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LOCATE YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS USING NEW SEARCHABLE DATABASE

A new searchable database is now housed on the CIRCLE Web site at www.civicyouth.org. It includes hundreds of youth-focused organizations working at both the national and local levels. Users can search for organizations in their city or state, or identify national organizations that may have local chapters. The database is a useful tool for newcomers looking for the lay of the land as well as for seasoned practitioners who may be hoping to update their contacts and catch up on the latest developments in the field.

Users can also search for organizations by a variety of other criteria including: organization name, focus, and type. The

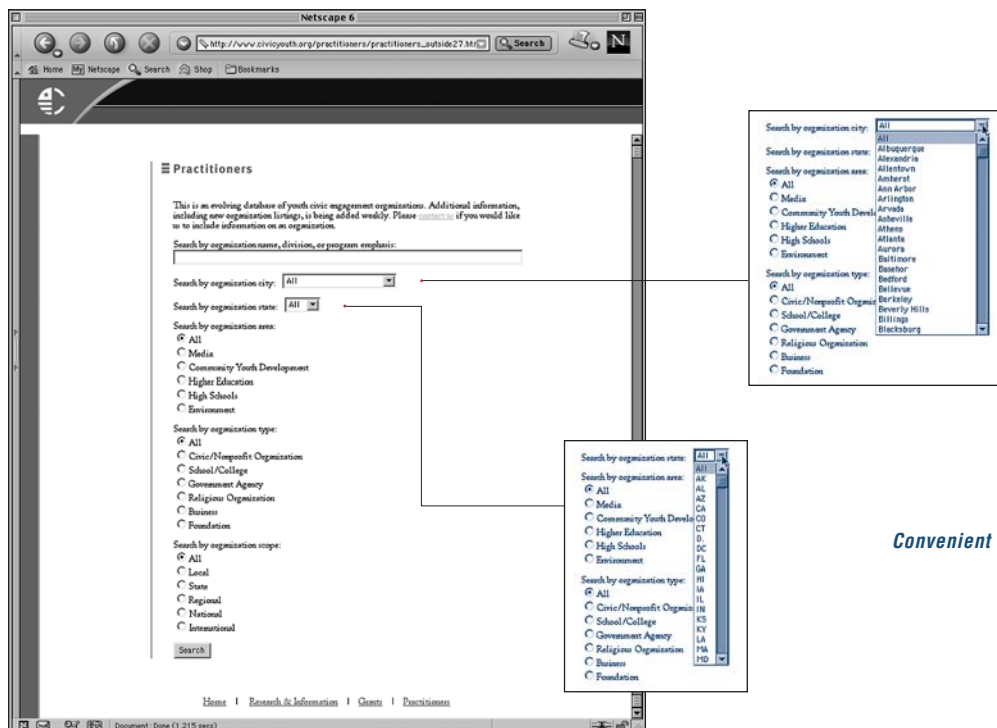
flexibility of the organizational search makes it a great research tool for anyone wishing to study a sample of youth civic engagement organizations.

Carmen Sirianni and Lewis A. Friedland, along with several colleagues, developed the database by interviewing over one hundred leading civic practitioners in five areas: community youth development, higher education, high schools and service learning, the environment, and youth communication. Each person interviewed, in turn, nominated other key organizations and leaders resulting in a valuable resource for practitioners and researchers interested in the youth civic engagement field.

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The database is evolving with new organizations being added on a weekly basis. Additional organizations can be nominated by sending an e-mail with the recommended organization to jgirotti@ssc.wisc.edu. ★

FIGURE 1: Database of Civic Youth Engagement Organizations



Convenient pull-down menus provide city and state listings.