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UPCOMING AYPF EVENTS

Mark your calendars – events you don't want to miss

Friday, February 5, 2010 - Success at Every Step of College and Career Preparation The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) has recently released a new publication, Success at Every Step: How 23 Programs Support Youth on the Path to College and Beyond, which profiles programs that have been proven to help young people complete high school and be prepared for success in postsecondary education and careers, based on the results of recent, high-quality evaluations. This half-day event (9:00 am – 1:30 pm) will provide an overview of the findings of the report, showcase a variety of programs that support college- and career-readiness, explore implications for federal and state policy, and include a networking lunch. Speakers will include: **James Connell**, President, Institute for Research and Reform in Education (NJ); **Greg Darnieder**, Special Assistant to the Secretary on College Access, U.S. Department of Education (DC); **Ryan Reyna**, Policy Analyst, Education Division, Center for Best Practices, National Governors Association (DC); **Katharine Oliver**, Assistant State Superintendent for Career and Technical Education and Adult Learning, Maryland State Department of Education (MD); **Rachel Singer**, Director of Academic Affairs, Kingsborough Community College (NY); **David Sinski**, Executive Director, After School Matters (IL); **Joel Vargas**, Program Director, Jobs for the Future (MA); and **Michael Wotorson**, Executive Director, Campaign for High School Equity (DC).

Monday, February 8, 2010 – A Comprehensive Approach to Success in Education and Careers for Out-of-School Youth The Community Education Pathways to Success (CEPS) model targets out-of-school youth who have expressed interest in earning a GED, by addressing low literacy and math skills through an integration of youth development, social supports, and career-related services. Through building partnerships with community-based organizations and community colleges, participants are supported through completing their education, entering college, finding working, and contributing to their communities. This forum will provide an overview of the model, discuss results from a recently released evaluation, and provide recommendations for policy. Presenters include Peter Kleinbard, Executive Director, Youth Development Institute (NY); Vivian Vazquez, Director, CEPS, Youth Development Institute, Patricia Campbell, President, Campbell-Kibler Associates, Inc, and Jack Doyle, Executive Director, New Settlement Apartments.

AYPF PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

New Forum Brief: Leveraging Resources to Create Alternative Pathways to Education and Employment Training for Disconnected Youth:

Comprehensive reform strategies to serve disconnected youth ensure that young people have access to a range of services, including education, employment training, health, and mental health, to move them on a path to self-sufficiency. This brief profiles successful efforts at the city-level to leverage a range of funding streams at federal, state, and local levels, private dollars, and resources within the community to create a comprehensive portfolio of options. Panelists offered recommendations to the federal government on policies and strategies to leverage resources more effectively to serve disconnected youth. Panelists included Jenny Bogoni, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Philadelphia Youth Network (PA), Ernest Dorsey, Youth Opportunity Project Director, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, City of Baltimore (MD), and Andrew Moore, Senior Fellow, National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education & Families (DC).

New AYPF Issue Brief: Building and Using Longitudinal Data Systems for Effective Reporting and to Improve Student Achievement:

This issue brief describes AYPF's field trip and learning exchange hosted in June 2009 in partnership with the Data Quality Campaign. The brief describes the key themes and lessons learned including developing a data culture, effective data governance, and creating an LDS with the ability to connect across agencies and states. Additionally, there are excellent resources to guide states as they work to develop a comprehensive LDS. Included in the brief are descriptions of the event's key presenters: Kathy Gosa, Director of Information Technology for the Kansas State Department of Education; and Robert Curtin, Manager of Data Analysis and Reporting for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Briefs and trip reports are available online at <http://www.aypf.org/events>.

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RECOMMENDED READING AND RESOURCES

Check these out – recommended reading from the AYPF staff

The State of City Leadership for Children and Families (National League of Cities)

This publication highlights the broad range of innovations and trends in municipal leadership to promote child and family well-being. It identifies 32 of the nation's most cutting-edge city strategies in areas ranging from early childhood success and education to community wellness and family financial stability.

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