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Strategic Consulting forms faith-based partnership

Strategic Consulting 3 (New York) has formed a faith-based partnership among Fund for Community Leadership Inc., Fund for the City of New York, New York Theological Seminary and New York City Administration for Children's Services. The partnership aims to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, teens and their families in the foster care system.

The partnership is a collaborative effort led by prominent Reverend Dr. C. Vernon Mason, Fund for Community Leadership, and Reverend Alfonso Wyatt, Fund for the City of New York.

Five students from the [New York Theological Seminary](#) will participate in the program by working in neighborhoods designated by the New York City Administration for Children's Services' [Community Partnership Initiative](#).

Community Partnership Initiative and safe reduction

The Community Partnership Initiative supports part of Casey's agreement with the New York Administration for Children's Services to increase the rates of reunification and reduce use of residential care. It seeks to return teens to their communities and a stable family environment.

Working in communities

Through the new faith-based partnership, students from the New York Theological Seminary will engage with a church in their assigned neighborhood. Their duties will include:

- Supporting families in case conferences
- Assisting teens who are returning to the community from residential facilities
- Recruiting foster families
- Identifying community resources for children, teens and families.

Faith-based institutions and 2020

Faith-based institutions can be a critical contributor to the work of the child welfare system and Casey Family Program's 2020 Vision. Churches and other religious institutions are places known to vulnerable families and are accepted in their lives as a place of support and healing.

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