

DRAFT AGENDA - INCREASING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ATTAINMENT IN APPALACHIA: THE 4 PILLARS OF SUCCESS

JUNE 21 ST	JUNE 22 ND	JUNE 23 RD
<p>10 a.m. – Noon Registration</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Lunch – Seating by States Conference Overview, Jeffrey Schwartz, Power Initiative Manager , ARC</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EQUIPPING & EMPOWERING APPALACHIAN STUDENTS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SUCCESS Dr. Aaron Thompson, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education</p> <p>2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – BREAK</p> <p>2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. FAMILY: THE FIRST EDUCATOR Elaine Weiss, National Coordinator Broader, Bolder Approach to Education Economic Policy Institute</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – REFRESHMENT BREAK and Travel to Workshops</p> <p>3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS</p> <p>PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST Rochelle Garrett, Family Partnership Director, Partners for Education, Berea College</p> <p>The Putting Families First Family Partnership provides intensive, place-based programming to families to support their engagement in their child's education. This session will examine the research-based programs provided as well as identify the challenges of the work in school settings in Appalachian Kentucky.</p> <p>COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME ...? COLLEGE PATHWAYS AMONG RURAL STUDENTS AND THE ROLE OF FAMILY Dr. Sarah Beasley, Director of Retention, Concord University</p> <p>This workshop will examine the important role rural students' families play in shaping students' educational aspirations and expectation and in providing various means of support. Through discussion, participants will look at the small body of rural research and discuss how successful familial support can be replicated in Appalachia's schools and universities.</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. - Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. HOW INSTITUTIONS PROMOTE STUDENT SUCCESS Dr. Brian Noland, President, East Tennessee State U.; Janice Gilliam, President, Northeast State Community College; and Jessie Kinsey, School Director, Grundy County Schools (TN)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Travel to Workshops</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. SUPPORTIVE INSTITUTIONS WORKSHOPS</p> <p>BRIDGING THE HIGH SCHOOL-COLLEGE DIVIDE Brenda Haas, Dean, University College, Shawnee State University.</p> <p>The presentation will focus on the efforts of a small regional university in Ohio to connect with its K-12 partners by sharing information on students' aspirations and progress. Examples of on-going and planned activities will be provided.</p> <p>CREATING PARTNERSHIPS IN APPALACHIAN ALABAMA Stacy Page, Counselor; and Ronnie Miller, Principal, Hamilton High School, Marion County Board of Education</p> <p>The workshop will look at the key factors in creating partnerships between the local school, the collegiate system, and community stakeholders. Participants will be presented with examples and an overview of practices that have been established and proven effective.</p> <p>ENGAGING OUT OF SCHOOL YOUNG ADULTS Susie Snelick, Director, and Pam Streich, Director of Planning, North Central Workforce Investment Board (PA)</p> <p>What is Human Centered Design and how can it be used to design programs that will increase outcomes for the region's young people? This workshop will describe the <i>Connection Café</i>, and show participants how to keep youth at the center while brainstorming possible solutions and experimenting with some rapid prototyping.</p> <p>SIGNING DAYS: NOT JUST FOR SPORTS ANYMORE! Jennifer Murphy, Director of School Counseling and Terri</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.- Breakfast</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. CHANGING THE NARRATIVE: ABOUT APPALACHIA-ABOUT SELF Roger May, Director Looking at Appalachia Project</p> <p>9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. - Travel to Workshops</p> <p>9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. STUDENT/SELF WORKSHOPS</p> <p>STEM4KIDZ: "UNLESS someone like YOU cares a whole awful lot, NOTHING is going to get better. It's NOT." Dr. Seuss Whitney Jenkins, Creator, What Kidz Can Do and 2016 H.S. Graduate; and Brenda Haas, Dean, University College, Shawnee State University.</p> <p>Research shows that children begin developing STEM thinking around age eight. Attend this hands-on session to learn how one Ohio high school girl's love of Dr. Seuss brought STEM access to her community and learn how you can become part of a 2017 Appalachian STEM4KIDZ challenge! Participants also will learn about the role of the local University partner.</p> <p>BUILDING INCLUSIVE, YOUTH-LED SPACES IN APPALACHIA Kendall Bilbrey, Coordinator, The Stay Together Appalachian Youth (STAY) Project</p> <p>STAY, a regional youth-led network, envisions an economically and environmentally sustainable Central Appalachia where young people have the power to build and participate in diverse, inclusive, and healthy communities. The Network is striving to build a movement for youth-led change. This Roundtable discussion will identify methods for building inclusive, youth-led spaces in Appalachia with a focus on uplifting queer and transgender youth, youth of color, and low-income youth in the region.</p>

<p>MAKING COLLEGE HOME ONE COURSE AT A TIME Jennifer Wilson-Kearse, Executive Director, College Access Partnerships, Appalachian State University (NC)</p> <p>This workshop will explore the <i>First Year Seminar</i>, a course that introduces students to rigorous academic study and helps them make the transition to academic life. Targeted to freshmen, the syllabus is designed to reach first-generation students and help them overcome the barriers they might encounter.</p> <p>GREAT EXPECTATIONS: FOSTER YOUTH TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE Jennifer Roark, MA, LPC, Great Expectations Program Coordinator Southwest Community College (VA)</p> <p>The <i>Great Expectations Program</i>, implemented at 18 community colleges in Virginia, helps individuals that have been affiliated with the foster care system transition to college. This session will identify the support services the students receive – services designed to promote a successful college experience.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION GROUPS</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - BREAK</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – DINNER</p> <p>Andy Offutt Irwin - Storyteller, Humorist, Musician, Public Speaker, Educator, Whistler and Show-Off</p>	<p>Douglas, Academic/Career Coach, White County Schools; and Russell Beaty, School Counselor, Alvin C. York Institute.</p> <p>From a high school perspective, follow along as staff members trace the journey of an at-risk student as he progresses through high school and commits to his promising future at the annual <i>Academic Signing Day</i> event. From a postsecondary campus, watch as staff members take a new cohort of students to meet their new school family – individuals who will prepare them for their successful lives.</p> <p>11:15-Noon PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION GROUPS</p> <p>Noon – 12:45 p.m. – Luncheon Seating by Pillar Discussion Groups</p> <p>12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Commentary and Introductions Earl Gohl, Federal Co-Chair, ARC</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ENGAGING ALL STAKEHOLDERS Reuben Jacobson, Deputy Director, Coalition for Community Schools</p> <p>2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. - Travel to Workshops</p> <p>2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS</p> <p>CMT EMPOWERING EDUCATION - A COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE Lucia Folk, Vice President, Public Affairs, Country Music Television (CMT)</p> <p>This session will highlight CMT's partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges' member schools in support of local events to encourage prospective students - specifically nontraditional and adult students - to overcome their fears of and obstacles to pursuing further education. The discussion will highlight the power of public/private partnerships and the use of storytelling to make an impact.</p> <p>THE EDUCATION COUNCIL: A MODEL FOR RURAL SUCCESS - Kimberly Rees, Executive Director, Potter County (PA) Education Council. The Council offers postsecondary education and adult workforce training convenient for residents in the rural area - "<i>Connecting you to the World through Education.</i>" This session will include information about the programs and partnerships that the Council has established to plan and coordinate programs based on community needs.</p>	<p>GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TRIO PROGRAMS IN APPALACHIA - Sharee St.Louis Smith and Holly Johnson Evans, College Access Counselors, Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, Morehead State University (KY)</p> <p>This session will introduce and/or reacquaint participants with the different TRIO programs available in Appalachia. Participants will learn the mission and goal of each program and the types of students eligible. At the end of the session, participants will have a better understanding of the TRIO programs and how they benefit students.</p> <p>AsU GUIDE: ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSETS FOR WESTERN NC YOUTH - Bradley Tunstill, GEAR UP Coordinator, Appalachian State University</p> <p>AsU GUIDE teaches the skills and mindsets necessary to become a successful, well-rounded student entrepreneur. The discussion will focus on the program - how it works, how local partnerships benefit the students, and how data is collected and used. It also will identify the plans to grow the program to fit the needs of the students as they mature.</p> <p>TIPS AND TOOLS FOR THE 2017-18 FAFSA - Maisha Challenger, Awareness & Outreach Specialist, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>This session will focus on the two major changes for the 2017–18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will highlight these changes as well as identify helpful tips and tools to help individuals prepare for the October 1, 2016 launch. The presentation will also include pertinent resources available from ED as well as a suggested timeline for the launch of the 2017–18 FAFSA that will provide insight and guidance to attendees.</p> <p>10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break & Travel to Plenary Session</p> <p>10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. - Travel to Plenary Session</p> <p>10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. ADVANCING EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY IN APPALACHIA Gina Burkhardt, President, Jobs for the Future</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – Noon – WRAP UP and ADJOURN</p>
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BUILDING BRIDGES: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO SCHOOLS - **Meredith C. Fleming**, Economic Development Assistant, Panola Partnership, Inc.; and **La'Keldra Pride**, Career and Technical Director, North Panola School District (MS) How can your community connect to your local schools through a liaison? In this session, participants will learn how one community uses their Chamber of Commerce to build that bridge and understand the community's stake in the game. Participants will share their successes and identify the challenges they face.

A BROADER, BOLDER APPROACH TO EDUCATION (BBA)
- **Reuben Jacobson**, Deputy Director, Coalition for Community Schools, IEL; and **Elaine Weiss**, National Coordinator, Broader Bolder Approach to Education, Economic Policy Institute. The BBA advances policies that combine evidence-based strategies to mitigate poverty with meaningful input from the community regarding its unique needs and its assets. BBA is developing case studies of communities taking this approach, some of which employ the full-service community schools strategy promoted by the Coalition for Community Schools. Using BBA's newest case study - on efforts in Berea, Kentucky that are supported by federal grants, including Promise Neighborhood and, more recently, a community schools grant – this workshop will explore how isolated, rural, and high-poverty communities can engage communities to build resilience, boost student achievement, and increase high school graduation and college attendance.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Travel to Plenary Session

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – HOW RURAL COMMUNITIES CAN SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS
Lucy Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, and **Dennis Bega**, Director of Regional Operations, U.S. Department of Education
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - Free Time
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Dinner and Entertainment (ETSU Musicians)