



YSI Announces Plans To Evaluate Financial And Strategic Alternatives

June 19, 1998

Owings Mills, MD -- June 19, 1998 -- Youth Services International, Inc. (Nasdaq: YSII) announced today that it has hired SunTrust Equitable Securities to evaluate financial and strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value. Among the alternatives being explored are joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions and strategic alliances.

Timothy P. Cole, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, "The Board of Directors of Youth Services International, Inc. has directed the officers of the Company to explore financial and business strategies with a view to enhancing shareholder value. Opportunities in the juvenile justice industry remain strong and we believe YSI's leadership position in the industry is not currently reflected in the Company's valuation."

Youth Services International, Inc. is headquartered in Owings Mills, Maryland and provides residential services to adjudicated youth serving over 2,000 youth in 12 states. For more information on YSII at no cost via facsimile, please dial 1-800-**PRO-INFO** and enter code 125 or stock ticker YSII. You may also visit us on the internet at **www.ysii.com**.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties or other factors not under the Company's control which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from the result, performance, or other expectations implied by these forward-looking statements. For further information about the Company, investors are encouraged to review the Company's most recent SEC filings.

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Youth Services International Announces Management Changes

For Immediate Release:

June 9, 1998

Owings Mills, MD -- June 9, 1998 -- Youth Services International, Inc. (Nasdaq: YSII) announced today Mark S. Demilio, formerly the Company's Senior Vice President Corporate Development, has been named Acting Chief Financial Officer, effective June 8, 1998. Mr. Demilio replaced William P. Mooney, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who left the Company to pursue other opportunities. Mr. Mooney will be available to assist the Company in the transition on a consulting basis.

Mr. Demilio, a certified public accountant and lawyer, has been employed by YSI for approximately 15 months. Mr. Demilio will continue his role as General Counsel and Secretary for the Company.

YSI also announced the addition of David L. Cole as Vice President Business Management. Mr. Cole has assumed responsibility for proposal and project development, training, admissions and human resources. Mr. Cole replaced Mr. David B. Dolch, Senior Vice President New Business, who has left the Company to pursue other opportunities.

Prior to joining YSI, Mr. Cole served as Vice President for Global One, the international telecommunications joint venture of Sprint, France Telecom and Deutsche Telecom. He also served in various management positions at Sprint from 1994 through 1996 and served as President of Wackenhut Applied Technologies from 1991 through 1993. Mr. Cole served 28 years in the United States Army with his last assignment as Defense Attaché to Mexico with the rank of Brigadier General. He earned degrees from the United States Military Academy and Purdue University, attended the Army War College and was a Brookings Institute Fellow.

In announcing these management changes, Timothy P. Cole, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, expressed his confidence in the abilities of Messrs. Demilio and Cole and stated, "Mark's background as a CPA and his experience as a securities lawyer give him the skills necessary to assume financial responsibility. Mark has been an integral part of the senior management team and with the assistance of Jeff Hamet, the Company's Controller, should have a relatively smooth transition. Dave Cole is a proven leader whose international and government experience make him the ideal candidate to help YSI win and develop new projects. His management and leadership abilities will be an asset to this management team."

Youth Services International, Inc. is headquartered in Owings Mills, Maryland. The Company currently operates 22 programs in 12 states serving more than 2,000 youth. For more information on YSII at no cost via facsimile, please dial 1-800-**PRO-INFO** and enter code 125 or stock ticker YSII. You may also visit us on the internet at **www.ysii.com**.

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