



**Fall 2017 CCRY Meeting**  
***Systems Change: Building Just, Healthy, Connected Communities***

**November 2-3, 2017**

**St. Louis Agency on Training & Employment (SLATE)**

**1520 Market St.**

**St. Louis, MO 63103**

**Agenda**

**DAY ONE—November 2**

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**8:30AM–9:00AM**      **Breakfast and Networking**

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

*Kisha Bird, Director of Youth Policy, CLASP*

*Lisa Johnson, Assistant Director for Workforce Programs, FHI360*

*Robert Sainz, Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles*

*Toyce Newton, Executive Director, Phoenix Youth and Family Services*

**9:45AM–10:30AM**      **The Big Picture: Federal Policy and Our Response**

As we near the end of the new administration's first year, we will review some of the challenges and progress we have made and discuss strategies for next steps in uncertain times. What recent changes, especially in education, labor, justice, and health and human services, will impact opportunity youth? What are the key issues to watch in the coming months?

*Kisha Bird*

*Noel Tieszen, Youth Policy Consultant, CLASP*

**10:30AM–12:00PM**      **Spotlight on St. Louis: Innovation through Partnerships**

How do cities make collaboration work? St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) will share how their work with government agencies, elected leaders, and community partners on two key programs. Prison to Prosperity (P2P) trains young people at the Medium Security Institution to be job- and school-ready. Workforce High School (WHS), the country's only 24-hour high school, gives young adults an opportunity

to earn a high school diploma at their convenience as they navigate responsibilities at home, school, and the workplace. Hear about the partners, roles, staffing, funding streams, and magic that make this innovation happen. We will end with a visit to WHS.

*Noel Tieszen*

*Dr. Alice Prince, Executive Director, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment  
Rep. Bruce Franks, Jr., Missouri House of Representatives, District 78*

**12:00PM–12:45PM**      **LUNCH**

**12:45PM–2:15PM**      **Building Partnerships, Busting Silos: Lessons from the Field**

Integration across agencies is fraught with challenges: each one has its own models, politics, bureaucracy, and of course, egos. In this facilitated discussion, we will hear about how Los Angeles is working to provide integrated services to opportunity youth, discuss how other communities are building partnerships and creating new opportunities for youth, and explore ideas to overcome challenges and improve partnerships.

*Robert Sainz*

*Kim Oliver, Acting Director, Families, Children, Youth, & Recreation, City of Hartford*

**2:15PM–2:30PM**      **BREAK**

**2:30PM–3:45PM**      **Responding to Crisis: Local Contexts and Approaches**

From natural disasters to police shootings, institutional racism to threats of imminent deportation, many of our communities are facing both acute and ongoing crisis. What's happening in your community, and how are you responding? How can we target resources to ensure safety net equity? How do we support young people navigating volatile times?

*Noel Tieszen*

**3:45PM–4:30PM**      **Reflections on Workforce Policy**

The past few years, we have seen a lot of dialogue about policy changes, from WIOA implementation to resurgent conversations about apprenticeship and summer youth employment. Nationally, unemployment numbers are low overall; however, unemployment remains high among youth and young adults, and youth of color continue to experience unemployment at unacceptably high rates. Federal agency and Congressional staff are looking for best practices and an understanding of what is happening in states and local communities. What challenges are you facing with WIOA?

What state or local efforts—from any funding stream—are working in your community?  
What established practices or new strategies are you using with out-of-school youth?

*Kisha Bird*

**4:30PM**                      **Formal Agenda Adjourned**

**5:00PM–7:00PM**            **CCRY Network Happy Hour**

*Please join us at the Marquee Restaurant and Lounge, 1911 Locust Street, to relax and continue our conversations. Hors d'oeuvres sponsored by CLASP.*

**DAY TWO—November 3**

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**8:30AM–9:00AM**            **Breakfast**

**9:00AM–9:30AM**            **Recap of Yesterday's Discussions, Actions, and Next Steps**

**9:30AM–10:30AM**        **Go-Throughs to Get Through: Low Income Young Adults and Mental Health**

CLASP's recent publication and ongoing focus groups will provide context for our discussion about youth's experience with mental health systems. What's working? What's not? How does current Medicaid policy impact young adults' access to effective mental health services?

*Nia West-Bey, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP*

**10:30AM–10:45AM**        **BREAK**

**10:45AM–11:45AM**        **Justice Policy and Practice: Compass Rose Collaborative**

Learn about the Compass Rose Collaborative's 3-year DOL Reentry Project and dialogue about how all of our communities are improving employment opportunities and outcomes for youth involved in the justice system. What would you like to learn from Compass Rose's upcoming work?

*Lisa Johnson*

**11:45AM–12:30PM**        **Final Thoughts, Next Steps, and Wrap-up**

**12:30PM**                      **Adjourn**