



Spring 2018 CCRY Meeting

“Nothing About Us Without Us” Youth Leadership, Justice, Equity, and Economic Mobility

**March 28–29, 2018
FHI 360
1875 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20009**

DAY ONE—March 28

8:15AM – 9:00AM **Breakfast**

9:00AM – 9:45AM **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

Lisa Johnson, Associate Director of Workforce Development Programs, FHI 360

Kisha Bird, Director of Youth Policy, CLASP

Noel Tieszen, Youth Policy Consultant, CLASP

9:45AM – 10:45AM **The Big Picture: Federal Policy and Our Response**

It can be almost impossible to keep up with all the changes taking place in the policy world today. What are the key changes affecting opportunity youth? What problems do we anticipate? How do we join youth in fighting for justice, equity, and economic mobility?

Kisha Bird

Income and Work Supports: Nune Phillips, CLASP

Post-Secondary Education: Rosa Garcia, CLASP

Immigrant Youth and Families: Duy Pham, CLASP

Juvenile Justice: Rachel Marshall, Campaign for Youth Justice

Reconnecting Youth Campaign: Shawnice Jackson, Opportunity Youth United

10:45AM – 12:00PM **“Nothing About Us Without Us:” Facilitating Youth Leadership in Policy**

From Ferguson to Parkland, in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and cities, young people are showing that they are not just future leaders – they are leaders today. What key principles should guide youth engagement efforts? How do we move beyond asking

for feedback on *our* ideas to partnering with them to implement *theirs*? It's time to listen to young leaders' policy priorities and follow their lead.

Marlén Mendoza, Research Assistant, CLASP

Lashon Amado, National Coordinator of Community Action Teams, YouthBuild USA/OYU

Shawnice Jackson, Community & Youth Advocate, Forum for Youth Investment/OYU

Kimberly Pham, Activist & Council Member, National Council of Young Leaders/OYU

Sean Morrin, Project Manager, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County

12:00PM – 12:45PM LUNCH

12:45PM – 1:05PM Speed Spotlights Round 1

Jonathan Jones, Commissioner, Youth & Workforce Services, Albany

Cindy Read, Deputy Director, Kentuckiana Works, Louisville

1:05PM – 2:25PM Young Adult Economic Mobility: Careers, Partnerships, and Policy Change

Life is not packaged neatly into categories, and pathways to career success require more than just a job. How do we shift our approach from work readiness and job placement to career development? What other systems impact youth economic mobility? How do we engage government, industry, and community in collaborative policy development and advocacy – moving beyond programs to changing systems?

Farrah Farnese, Senior Director, External Relations, Philadelphia Youth Network

Yolanda Allen, Director, Program Management & Implementation, PYN

Donnice Brown, Out-of-School Youth Administrator, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Baltimore

Toyce Newton, Executive Director, Phoenix Youth and Family Services, SE Arkansas

2:25PM – 2:45PM Speed Spotlights Round 2

Mimi Coenen, Chief Operating Officer, CareerSource Central Florida, Orlando

LaKesha Egardo-Jones, Project Director, ResCare, Tacoma

2:45PM – 3:00PM BREAK

3:00PM – 4:00PM Conversation with National Policymakers

What happens in Vegas may stay in Vegas, but what happens in Washington affects us all. This session will be a moderated panel to hear about what federal staff are working on and share our challenges and successes implementing policy in our communities. What do you want to know, and what do you want to share?

Thomas Showalter, Executive Director, National Youth Employment Coalition

Sarah Hastings, Division of Youth Services, ETA

Jenn Smith, Program Director, YouthBuild, ETA

Alexander Green, Workforce Analyst, Reentry Employment Opportunities, ETA

Udochi Onwubiko, Labor Policy Counsel, Committee on Education & the Workforce, Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

4:00PM – 4:30PM

Breakout Session 1

Breakout sessions will allow for facilitated small-group discussion with policy experts in four areas of interest. Choose one for the first breakout session and change groups for the second.

1. Trauma-informed care and social determinants of health (*Isha Weerasinghe, CLASP*)
2. Issues in Immigration Policy (*Duy Pham*)
3. Post-secondary Pathways and HEA (*Andrea Amaechi, CLASP*)
4. Challenges with WIOA Implementation (*Kisha Bird*)

4:30PM – 5:00PM

Breakout Session 2

5:00PM

Formal Agenda Adjourned

Please join us for a special CCRY Network happy hour to relax and continue our conversations.

DAY TWO—March 29

8:15AM – 9:00AM

Breakfast

9:00AM – 9:15AM

Recap of Yesterday's Discussions

9:15AM – 10:10AM

Data-Informed, Community-Driven Policy

We need both hard data and personal perspectives to make sound policy. How can we collect the kinds of information we need? What information is already out there? How do we engage youth in learning what we don't know?

Nia West-Bey, CLASP

10:10AM – 10:30AM

Speed Spotlights Round 3

Robert Sainz, Asst. General Manager, Economic & Workforce Development, Los Angeles
Lindsay Powell, Policy Analyst, Office of Mayor William Peduto, Pittsburgh

10:30AM – 10:45AM

BREAK

10:45AM – 12:15PM

Youth Justice

This session will look at current trends in youth justice policy and practice. What policy barriers prevent effective programming for youth involved in the criminal justice system? What efforts have been successful at mediating those barriers, and how can we institutionalize them so they outlive individual champions? How can we advocate for systems change?

Marcy Mistrett, CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice

Lisa Johnson and Compass Rose communities: Hartford, LA, and St. Louis

Terry Green, CEO and Founder, Think Make Live

12:15PM – 12:30PM **Final Thoughts, Next Steps, and Wrap-up**

Robert Sainz

Noel Tieszen

12:30PM

Adjourn