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UPCOMING AYPF EVENTS

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

1/26/2006 – Results from A National Study of Mathematics in Career and Technical Education with Jim Stone, Principal Researcher, University of Minnesota, Joe Fullerton, Program Development Specialist, Lenape Technical School, Ford City, PA, and Jeff Linko, Teacher, Lenape Technical School, Ford City, PA. (**forum**)

For more information about these events, or to RSVP, visit <http://www.aypf.org/events/future.htm> or send an email to aypf@aypf.org

AYPF PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Stay informed – publications and briefs recently added to our extensive online library

The Youth Violence Reduction Partnership: Philadelphia's Approach to Combating Youth Crime (forum brief) with John Delaney, Deputy District Attorney, City of Philadelphia, Denise Clayton, YVRP Coordinator, and Wendy McClanahan, Vice President for Research, Public/Private Ventures

Secondary-Postsecondary Learning Options: Statewide Policies (forum brief) with Sally Zeiger Hanson, Assistant Director, Education Services, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Dr. Patricia Windham, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Evaluation, Florida Department of Education, and Jennifer Brown Lerner, Program Associate, American Youth Policy Forum

State Policy Trip to North Carolina, October 5-6, 2006: STEM and Early College (trip report) Highlights from this trip include visits to the School of Health and Life Sciences, Information Technology High School, and Robeson Early College High School, as well as meetings with state legislators and representatives from the Governor's Office, Department of Public Instruction, Community College System, and the business community

Op-Ed: Reflections on the Fortieth Birthday of Adult Education Act of 1996

AYPF's Founder and Senior Fellow, Samuel Halperin, observes an important chapter in the formulation of federal education policy. His article should be useful for advocates who work with legislative bodies.

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

Resource Guide for Action: Transforming High School for All Youth (High School Alliance)

The Resource Guide for Action will help policymakers and practitioners take action around the six core principles of *A Call to Action: Transforming High School for All Youth*. The Resource Guide points users to organizations with expertise in each principle and contains a variety of resources, including research, tools, case studies, and strategies.

No Child Left Behind at Five: A Review of Changes to State Accountability Plans (Center on Education Policy)

This report summarizes the changes to state NCLB accountability plans approved by the U.S. Department of Education during 2006, and discusses the changes in and expansion of state testing programs as a result of NCLB.

A Vision for the Future of the Workforce Investment System (MDRC)

This short paper reviews the history of the workforce investment system in the United States, describes the large size of the low-wage labor market and the growth in the availability of work supports for low-wage workers, and offers recommendations for expanding the Workforce Investment Act, initially in a demonstration context, to focus more on job retention and advancement by engaging private employers and to enhance the accessibility of work supports.

AVAILABLE AYPF PUBLICATIONS

AYPF has additional copies in bulk of the following publications available at no charge. Please send an email to aypf@aypf.org with requests (minimum request of 10 copies) and delivery information.

These publications include:

- **Preparing Youth for Careers, Lifelong Learning, and Civic Participation**
- **Guide for the Powerless and Those Who Don't Know Their Own Power**
- **Restoring the Balance between Academics and Civic Engagement in Public Schools**
- **Essentials of High School Reform**
- **Finance and Resource Issues in High School Reform**

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