

## Spring 2019 Meeting

### *Equity and the Future of Youth Employment*

April 3-5, 2019

**DAY ONE—April 3**

**Center for Law and Social Policy, 1200 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200**

**2:00PM – 2:15PM**

**Snacks**

**2:15PM – 2:45PM**

**Welcome, Introductions, Overview, Icebreakers**

*Kisha Bird, CLASP*

*Marlén Mendoza, CLASP*

*Noel Tieszen, CLASP*

*Toyce Newton, Southeast Arkansas*

*Whitney Bunts, CLASP*

**2:45PM—3:30PM**

**The Big Picture: Federal Policy and Our Response**

There have been a lot of changes on Capitol Hill since our Fall convening: House leadership shifted. JJDPA was reauthorized. The public is buzzing with talk of minimum wage and a Green New Deal. What do these issues mean for our work with youth?

*Alexandra Costello, CLASP*

*Kisha Bird*

*Noel Tieszen*

**3:30PM—3:45PM**

**Break**

**3:45PM—4:50PM**

**Equity and Youth Policy-making**

What budget and policy tools can be used to dismantle systems of power that affect youth of color, low-income youth, Opportunity Youth, and others facing systemic barriers? We'll discuss approaches to policy, resource allocation, and collaboration among youth, workforce boards, and others to push youth-serving systems toward equity.

*Kisha Bird*

*Marlén Mendoza*

*Nia West-Bey*

**4:50PM—5:00PM**

**Wrap-up**

**8:30AM – 9:00AM**

**Breakfast**

**9:00AM – 9:30AM**

**Warmup Activity**

**9:30AM—9:50AM**

**Key Youth Employment Strategies: Looking Back and Looking Ahead**

*Thomas Showalter, National Youth Employment Coalition*

*Rashaun Bennett, National Youth Employment Coalition*

*Whitney Bunts*

**9:50AM – 10:45AM**

**Building Effective, Equitable Apprenticeship Systems: Part I**

Apprenticeships are a hot topic nationwide, but they take different shapes in every community. This two-part session will explore the roles that apprenticeship systems can play in our work with young people. What do we mean when we talk about pre-apprenticeship? How can we use pre-apprenticeship as an equity tool? What makes a quality pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship experience? What would youth-centered models look like? What stands in the way of youth of color, low-income youth, Opportunity Youth, and others facing systemic barriers? What assets do they bring, and what policy solutions can facilitate their success? Whether you're working closely with industry, testing innovative models, or simply wondering where to start, hear what's happening at the community level and share what you would like to see.

*Judy Mortrude, CLASP*

*Community discussants: Denver, New Orleans, Seattle*

**10:45AM – 11:15AM**

**Break**

**11:15AM – 12:00PM**

**Building Effective, Equitable Apprenticeship Systems: Part II**

*See description above.*

**12:00PM – 1:00PM**

**Lunch**

**1:00PM – 2:30PM**

**Challenges and Opportunities in Summer Youth Employment Programs**

Despite public opinion that youth don't want to work, demand for SYEPs continues to exceed supply of jobs. With so much of our work concentrated on funding and managing summer experiences, it can be difficult to integrate summer jobs in a meaningful career pathway. In this session, we'll explore funding and infrastructure challenges as well as opportunities to weave summer jobs into longer-term strategies.

*Noel Tieszen*

*Community discussants: Albany, Baltimore, Orlando*

**2:30PM – 3:30PM**

**Pop-up Break-out Groups**

What's on your mind but not on our agenda? Whether it's immigration, mental health, the gig economy, revenue streams, youth with disabilities, the justice system, higher education, or something else, you're not the only one thinking about it. We'll break into small groups to go deep into your burning questions and the week's hottest topics.

**3:30PM – 4:00PM**

**Break**

**4:00PM – 4:55PM**

**Local Policy News Exchange**

We'll share highlights on what's happening in our communities. What policy approaches are working? What questions are we struggling with?

**4:55PM – 5:00PM**

**Wrap-up**

*Please join us for a networking reception immediately following today's meeting.*

**DAY THREE—April 5**

**Cambria Hotel, 899 O St., NW, Duke Ellington Grand Meeting Room**

**8:15AM – 9:00AM**

**Breakfast**

**9:00AM – 9:30AM**

**Recap and Sharing**

**9:30AM – 11:00AM**

**Dialogue with Federal Partners**

Here's our chance to share local challenges and successes with partners at the federal level. We'll meet with legislative and career agency staff.

*Katherine McClelland, House Committee on Education and Labor*

*Maisha Meminger-Crosby, Department of Labor, Division of Youth Services*

*Michelle Mills, Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship*

*Udochi Onwubiko, House Committee on Education and Labor*

**11:00AM – 11:10AM**

**Break**

**11:10AM – 12:00PM**

**Wrap-up and Looking Ahead**

CLASP and FHI360 are here for you. What information, resources, advocacy, or technical assistance would be helpful to you?

*Lisa Johnson, FHI 360*

**12:00PM**

**Adjourn**