

ENOUGH IS KNOWN FOR ACTION
READY TO EMPLOY, EDUCATE, AND SUPPORT YOUTH
Thursday, November 13, 2014
AGENDA

8:30 REGISTRATION

FRANCES PERKINS BUILDING AUDITORIUM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Meeting attendees must arrive at the Frances Perkins Building by 8:00 AM, and go through security to gain entrance to the building. Attendees must use the Visitor's Entrance, referred to as the Fountain Entrance, located at 3rd and C Streets NW, one block north of Constitution Avenue, NW. Attendees must display their government ID or photo ID (i.e., driver's license) to gain entrance.

All morning sessions are held in the USDOL/Frances Perkins Building Auditorium.

There are some restrictions on where food and/or drink are allowed.

9:00 – 9:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

DOL Leadership discusses the Department's vision around youth and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Department highlights reasons for supporting best practices and cross-agency and cross-sector partnerships to "employ, educate, and support" all young people, including disconnected youth.

- Emcee: Jennifer Troke, Director, Youth Division of Youth Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
- Byron Zuidema, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Brandeis University frames expectations and outcomes for today's briefing in light of the passage of the WIOA focuses on three goals:

- Ignite action and urgency about the crisis in youth unemployment and the value of linking real work for pay with education and support services
- Inspire and inform interagency and cross-sector *partnerships* to employ, educate, and support youth across the nation
- Share lessons from experience and research for "proving the possible" – from the Brandeis Practitioner Network
 - Susan P. Curnan, Brandeis University Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities

9:30 – 10:30 PROVING THE POSSIBLE: LESSONS FROM RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE IN SIX LEADING COMMUNITIES

Panels will address how **results-oriented partnerships** involving government, business, nonprofits, public schools, postsecondary institutions and intermediaries **employ, educate, and support youth** by leveraging resources

- **Hartford CT– College and Career Pathways Partnership.** *WIOA focuses on career pathways as a strategy for reconnecting out of school youth.*

Moderator: Della M. Hughes, Brandeis University Senior Fellow

- Jim Boucher, Director, Strategic Development, Capital Workforce Partners
- Deidre Tavera, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Development, Hartford Public Schools

- **Chicago IL and City of New York NY – Employing, Educating, and Supporting Youth with Disabilities and/or Trauma Histories.** *WIOA focuses on providing youth with disabilities integrated employment opportunities.*

Moderator: Dr. Marji Erickson Warfield, Brandeis University Senior Scientist

- Evelyn Diaz, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
- Alan Cheng, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

**10:45 – 11:45 PROVING THE POSSIBLE: LESSONS FROM RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE IN SIX LEADING COMMUNITIES
(continued)**

- **Philadelphia PA and Phoenix AZ – Summers Matter: How Summer Jobs Programs Can Employ, Educate, and Support Youth.**
WIOA focuses on providing youth with meaningful work experience.
Moderator: Dr. Susan Lanspery, Brandeis University Scientist
 - Stephanie Gambone, Executive Vice President, Philadelphia Youth Network, Inc.
 - Sharlet Barnett, CEO, Arizona Call-A-Teen Center for Excellence

- **Detroit MI – Detroit Youth Employment Consortium: Private Sector and Philanthropy Partnerships.** *WIOA focuses on engaging employers and workforce development partners.*
Moderator: Susan P. Curnan, Brandeis University Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities
 - Tiffany Douglas, Market Manager, Bank of America
 - Ed Egnatios, Program Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

11:45 – 12:00 CLOSING REMARKS / CALL-TO-ACTION

- **Federal Interagency Leadership:** Lul Tesfai, Special Assistant, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, and Byron Zuidema, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
- Susan P. Curnan, Brandeis University Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities

12:15 DEPART USDOL FOR HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON ON CAPITOL HILL

400 NEW JERSEY AVE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

(SHORT WALK)

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 4:00 CONCURRENT CALL-TO-ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS

- **Foundations: Investment Roundtable**
Co-facilitated by Margaret McKenna, Acting Director, Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy & Past President Walmart Foundation and Lesley University, and Susan P. Curnan, Brandeis University Professor and Director, Center for Youth and Communities

- **Practitioners and Intermediaries: WIOA Readiness to Employ, Educate, and Support Youth**
Co-facilitated by Lori Strumpf, Owner, Strumpf Associates, Della M. Hughes, Brandeis Senior Fellow, and Christopher Kingsley, Brandeis University Senior Program Associate, Center for Youth and Communities

- **Evaluators: Think Tank**
Co-facilitated by Brandeis University Senior Fellows Dr. Cathy Burack and Alan Melchior, Center for Youth and Communities

5:00 – 7:00 BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY RECEPTION AND REFLECTION

Microphone will be available for sharing insights and action steps from the day in the spirit and tradition of the Center for Youth and Communities' mission: "Making Knowledge Productive".

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