



## Spring CCRY Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

FHI 360, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW

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

Washington, DC 20009

### EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

#### *Agenda*

#### **DAY ONE—March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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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 — 10:45AM Brief Update on National Policy and Legislative Landscape**

Several efforts have been under way at the federal level including reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Higher Education Act - and Obama Administration Initiatives – Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, My Brother’s Keeper, and Performance Partnership Pilots (P3). In addition, there has been action in both Congress and the Administration around criminal justice and juvenile justice reform. What is the impact on local programming and what to expect next?

*Kisha Bird, CLASP*  
*Andrea Amaechi, Policy Analyst, CLASP*

#### **10:45AM — 11:00AM BREAK**

#### **11:00AM — 1:00PM WIOA Planning: Challenges and Wins**

This will be a facilitated session on WIOA planning and implementation. What are the challenges bright spots, wins, and promising happenings in your community? What are

your thoughts on your state's draft WIOA plan and what are the implications for your local system and strategies? What actions can be taken at the federal level, including guidance and technical assistance from agencies, that would help you to deliver services more effectively?

**1:00PM — 2:00PM      WORKING LUNCH**

Over lunch, we will hear from a dynamic leader spearheading a national initiative with mayors around violence prevention and reduction focused on boys and young men of color.

*Anthony Smith, Executive Director, Cities United*

**2:00PM — 3:30PM      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 final regulations for WIOA.***

*Moderator:  
Kisha Bird, CLASP*

**3:30PM — 4:00PM      CCRY Data Project Revisited**

Hear about CCRY's previous work looking at data metrics and impact for out-of-school youth and how this work can inform future funding opportunities.

*Discussion Leaders:  
Linda Harris, Consultant  
Lisa Johnson, Associate Director of Workforce Programs, National Institute for Work and Learning, FHI 360*

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

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

**DAY TWO—March 11<sup>th</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 — 11:00AM WIOA Planning and Youth with Disabilities**

WIOA creates new opportunities for serving youth with disabilities throughout the law, but especially in Title IV. Vocational Rehabilitation departments are now mandated to reserve at least 15% of funds for pre-employment services for youth with disabilities. The Department of Labor has encouraged workforce development boards to coordinate planning and services with vocational rehabilitation departments. How can communities utilize these new policy changes to better serve youth with disabilities?

*Discussion Leaders:*

*Andrea Amaechi, CLASP*

*Curtis Richards, Director, Center for Workforce Development, IEL*

*DJ Ralston, Senior Project Associate, Center for Workforce Development, IEL*

**11:00AM 5-MINUTE BREAK**

**11:05AM — 12:30PM Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) Act Reauthorization: Connections with WIOA, Maximizing Opportunities for Out-of-School Youth**

WIOA encourages partnership with Perkins CTE through combined plans at the state level, though there are major barriers to implementing this strategy. What changes to the law, such as adding a definition of out-of-school youth and requiring some portion of formula funds to be spent on out-of-school youth, would facilitate better alignment between WIOA and CTE programs – allowing for leveraging of resources and better career pathways?

*Discussion Leaders:*

*Lisa Johnson, FHI 360*

*Ivan Charner, Director, National Institute for Work and Learning, FHI 360*

*Margie de Ruyter, CCPT Grant Manager, College and Career Readiness Unit, San Diego County Office of Education*

*Thomas Showalter, Director, NYEC*

**12:30PM — 1:30 PM LUNCH: Big Picture Planning – Preparing for the Next Administration**

Given that 2016 is a transition year for the Obama Administration, where do we want to focus our advocacy? What Administration initiatives can we leverage to lift up out-of-school youth?

*Discussion Leader:*

*Don Spangler, Consultant, NYEC*

**1:30PM Meeting Adjourned**