

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES AT THE CITY OF HOUSTON

Developmental Assets

7. Community Values Youth

Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.

10. Safety

Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.

18. Youth Programs

Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.

39. Sense of Purpose

Young person reports that "my life has purpose."



1) Hardware and reliable high-speed internet;

2) Digital Skills and Quality Remote Content;

3) Literacy/Numeracy Skills; Books and Learning Resources;

4) Health and Nutrition;

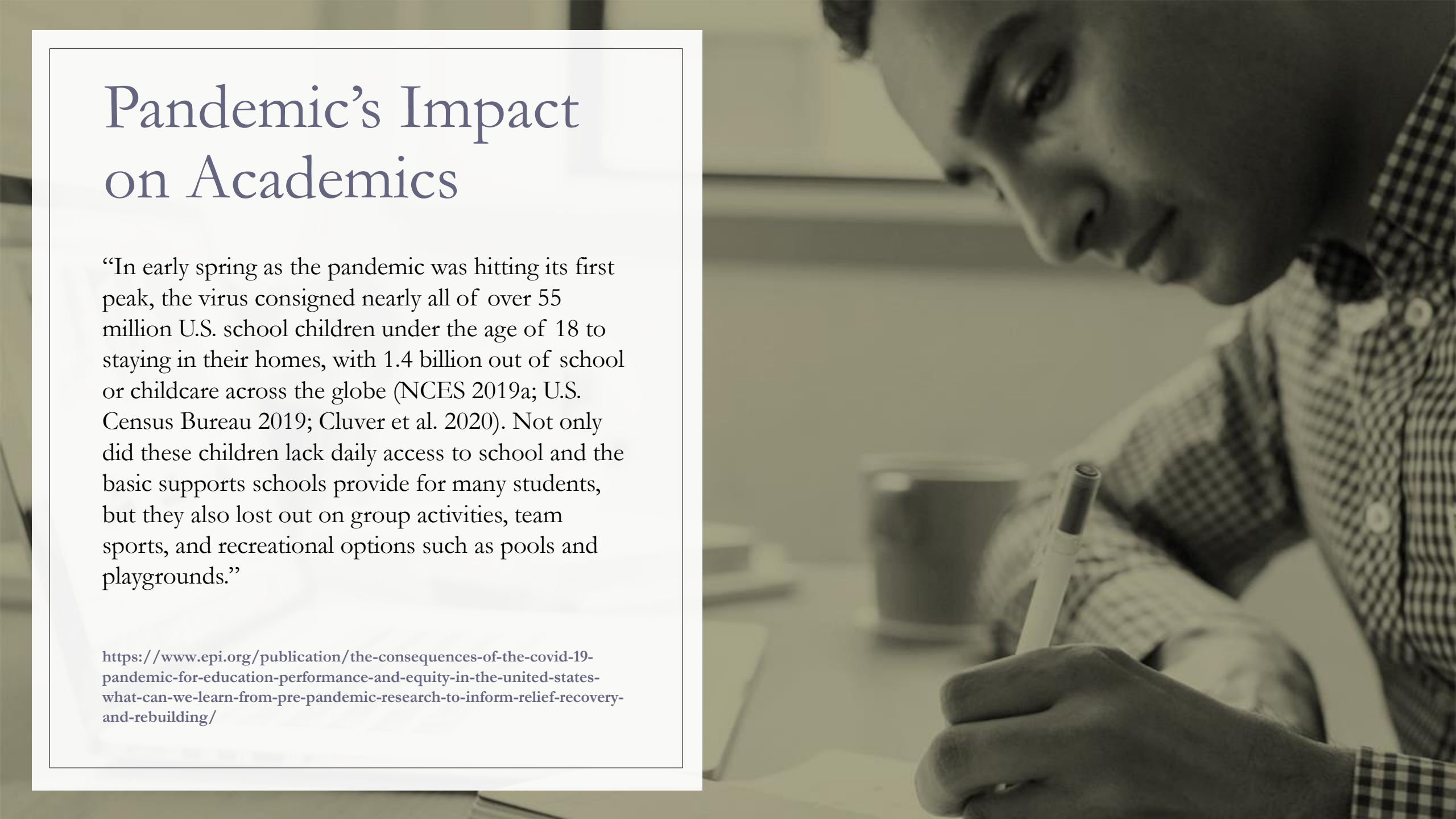
5) Safe Environment; and

6) Out-of-School and After-School Learning.

Pandemic's Impact on Academics

"In early spring as the pandemic was hitting its first peak, the virus consigned nearly all of over 55 million U.S. school children under the age of 18 to staying in their homes, with 1.4 billion out of school or childcare across the globe (NCES 2019a; U.S. Census Bureau 2019; Cluver et al. 2020). Not only did these children lack daily access to school and the basic supports schools provide for many students, but they also lost out on group activities, team sports, and recreational options such as pools and playgrounds."

https://www.epi.org/publication/the-consequences-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-for-education-performance-and-equity-in-the-united-states-what-can-we-learn-from-pre-pandemic-research-to-inform-relief-recovery-and-rebuilding/





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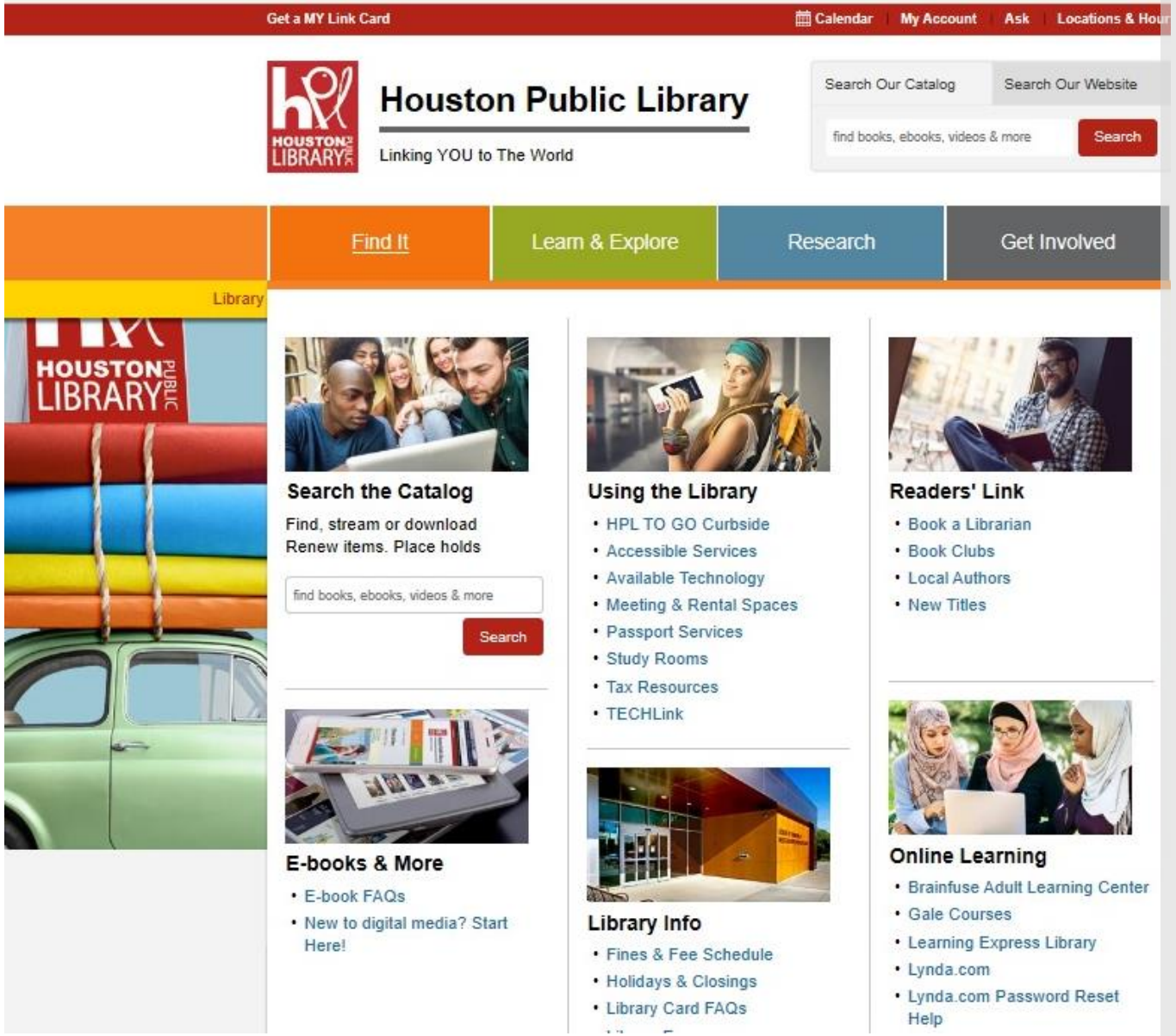
Mayor's Office of Education prioritized the following critical needs areas for children and families during the first stage of the pandemic:

1. Food/Nutrition;
2. Bridging the Digital Divide;
3. Health/Mental Health;
4. Childcare for Essential Workers; and
5. Wraparound Services and Supports.

City of Houston – Highlights



- Houston Public Library
- Houston Parks & Recreation
- Houston Health Department



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- https://houstonlibrary.org/
- Expanded Learning Link
- Brainfuse for children and adults
- Lynda.com
- Café College
- Digital Books, Podcasts, and Videos
- Checkout computers, hotspots and other equipment
- Visit HPL's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/houstonlibrary.



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HPL Craft: Looping Penguin

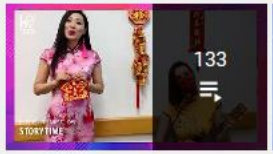
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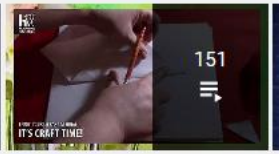
Playlists



HPL Storytime



HPL Book Chats



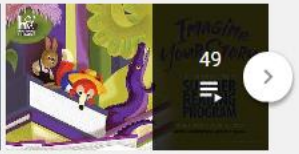
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HPL Gaming



HPL STEM Activities

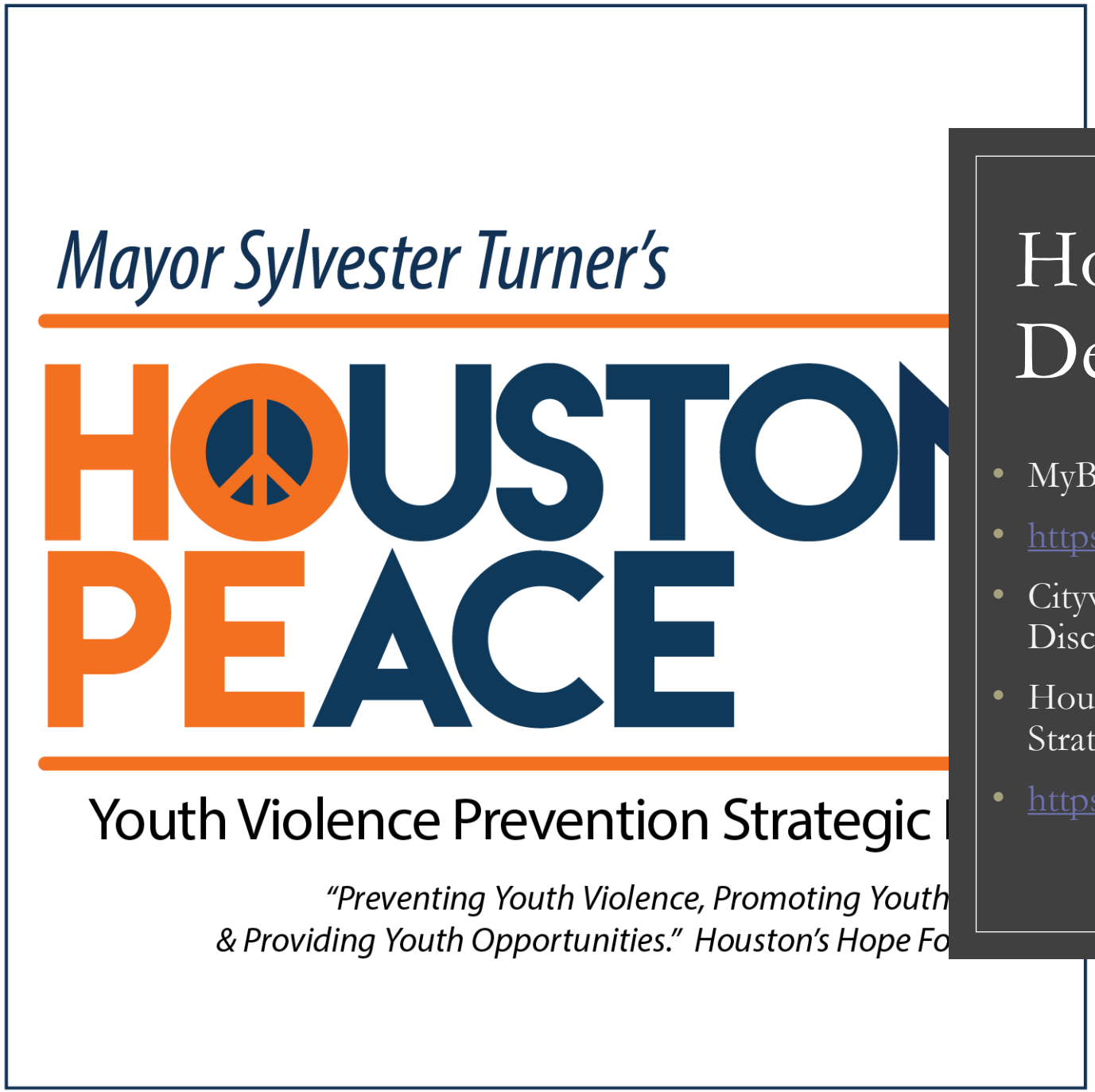


HPL Summer Reading Program



Houston Parks & Recreation

- After School Enrichment Program
- After School Meals
- Curbside Meals
- Local Park Sites
- Trails
- Houston Soccer for Success
- http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/



Houston Health Department

- MyBrother's Keeper - Houston
- https://www.thebasicshouston.org/
- Citywide Effort to Address Implicit Bias in School Discipline
- Houston Peace – Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan, http://houston4peace.org/.
- https://www.houstontx.gov/health/mbk/index.html

Mayor's Office of Education

- http://www.houstontx.gov/education/
- Be Well, Be Connected (https://www.bcm.edu/community/healthcare-outreach/mental-health/be-well-be-connected-mental-health)
- Out2LearnHOU (www.out2learnhou.org)
- NLC's Cities Connecting Children to Nature
- UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative
- TeamUp
- Hire Houston Youth (www.hirehoustonyouth.org)

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OUT·2·LEARN

bewell beconnected

Providing coordinated mental health services to youth in the Houston area

Mayor's Office of Education

Baylor College of Medicine

THANK YOU!

