

Generation Work Meeting 4/26/17

Overview

Status updates reported by Generation Work partners revealed that:

- Partners are successfully beginning to integrate and co-implement services.
- Key actions (MOUs, joint planning, etc.) to formalize working relationships are moving ahead as planned.
- Generation Work members are continually exploring and implementing strategies to align and coordinate services with other providers and emerging programs.

System Partner Status Reports

Port Jobs reported that:

- Seattle Education Access (SEA) is now working in partnership with Airport University staff on site at the airport and providing a variety of different services intended to increase job seeker and incumbent worker access to college, scholarships and related resources.
- The contract with Highline School District is now in place.
- The Open Doors recruitment will be fully operational in the fall 2017.
- Port Jobs is reaching out to [Career Link](#), [iGrad](#) and a host of other providers to recruit applicants.
- Airport Job Center interviews and scholarships interviews are underway.
- Alaska Airlines Scholarships are being promoted to all airport workers who are interested in pursuing post-secondary education.
- The High School 21+ services are a relatively small part of the Airport Jobs service offerings, which include career navigation, credit bearing college programs, industry certificates, and practical support to pursue entry and middle level jobs in hospitality, trades, transportation and logistics, retail, aviation trades, safety and security and a host of other employment opportunities.

South Seattle College reported that:

- The MechaReady pre-employment program will start on June 26th and for some young adults will be the feeder program to next step education, in areas such as mechatronics and machine maintenance.
- I-BEST CNC machining, which is weekends and weekdays (2 cohorts) starts the same week.
- Pioneer and AJAC are working with young people from Green Hill Correctional Center for the Georgetown campus to earn college credits and certifications in the Manufacturing Academy.
- The Georgetown campus is now offering an ESL 4/5 Trades program which focuses on English, trades jobs, training, safety, reading blueprints and trades material, job readiness, customer service and preparation for trades I-BEST classes.

- Strategies to connect Career Link and Running Start students to Generation Work-supported pathways at the airport and at the Georgetown campus are underway.
- The WDC and Pacific Associates are supporting a Trades Day at the Georgetown campus for young adults 16-24. Generation work partners were interested in collaborating with the WDC to jointly plan and promote future efforts.

SEA reported that:

- Their staff is now working with Airport Jobs staff, and will also soon be working at the Georgetown campus. Services include helping young people create career and academic achievement plans tailored to their gifts and goals. Their work with young people includes listening to young adult hopes and aspirations, and supporting them with practical information about degree requirements and college success strategies.

Puget Sound ESD reported that:

- They are preparing to provide a day-long race equity training to Generation Work partners. ESD staff shared the Race Equity Tool that they used for their own organizational race equity work, and that they will use with Generation Work partners to build capacity for taking action and leading for racial equity by, for example, examining their own institutions' equity and nondiscrimination policies.
- Generation Work partners were interested in sharing their own race equity work and findings in this training and want to build shared capacity across partners to better serve young people of color.

Recommendations for Next Steps

Generation Work partners were interested in:

- The possibility of recruiting from Project Scope, a partnership in which Highline College, Team Child, Highline School District and Neighborhood House offering high school completion services for youth between the ages of 16 and 21.
- Developing and sharing among partners a more detailed calendar of program start and end dates, registration due dates, eligibility, cost etc. so that partners know when to start/stop referring students to programs; and be better prepared to connect students to next step efforts, if, for example, one program was potentially a natural segue to another.
- Establishing a clearer understanding of which programs provide college credits, industry certificates, transferrable credits to next step 4 year colleges, etc. to young people.

SkillUp will work with Puget Sound ESD to select a date in early summer for a 2-3 hour meeting to prepare for the race equity training, including setting clear goals and expectations for all partners. The training will occur in late summer; SkillUp will send out Doodle polls to partners to select a date.