



## **Spring CCRY Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**FHI 360, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW**

**Greeley Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

**Washington, DC 20009**

### **EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME AND OUT-OF SCHOOL YOUTH: STRENGTHENING EDUCATION, CAREER PATHWAYS, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING STRATEGIES**

#### ***Agenda***

##### **DAY ONE—April 1st**

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##### ***Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM***

##### **9:00AM – 9:30AM      Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

*Bob Rath, Executive Director, Our Piece of the Pie*

*Kisha Bird, Director, Youth Policy, CLASP*

##### **9:30AM – 10:15AM      Brief Update on National Policy and Legislative Landscape**

Several efforts have been under way at the federal level including legislative reauthorizations – the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and Higher Education Act (HEA) - and Administration Initiatives – Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, My Brother's Keeper, and Growing Apprenticeships. What is the impact on local programming and what to expect next?

*Kisha Bird, CLASP*

*Andrea Barnes, Policy Analyst, CLASP*

##### **10:15AM - 11:15AM      In Focus: Developing Strong Career Pathways Programs and Systems**

For the past two years, CCRY network communities have been instrumental in helping to shape the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways (AQCP) framework. During the fall meeting we discussed how the framework and self-assessment tool could be used to assess the comprehensiveness and quality of local career pathways and systems. During this facilitated session, communities will begin collaboratively mapping specific career

pathways programs/initiatives and discuss how workforce, education, and human services systems and policies support and/or pose barriers to strengthening programming. The discussion will also weave in themes from WIOA since that legislation strongly encourages a career pathways approach.

*Facilitators: Judy Mortrude, Director of Alliance for Quality Career Pathways, CLASP  
Manuela Ekowo, Research Assistant, CLASP*

**11:15AM - 11:30AM BREAK**

**11:30AM - 12:30PM In Focus: Developing Strong Career Pathways Programs and Systems (Cont'd.)**

**12:30PM - 1:45PM Lunch and US Conference of Mayors (US COM) Workforce Development Committee Strategy (WDC) Discussion**

Two years ago we initiated a conversation about elevating the visibility of disconnected youth- challenges and solutions - through a stronger partnership with US COM. From that initial discussion, we helped to draft a resolution (comprehensive youth employment) that was passed, and began a closer working relationship with WDC leaders. Building on this earlier work, this strategy discussion will focus on how we harness current leadership and momentum to build champions and elevate policy and practice solutions at the national, state, and local level.

*Rick Beasley, Executive Director, Career South Florida and President, US Conference of Mayors - Workforce Development Committee*

**2:00PM — 4:00 PM Conversation with National Policy Makers and Federal Agencies**

This session is designed as a moderated panel discussion with federal agency partners to learn more about their priorities and share ideas, challenges, and solutions on supporting opportunities for youth – with focus on out-of-school and out-of-work youth and youth of color. ***Please note: There will be a limited amount of information staff can share regarding the proposed regulations for WIOA.***

*Moderator: Lisa Johnson, Associate Director of Programs, FHI 360*

**4:00 PM — 5:00 PM Debrief and Preparing for Tomorrow's Discussions**

**\*\*\*\*\* Dinner on Own\*\*\*\*\***

**Please see Andrea Barnes if you are interested in participating in the group dinner.**

## DAY TWO—April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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***Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM***

**9:00AM – 9:30AM      Recap of Yesterday's Discussions, Actions, and Next Steps**

**9:30AM – 11:30 AM      WIOA Implementation: Challenges and Opportunities**

In this session, we will discuss status of local WIOA planning and implementation – current and future barriers to implementation, as well as promising and exciting developments. The Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services have yet to publish their proposed rules for WIOA – but DOL has issued recent guidance. We will have this dialogue in that context, while at the same time pushing for priorities that may not have been explicitly stated in [WIOA \(building off of the memo we submitted December 2014\)](#).

- Governance and Planning
- Enrollment and Eligibility
- Performance and Accountability
- Movement Across Funding Streams (Title I and Title II Interactions)
- New Programmatic Ideas/Partnerships

*Discussion Leaders:*

*Kisha Bird, CLASP*

*Andy Moore, Senior Fellow, National League of Cities' IYEF*

*Don Spangler, Consultant, National Youth Employment Coalition*

*Linda Harris, Consultant*

**11:30AM – 11:45AM      BREAK**

**11:45AM – 1:00 PM      Lunch Discussion: *Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships – Definitions, Challenges and Opportunities***

The Obama Administration recently announced [new Apprenticeship grants](#) as well as included new investments for Apprenticeships in its proposed budget for 2016. While there have been some national discussions around pre-apprenticeships, there have been limited policies developed connecting these two strategies. During this session, we will share what we know informed by research and experience and discuss action steps to influence federal policy.

**1:00 – 1:30 PM      Wrap Up and Next Steps**

**1:30PM      Meeting Adjourned**