



**Re-engaging Disconnected Youth and Expanding Opportunities
for High School and Cross-System Collaboration
Newark, NJ and New York City
December 5-7, 2007**

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan

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December 5, 2007 in Newark, NJ

- 12:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Location: Covenant House
330 Washington St, Newark, NJ 07102
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch with Mayor Cory Booker**
Location: Covenant House
330 Washington St, Newark, NJ 07102
A presentation from a team from Newark, NJ to set the context for their work and what we will be seeing at the site visit
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. Initial Cross-site Planning Meeting**
Location: Covenant House
330 Washington St, Newark, NJ 07102
Disconnected Youth Strategies in Newark Panel at 2:45 p.m.
Ron Salahuddin- Deputy Mayor, Public Safety, City of Newark
Maria Vizcarrondo- Director, Department of Child and Family Well Being
Zaid Braswell- Manager, Department of Recreation, City of Newark
- 3:15 p.m. Board Bus for Site Visit**
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Site Visits at YouthBuild Newark and Family Success Center**
Location: YouthBuild Newark, 31 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102
Family Success Center, 165 James St, Newark, NJ 07103
- 5:15 p.m. Tour of Newark City Hall**
Location: 920 Broad St, Newark, NJ 07102
Networking with Newark's Youth Leaders

Emergency contact: Jennifer Brown Lerner at 202-374-9194



6:00-8:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner hosted by National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families

Location: Spanish Tavern, 103 McWhorter Street, Newark, NJ

8:00 p.m. Board Bus for New York City

December 6, 2007 in New York, NY

For the morning session, the group will be joined by a group of federal policymakers including Congressional Staff and staff from the Departments of Education and Labor.

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Available

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 501/502

7:45-8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

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8:30-9:45 a.m. Panel: Cross-System Collaboration to Serve Disconnected Youth

Presenters: Kristin Morse, Director of Evaluation for the Center for Economic Opportunity, Suzanne Lynn, Deputy Commissioner for Community Development, Department of Youth and Community Development, Peter Kleinbard, Youth Development Institute moderated by Leon Andrews, Program Director, NLC

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 501/502

The goal of this panel is to continue to set the context for the participants and have them understand the other key players such as community partners, other city agencies or policymakers, state-level leaders, or advocacy organizations critical to building public will.

9:45-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-11:15 p.m. Panel: District Role in Establishing Multiple Pathways

Presenters: JoEllen Lynch, CEO, Partnership Support Office, Department of Education; Leah Hamilton, Director, Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, Department of Education moderated by Betsy Brand, Director, AYPF

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 501/502

The goal of this panel is to set the context for participants from a systems perspective. Presenters will discuss the development of the Multiple Pathways strategies.

11:30 p.m. Board Bus for Site Visits

Boxed lunches will be available for participants to take to the site visit

Emergency contact: Jennifer Brown Lerner at 202-374-9194

12:15–2:15 p.m.

Lunch Briefing & Site Visit at Cascades High School for Teaching and Learning

Location: 198 Forsyth Street, NY, NY 10002

Paul Rotondo, Principal and Nadine Evans, Program Director, Union Settlement Association

Cascades High School is a transfer high school with a student population of 224 students. Many of these students are over-aged and under-credited – two or more years behind in credit accumulation given their age. Students may apply who are 16-21 years of age and have earned at least 10 credits. Union Settlement Association, a longstanding settlement house, became the Learning to Work partner last year when the program was initiated at this site. Student academic success is supported by a combination of services from the school community along with a focus on college and career counseling, an extended day academic program, and active engagement of students in shaping the school community..

2:30 p.m.

Board Bus for 2nd Site Visit

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Site Visit at Center for Employment Opportunities

Location: 253 Broadway and 32 Broadway, 15th Floor, New York, New York

Mindy Tarlow, Executive Director and Tani Mills, Chief Program Officer

The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) is dedicated to providing immediate, effective and comprehensive employment services to men and women returning home from prison and detention facilities to New York City. CEO's Young Adult Program uses paid transitional employment for recently released former offenders, and additional highly structured and tightly supervised programs, to help participants regain the skills and confidence needed for a successful transition to a stable, productive life.

5:00 p.m.

Board Bus to Return to Hotel

For the evening session, the group will be rejoined by the group of federal policymakers.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 509/510

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Dinner

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 509/510

Speaker: Michelle Cahill, Carnegie Corporation of New York



December 7, 2007 in New York City

7:30 am.

Breakfast Available

8:00- 9:30 a.m.

Joint Debriefing Session

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 501/502

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cross-Site Collaboration Meeting and Panel Discussion

Location: Crowne Plaza, Room 501/502

Faculty Mentors: William Bloomfield, President, Civic Strategies, David Nidus, Executive Director, JobsFirst NYC, Lazar Treschan, Director, Disconnected Youth Campaign, Community Service Society of NY, and Michelle Yanche, Staff Director, Neighborhood Family Services Coalition

12:00 p.m.

Board bus for Site Visit

Location: Passport 2 Success at The Door

555 Broome Street between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas (6th Avenue)

Passport To Success (P2S) is an example of the growing number of one-stop employment, education, and youth development centers across the nation serving young adults who are transitioning out of foster or congregate care to independent living. P2S members receive cash incentives whenever they achieve program/personal goals, such as enrolling in or completing a GED program, graduating from high school or college, obtaining and maintaining employment for up to 3 months, or completing an approved internship.

12:30-3:00 p.m.

Lunch and Site Visit

3:15 p.m.

Board bus for Hotel and Airport Drop-offs

Flights from LaGuardia airport should not depart prior to 5:30 p.m.