



State Youth Council
Meeting Agenda
October 11, 2007
9:00 am – 11:30 am

Jefferson County Workforce Center
Laramie Building, 2nd floor
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Golden, CO 80401
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Conference Call Info

720-348-8441 (Metro Denver)
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6685926 (room #)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Governor's Summer Job Hunt
- III. OWD/Youth Projects Update
- IV. Recap of Recent Youth Events
- V. Partner Updates
- VI. Revisiting SYC Goals/Workgroups

*Items I-V will need to be covered quickly, leaving more time for item VI and related brainstorming.

The co-chairs met recently to revisit prior SYC goals, re-align with the CWDC goals, and get a starting point for the SYC to build upon. Prior components and work groups were considered and still make sense, but need updated. Two major themes to be considered, based on the direction of the CWDC, were:

1. Talent Development
2. Regionalism

President Matkowski did a great job recapping the conversation, and the SYC can build from this:

Mission: The State Youth Council (SYC), led by Co-Chairs Bette Matkowski and Dani Crane, paves a pathway that leads to economic success for youth. The SYC provides policy recommendations to the Workforce Development Council and the Governor of Colorado that extend support and technical assistance to local youth councils. They also make recommendations on how Youth Discretionary Funds should be invested to ensure that Colorado's young workforce is well-positioned to achieve success via a variety of skill development opportunities, resulting in attaining both jobs in the short term and a capacity for increased earnings over the long run.

"The Colorado State Youth Council in alliance with the Colorado Workforce Development Council is dedicated to supporting the growth of Colorado's youth. Empowering youth today with resources in Education, Employment, and Economic Development will ensure success of Colorado's future leaders."

Strategic Objective (2008): To develop talent of both service providers and service recipients.

Operating Principles: In striving toward the strategic objective, the State Youth Council and local Youth Councils are encouraged to abide by the following principles:

- * Services are delivered locally and regionally;
- * Services are demand-driven;
- * Services meet local, regional, and/or state needs;
- * Services are delivered across agencies and organizations;
- * Outcomes of services are performance measured;
- * Services are marketed and messaged;

- * Best practices are shared throughout the state;
- * Services align with both federal and state priorities.

To assist in the development of talent in Colorado, the SYC proposes two major activities:

1. Invitation to chairs of all local youth councils, as well as to members of the SYC, to share state and local priorities, organizational structures of local youth councils, and major initiatives already underway in local or regional areas. A full day meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting: To introduce members of SYC and chairs of local youth councils to one another; To share local and regional initiatives with one another; to discuss and agree on strategic objective and operating principles for 2008 SYC; to share organizational structures of local youth councils with one another; to heighten awareness of best practices among local youth councils and SYC.

2. Think Big Spring conference

Purpose of Think Big:

Specifics that we discussed:

Build better connection between child welfare and workforce development (talent development for workforce professionals)

Sponsor 'no one is unemployable'-cross-agency talent development for many workforce professionals

Sponsor leadership development for youth (in concert w/ LINKS?)-talent development for service recipients

Update workforce professionals on opportunities of WIRED-talent development for workforce professionals

Launch worker certification for training employees to work with youth-talent development for professionals