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Best Practice: Future Kids Program

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Afterschool Program Teaches New York City Children Valuable Computer Skills

New York. Future Kids @ NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) is an after-school computer technologytraining program that teaches children how to use computer hardware and software. Citywide, up to 1,000 NYCHA children ages 9 to 12 attend 25 after-school programs. They are given an introduction on computer usage and application, including an introduction to computer hardware and navigating the Windows environment; Web page development; and introduction to word processing, spreadsheets and databases. The goal of the program is to teach computer literacy skills by having students create practical, reality-based projects using a variety of computer application software, while, at the same time, fostering a challenging, cooperative and rigorous academic environment. The program demonstrates an improved quality of life for participating children. It also increases their potential for self-development and opens up future career opportunities.

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