

## **YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT INITIATIVE PUBLIC USE DATA FILES**

These data files and documentation are derived from the evaluation of the Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative, which provided comprehensive services to at-risk youths in 36 urban, rural, and Native American reservation communities. The evaluation included an area survey of local youths to measure labor-market outcomes in YO grant sites and the use of American Community Survey (ACS) for comparison analysis to estimate the impact of YO programs.

Four data files (and their associated codebooks) are provided:

- Screener – variables from the screening of YO target areas households prior to conducting household survey of youth (at baseline and followup)
- Youth – variables from the household survey of youths at baseline and followup in YO target areas
- Derived – variables derived from Youth file that were used in the evaluation
- YOACS – variables used in the impact analysis based on the merger of Youth survey and ACS data files

To protect the confidentiality of youth subjects, some variables have been recoded or suppressed.

The data-collection plan called for completing a total of 600 interviews with age-eligible youths (300 in-school and 300 out-of-school) during each survey period. The baseline survey was conducted in Year 1 and a follow-up survey was conducted during Year 4 of the study.

The baseline survey was conducted between December 2000 and September 2001 with the majority of the interviews completed by July 2001. In most instances, surveys were conducted simultaneously across the 36 sites; however, baseline surveys extended through September 2001 in some sites, including several of the Native-American sites. The follow-up survey took place in 33 YO sites between December 2003 and August 2004 and did not include two Native American sites nor the District of Columbia.

Further detail about the evaluation methodology is available in Appendix B of the Impact and Synthesis Report.