Carnegie Schools for a New Society

**Goal Area of the Activity**
Working with broad-based school-community partnerships, the Schools for a New Society supports the goals of reforming schools and improving teacher quality at comprehensive, urban high schools across the United States.

**Brief Summary**
Funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Schools for a New Society initiative aims to reinvigorate efforts to improve high schools around the country. AED’s Center for School and Community Services is developing a learning network of 10 local collaboratives selected to receive planning grants under the Carnegie Corporation’s Schools for a New Society plain initiative.

**Purpose**
The five-year initiative seeks to support system-wide excellence in high school education by fostering comprehensive school reform, with the goal of assuring that all students have an excellent secondary education.

**Accomplishments/Results**
The Center for School and Community Services at AED has worked with 10 local collaboratives to plan and design their approaches and strategies for high school reform. AED has provided technical assistance and evaluation services for the project.

**Plans for the Next 12 Months**
AED will continue helping the collaboratives select strategies and approaches for comprehensive secondary school reform; foster stable and effective leadership; and identify and mobilize existing strengths in the selected communities to create a sustainable secondary school reform movement.