

Forgotten and Left Behind:

Shifting Narratives and

Exploring Policy Solutions

for Vulnerable Youth and Young Adults



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 11th 10:00am - 4:00pm
The Beacon Hotel & Corporate Quarters
1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC.

Meeting Objectives:

- *Develop shared understandings of who youth and young adults are, where they live, the opportunities they have access to, and the challenges they are confronting;*
- *Identify mainstream and alternative narratives on “Millennials” and their implications of those narratives for policies that impact the economic mobility, health and wellbeing of the population;*
- *Explore and identify strategies to more effectively center the needs of youth and the young adult population and in particular low-income youth and young adults and young people of color.*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Kisha Bird, Director, Youth Policy, CLASP
- Olivia Golden, Executive Director, CLASP
- Hilary Pennington, Vice President, Education, Creativity, and Free Expression, Ford Foundation

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Introductions, Agenda Overview and Meeting Goals

- Inca A. Mohamed, Principal, IAM Associates, Meeting Facilitator
- Kisha Bird, Director, Youth Policy, CLASP

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM What Do Data and Research Reveal about Young People in America Today

Discussants will share their research on key aspects of the experiences of young adults across the country including their

political attitudes and beliefs, relationship with the workforce and economic mobility, relationship with the justice system and their ability to access and navigate health and mental health systems. After sharing brief remarks, participants will engage in conversation to examine what this means for how we understand young people, their challenges and their opportunities.

Discussants: Jordie Davies, University of Chicago; Harry Holzer, Georgetown University; Francisco Villaruel, Michigan State University; Nia West-Bey, CLASP

12:15PM – 12:45 PM

Lunch

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Young Leaders: New Challenges, New Voices, New Opportunities

Leading voices from a broad set of policy and grassroots organizations from around the country will engage in a conversation that both highlights some of the most pressing issues that young people in America today are facing and push us to examine ways to build and sustain pathways to opportunity, wellness and justice for all young people. Following the conversation, participants will discuss their reactions in small and large discussion groups.

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

From Framing to Action: What Does This Mean for Policy, Power, and Practice?

Participants will be arranged in multi-sector “caucuses” to discuss potential actions steps and implications for policy, practice, and messaging. How might we achieve justice with and for young people? How might we create social mobility with and for young people? How might we promote healing and wellness with and for young people?

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Closing Exercise and Next Steps