

## Opportunity Youth Advisory Group

June 2, 2017 Meeting Notes

What are you excited about related to your OY work?

- Nicole Yohalem, CCER: Back on Track improvement work that programs like iGrad and Federal Way Open Doors are tackling with coaching support
- Laurie Shannon, OSPI: NLC's Regional Re-engagement Conference to take place Dec. 6-8 in Tacoma and the potential for AJAC/Open Doors partnerships around apprenticeship
- Jill Patnode, PSESD: Site visits in December to S. King County programs as part of the NLC conference, and work around truancy, early intervention, school resource officers
- Eben-Ezer Yanez, Highline Schools: 50 tutors from Highline College are now working in the district
- Roslyn Kagy, Highline Schools: Prevention/re-engagement work; 27 coaches moving from Americorps to district staff
- Kim Walker, S. Seattle College: [MecaReady summer program](#), no diploma/GED necessary
- Mustafa Bulale, CCER: ReOpp case study
- Nancy Yamamoto, City of Seattle OED: City's role as an employer this summer
- Tara James, City of Seattle HSD: Increasing internal coordination across City departments
- Mario Bailey, King County: ReOpp reached its goals – 1,000+ referrals, 500+ re-engaged
- Doug Whalen, United Way: Growth mindset/racial equity
- Caitlin Cordell, King County: Using BFET funding for [Career LaunchPad](#) youth, and our new Federal Way Career Navigator is starting
- Ken Thompson, Aspen: OYIF site review, [OYIF Year 2 Evaluation](#), new JFF [OY Employment Toolkit](#)
- Katie Hong, Raikes Foundation: Opportunity to apply for \$5.2M in federal funding around youth/young adult homelessness
- Aaron Garcia, White Center CDA: Expanding our Play and Learn programming to Native families
- Keshia Pornicula, Equity in Education Coalition: Discipline work, including an event next Friday bringing together JJ and education partners
- Hanne Makhani, King County: June 6 [Back on Track Reengagement Institute](#)
- Shannon Matson, AJAC: 1<sup>st</sup> [youth manufacturing apprenticeship](#) in the state in Tacoma
- Troy Gorake, SBCTC: HS21+ is now in all colleges, 5 CBOs and 3 correctional facilities
- Shelby Cooley, CCER: New detailed discipline data currently under analysis, gets to disproportionality at the infraction/consequence level
- Jodi Novotny, RTC: New dual credit Open Doors pathway starting on campus in the fall
- Bryan Hayes, SWYFS: our program is celebrating over 30 GED tests passed, 6 graduates, 5 GEDs
- Darius Mensah, Educurious/100K: Exploring the potential for youth employment training resources at Southcenter Mall
- Jeff Corey, SEA: 3 new projects – Airport Jobs, MechaReady at Georgetown, and Green River College/Auburn Schools Open Doors
- Danika Martinez, SEA: 3 new education advocate staff
- Chris Pierson, SkillUp WA: New HS 21+ program at Airport Jobs, Open Doors option starting fall
- Jennifer Hill, King County: 2 months in, we've had 200 referrals for the [Career LaunchPad](#) project
- Lori Guilfoyle, City of Kent: New Kent Youth Initiative, Willie Seals just hired to coordinate
- Cruz Gallegos, EDC: Progress on the P3 project
- Sara Hastings, US DOL (visiting): WIOA, P3, recently reauthorized

## Discussions:

**Reconnect to Opportunity:** Hanne and Mario provided an overview of ReOpp's work to date, including the Peer Connectors project. Several small evaluation efforts are underway that will help increase our understanding of the implementation and effectiveness of ReOpp – including interviews with youth who successfully re-engaged (funded through P3 and Gen Work and conducted by Data2Insight and Annie Laurie Armstrong), surveys with youth who did not successfully re-engage (funded through P3 and conducted by Data2Insight) and now Mustafa Bulale is working on an interview project to understand the experiences of the Peer Connectors and the effectiveness of various outreach strategies. All of these efforts will inform phase two of ReOpp and in particular, the Peer Connectors project.

**100K:** Darius shared brief updates on 100K's main areas of work, and introduced the idea of engaging 100K employers at Southcenter Mall – located in an area with the highest concentration of opportunity youth in the region – in some type of employment training/placement/support strategy. There is potential to build off of new County-funded shoplifting prevention work now underway at the mall, as well as the King County Library branch located there. Darius, Nicole and others offered to do some additional research on different aspects of this idea, and Darius is interested in convening employers later this summer to discuss possibilities.

## Resources from Boston OYIF Convening and Site Visits:

- Boston Day & Evening Academy - <http://www.bacademy.org/>
- Roca - <http://rocainc.org/>
- Boston Reconnection Center - <http://bostonopportunityyouth.org/connection-center/>
- New Toolkit: Creating Paths to Employment for OY: [www.jff.org/oyemploymenttoolkit](http://www.jff.org/oyemploymenttoolkit)
- Design Thinking - <http://www.thinkplaceglobal.com/>; <http://www.thedesigngym.com/>