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### **YouthCity Director Selected to Attend Leadership Conference**

*Salt Lake City Recognized for Commitment to After-School Efforts*

The National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education and Families (YEF Institute), and the United States Conference of Mayors announced that it has chosen Janet Wolf, director of youth and family programs for Salt Lake City, to attend the Expanded Learning Opportunities Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. March 18-19, 2004.

Wolf, who oversees the city's YouthCity program and other initiatives, is part of a distinguished group of other municipal officers and senior city staff chosen to work with the YEF Institute and Conference on building municipal capacity in after-school programs.

According to the Institute, Wolf was selected because of Salt Lake City's investment in after-school issues, and its commitment to play a pivotal role in supporting and strengthening our most vital resource—children.

"We are honored that Salt Lake City has been recognized on a national level for our willingness to make the needs of young people a real priority," said Mayor Rocky Anderson. "As after-school funding to our schools dwindles, it is more important than ever that city government continues to serve a role in providing safe, enriching opportunities for youth during out-of-school time. This investment will pay huge dividends to all members of our community for years to come."

#### **About YouthCity**

YouthCity, Salt Lake City's youth initiative, is designed to maximize opportunities for young people to succeed in life. YouthCity includes a variety of opportunities for school-aged youth, including an employment program, government/civics activities, after-school and summer programs, arts education, community service and refugee programs.