



Fall CCRY Meeting October 2nd and 3rd, 2014
Full Employment Council
1740 Paseo Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64108

DEVELOPING YOUTH EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE WAKE OF WIOA ENACTMENT

Agenda

DAY ONE—October 2nd

Continental Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM

8:30AM - 9:15AM **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

9:15AM - 10:00AM **Brief Update on National Policy and Legislative Landscape**

Several efforts have been under way at the federal level including legislative actions and Administration initiatives that impact disconnected and disadvantaged youth: My Brother's Keeper, the Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, Higher Education Reauthorization, and budget defense of non-defense discretionary programs.

10:00AM - 11:15AM **Unpacking WIOA and its Implications for Low-Income and Disconnected Youth**

The enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) marks a new era for state and local workforce delivery systems. Key changes—including targeting of formula funds to serve high needs youth and changes to youth eligibility requirements, among other things—mark new opportunities for investment in programming for older, disconnected youth. This two-part session will take a deep dive into the new law's provisions. The Department of Labor has much work ahead as it will publish its proposed rules for WIOA in January. We want to be an integral part in assuring that the spirit of the law is contained in the regulations, while at the same time pushing for priorities that may not have been explicitly stated in WIOA.

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

11:30AM - 12:30PM **Unpacking WIOA and its Implications for Low-Income and Disconnected Youth (continued)**

12:30PM - 1:15PM

LUNCH

1:15PM - 3:00PM

Career Pathways: Alliance for Quality Career Pathways

During the last CCRY network meeting, CLASP staff shared Version 1.0 of the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways (AQCP) framework and how communities might use it to measure and manage success. In this session, CLASP staff will share the new self-assessment tool and discuss how communities can use it to assess the comprehensiveness and quality of their career pathways and systems. The discussion will also weave in themes from the morning conversation on WIOA, since that legislation strongly encourages a career pathway approach.

3:00PM — 3:15PM

BREAK

3:15PM — 4:30PM

CCRY Data and Performance Metrics Project: Implications for WIOA

During this session, we will share an overview of the data project aimed at documenting youth outcomes across several indicators and communities. Then we will discuss next steps, including informing the development of WIOA performance measures.

4:30 PM — 5:00 PM

Wrap-up and Preparing for Tomorrow's Discussions

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

We will have options available for those that are interested in participating in a group dinner.

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DAY TWO—October 3^d

Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM

9:00AM - 9:15AM **Recap of Yesterday's Discussions, Actions, and Next Steps**

9:15AM - 10:00AM **Educational Strategies for Over-age and Under-credited Youth**

The phrase “over-age, under-credited” (OU) describes the academic background of a population of youth at the heart of our nation’s dropout crisis. During this time, we will explore research from a new report documenting innovative, recuperative education strategies to assist youth who have not been successful in traditional school settings. Through contract and charter schools, parent engagement, competency-based learning, and blended and extended learning, OU youth are given the right environment and individualized attention to stay in school.

Bob Rath, Our Piece of the Pie, Hartford, CT

10:00AM - 12:00PM **Postsecondary Pathways and Relationships with Employers**

The goal of postsecondary education is to prepare youth and young adults for employment, but youth can never truly be ready without having actual work-related experiences. This session will describe how workforce development systems partner with postsecondary institutions and employers to create opportunities for out-of-school youth to earn credentials and gain work experience. It will also explore the question: what does the WIOA law mean for building postsecondary pathways and employer relationships?

Clyde McQueen, Full Employment Council, Kansas City, MO and Local Partners

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**