



American Youth
Policy Forum

Afterschool and Workforce: Bridging Systems to Serve Older Youth

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In our efforts to better prepare young people for success in postsecondary education, careers, and civic life, we must create a range of learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Some communities have effectively leveraged partnerships between afterschool systems and workforce systems to provide a broad range of learning experiences and connections to workplace skills and employment training. Yet too often, these systems operate in isolation, particularly as we consider the needs of older youth. Despite this general disconnect, innovations exist across the country in effectively leveraging afterschool as part of a collective community agenda to prepare all young people for long-term success.

Participants in this discussion group will:

- Explore the connection between skills and competencies fostered in afterschool settings and those needed by the workforce, including 21st century/employability skills, technical skills, STEM skills, literacy skills, etc.;
- Discuss the ways in which afterschool and workforce systems can provide opportunities to develop those skills through working collaboratively;
- Identify the benefits of coordination/alignment to both the afterschool and workforce systems, as well as to the education system overall;
- Hear about successes and challenges from communities working to connect afterschool and workforce systems; and
- Inform the development of AYPF's forthcoming white paper on considerations for practitioners and policymakers at the local, state, and federal level to better integrate the work of afterschool and workforce systems.

AGENDA

<i>12:00noon</i>	<i>Lunch available for registered in-person attendees</i>
12:30pm	Welcome and Introductions
12:50pm	Overview Presentation: AYPF
1:05pm	Large Group Discussion/Q&A
1:15pm	Panel Discussion: Afterschool and Workforce in Action
2:00pm	Large Group Discussion/Q&A
2:25pm	Closing and Next Steps
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