



American Youth
Policy Forum

Advancing Pathways to Education and Workforce Opportunities for Systems-Involved Youth

An AYPF Capitol Hill Forum

Senate Hart Office Building, Room SH-902

Monday, September 25, 2017

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Young people involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems often face [significant challenges](#) to long-term success. Systems-involved youth may struggle with an array of education and workforce barriers that hinder their path to postsecondary opportunities and a family-sustaining career. This forum will explore critical elements at the intersection of policy and practice for supporting these youth on a pathway to long-term success. Featuring high-quality, research-supported community-based programs from across the country, presenters will discuss the importance of leveraging authentic youth voice and advocacy, providing youth with a diversity of supports and experiences, and aligning youth-serving systems and policies to advance pathways to education and the workforce for systems-involved youth.

12:00 noon **Welcome**

Jenna Tomasello, Policy Associate, American Youth Policy Forum

12:05 p.m. **Moderated Panel Discussion**

Jefferson Alvarez, Youth Leader, UTEC

Gisele Castro, Executive Director, Exalt Youth

Sam Cobbs, Chief Executive Officer, First Place for Youth

Gregg Croteau, Executive Director, UTEC

Monique Miles, Director, Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund; Deputy Director, Aspen Institute for Community Solutions

Leticia Peguero, Executive Director, Andrus Family Fund (Moderator)

1:10 p.m. **Audience Q&A**

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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