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Chicago is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because the city schools' Education-to-Careers (ETC) program combines an academic high school curriculum with technical training, serving over 27,500 students in 64 schools and 12 career academies. In 2006, ETC conducted a cross-sector strategic planning initiative with 31 national and international experts and the Illinois Department of Employment Security to align program development with high-potential occupational opportunities. Also in 2006, the Mayor's KidStart program provided more than 15,000 internships in over 180 businesses and city departments.

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