New York

- Amherst
- Glen Cove
- New York City
- Orange County
- White Plains

Hamden
New Haven
Norwalk
Waterbury

North Carolina

Durham
Pitt County

Florida

Alachua County
Greenacres
Manatee County
North Lauderdale
Plantation
St. Petersburg
Tampa/Hillsborough

North Dakota

Grand Forks

Ohio

Cincinnati
Hudson
Norwood

Georgia

Houston County
Troup County

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

Hawaii

Honolulu

Oregon

Portland/Multnomah County

Idaho

Caldwell
Meridian

Pennsylvania

Abington School District
Cartisle
Coatesville
Lower Merion School District

Illinois

Bloomington-Normal

South Carolina

Beaufort County
Charleston
Rock Hill

Indiana

Floyd County

South Dakota

Aberdeen

Iowa

Dubuque
Lamoni

Tennessee

Nashville

Kentucky

Barren County
Clark County
Lexington
Louisville
Paducah

Texas

Longview
Lubbock
St. John Community-School Alliance

Maryland

Calvert County
Salisbury/Wicomico County

Virginia

Alexandria
Chesterfield County
Hanover County
Prince William County

Massachusetts

Surry County

Bedford
Brockton
Cambridge
Fall River
Somerville

Washington

Bellevue
Greater Spokane
Lakewood
Prosser
Redmond

Michigan

Greater Midland
Kalamazoo

West Virginia

Randolph County

Minnesota

Edina
Landfall
Northfield
St. Louis Park

Wisconsin

Waukesha