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Youth Council AGENDA Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:00 a.m.

7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Suite 200 Conference Room Las Vegas, NV 89128

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Youth Council members: Kenneth LoBene, CHAIR; Sonja Holloway, VICE-CHAIR; Chanda Cook, Lori Goodwine, Daniel Rose, Sgt. Mark Sharp, Chris Sullivan

All items listed on this Agenda are for action by the Youth Council unless otherwise noted. Action may consist of any of the following: approve, deny, condition, hold or table. Public Hearings may be declared open by the Chairperson, as required for any of the items on this Agenda designated for discussion or possible action or to provide direction and recommendations to workforce CONNECTIONS.

AGENDA

- 2. ACTION: Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items3
- **3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this Agenda, which is before this Board for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name and state your address for the record. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

4.	ACTION: Approve the minutes from the meeting on July 13, 2011
5.	ACTION: Approve the minutes from the meeting on September 16, 2011
6.	INFORMATION: Ready for Life Graduation Initiative Update ~ Ricardo Villalobos
7.	INFORMATION: Re-entry Report ~ Sylvia Spencer
8.	INFORMATION: Green & Healthcare Sector Consortia Update ~ Kelly Woods & Kim Colagioia20
9.	INFORMATION: Year-Round Service Provider Update ~ Clentine January
10.	INFORMATION: YouthBuild Las Vegas Update ~ Jennifer Padilla

- **11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier, however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name and state address for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- 12. Adjournment

Call to order, confirmation of posting and roll call

ACTION: Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items

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ACTION: Approve the minutes from the meeting on July 13, 2011

MINUTES

workforceCONNECTIONS Youth Council Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:00 a.m.

7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Suite 200Conference Room Las Vegas, NV 89128

Members Present Ken LoBene, Chair Dan Rose Chanda Cook

Chris Sullivan Sgt. Mark Sharp Eloiza Martinez Lori Goodwine

Members Absent Sonja Holloway

<u>Staff Present</u> John Ball Sylvia Spencer Byron Goynes Jaime Cruz Nick Brown, Intern

Ardell Galbreth Rick Villalobos Lori Thomas Kim Colagioia Joe Marra, Intern Suzanne Potter Lucy Ivins Lauren Stewart Kelly Woods Aisja Allen Heather DeSart Gina Campbell Nancy White Clentine January Valerie Sims

Donna Romo, DETR Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest Warren Evens, Nevada Partners, Inc.

Others PresentDoMonique Harris, Southern Nevada Children FirstDoDoug Geinzer, SNMICJerNicole Jacobs, Olive CrestWaVince Pollard, Nevada Partners, Inc.(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

<u>Agenda Item 1 - CALL TO ORDER:</u> The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 11:02 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

Agenda Item 2 - ACTION: APPROVE the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

<u>Agenda Item 3 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on June 13, 2011</u> A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on June 13, 2011 as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Dan Rose. Motion carried.

<u>Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION: Review of Planning Summit and current Youth Council Action Plan</u> Chanda Cook provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Ready for Life movement and review of the Planning Summit. Ken LoBene and Sgt. Mark Sharp attended the Planning Summit. Ms. Cook thanked Chris Sullivan for providing the food. A total of 64 people attended the event. <u>Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVE the staff recommendation to move</u> forward in developing the Youth Council Strategic planning session including identification and discussion with a consultant/facilitator

Sylvia Spencer read the recommendation. Ken LoBene asked what are the estimated costs and timeline for this request. Ms. Spencer stated that the project will cost less than \$10,000 and the process will be completed in approximately 90 days. The Youth Council agreed to impose a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 to complete this first phase of the Youth Council Strategic Planning Session. Following a brief discussion,

A motion was made to approve the staff recommendation to move forward in developing the Youth Council Strategic planning session, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, including identification and discussion with a consultant/facilitator by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Project 5000 Kids Update

Nancy White provided the following Project 5000 Kids (P5K) update:

- P5K has now placed 80+ students in summer work experiences. This month nine students were placed at Papa John's, two with Midas, and 19 at Convention Staffing Services.
- P5K attended the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on June 22 at the World Market Center.
- P5K is working on the Nevada Graduation League project with the Clark County School District. Zappos committed to sponsor teams in the P5K Graduation League.
- P5K attended the SHRM convention on June 28th and met with Internships.com; P5K is forming an alliance with them to provide numerous resources to the young people of this community.
- On June 14th, Workforce Connections staff was given a tour of Zappos.com. P5K met with the Zappos Insights group afterward to discuss an intern program. P5K and Zappos have decided to partner to create a revolving eight week intern program. P5K will provide the interns and Zappos will provide them an eight week work experience opportunity.
- P5K received a \$5,000 sponsorship check from Bank of America for our internship program.
- On June 16th P5K met with the City of Las Vegas Park & Recreation Department to form a partnership to certify students to become lifeguards. Next summer P5K will have available positions at various recreation centers, community pools, and pools at many of the big hotels.
- P5K is meeting next week with Target to form a partnership to become a pipeline for student jobs.
- P5K completed a Cooperative Agreement with US Fish & Wildlife for \$10,000 to place four tribal youth in summer intern positions at the National Wildlife Refuges this summer.
- P5K is currently meeting with various members of the community to enlist their support for Nevada Graduation League. Ms. White welcomed referrals from members of the Youth Council of people who might want to participate and support the Nevada Graduation League program.
- On Friday, July 15th, Future Fest is scheduled to take place at Pahrump Valley High School from 10AM 3PM. Future Fest is a joint program with P5K and Nye Communities Coalition to get businesses and organizations together to share with the youth opportunities for employment, volunteering, and higher education. Lucy Ivins organized and facilitated the event. Future Fest was funded with an Access Grant from the Nevada Public Education Foundation and USA Funds, whose goal is to increase the number of first time and non-traditional students to get experience and get into college.

DISCUSSION: WIA Year-Round Services Update

Clentine January provided the following Service Provider update: 1) both new and incumbent providers have submitted their proposed Budget and Scope of Work. In the following weeks staff will meet with the providers to negotiate contracts. 2) WIA service provider training will be held on July 21 from 1PM – 4PM at DETR (2800 E. St. Louis, Rooms: A-B-C). Ms. January provided a copy of the training agenda.

Nye County and HELP of Southern Nevada will provide summer work experience and Nevada Partners will provide summer school opportunities for youth enrolled in their programs.

Olive Crest exited with a positive outcome 13 of 25 youth served. The youth received a GED, were placed in unsubsidized employment or have increased their math and reading skills by one grade level.

Nine youth enrolled in the Youth Re-Entry Program upon release from the Caliente Youth Center. One youth enrolled in post-secondary education (CSN Nursing School); two youth were placed in unsubsidized employment; six youth are completing work readiness training. Five WIA youth were selected to participate in the pilot of the S.P.I.R.T. Project, which is a new innovative phone application designed to assist youth who are in distress or have an emergency access emergency resources through the touch of a button on their mobile phones.

Kim Colagioia provided the following Healthcare Sector Consortium update: staff is in the process of putting together a Request for Interest (RFI) document that will be made public to solicit a response from partners, organizations interested in leveraging funds and resources to form a consortium to develop programs for youth in the Healthcare sector. The goal is to publish the RFI by the end of July.

Kelly Woods provided the following Green Economy update: an internal workgroup including program, administration, and management staff was established to begin the process of developing the Green Economy Consortium with local organizations, stakeholders with expertise in the Green sector. The workgroup is in discussion regarding what the demand occupations are, current and future, for Green sector jobs and how to align the youth and adult Green sector programs, services, and resources at the agency level. The green program will have both youth and community involvement. The year-round service providers will be participating in the youth green process by providing their youth with the agency's Green Advantage Curriculum (GAC). The providers will have some flexibility on how they deliver the curriculum; however, all youth will have the opportunity to be involved. Also, the youth will learn about green jobs and career choices that are available.

Jaime Cruz introduced new workforceCONNECTIONS Board member Jennifer Watson. Ms. Watson is the Director of Talent at NV Energy.

INFORMATION: Service Provider Update

Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest, shared that stakeholders in the foster youth program will be meeting on July 26, 2011 for a debriefing process to discuss the overall program design and process, the needs, goals, and objectives of all partners (Olive Crest, United Way, workforceCONNECTIONS, Housing Authority, Department of Family Services), and Olive Crest's role as facilitator. Olive Crest is excited for the opportunity and will come back to the Youth Council to provide a report and share some of the results and outcomes of the discussion. Ms. Bevacqua said that foster youth have many barriers and the program overall had many challenges. Ms. Bevacqua thanked the Board and staff for their support in helping them overcomes the challenges. As a result the program was successful and many of the youth have great success stories they would like to share and take the opportunity to thank the Board and staff for investing in and improving their lives.

Ken LoBene requested that Ms. Bevacqua work with Clentine January to provide more detailed information on the outcomes for all exited youth. Ms. Bevacqua concurred.

INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

On July 14th, workforceCONNECTIONS and the Urban League will host a discussion on the state of businesses in Southern Nevada. To date, approximately 80 businesses are registered to attend the discussion. Byron Goynes will host the event and lead a discussion on developing a youth employment component in the business community. The moderators will include Delvin Moore, Marketing Director, Planet Hollywood and Cedric Creer, Board of Regents. The event is being held at Nevada Partners from 9AM – 11AM.

Public Comment

Earl McDowell, Deputy Administrator, Department of Employment and Training stated that he oversees the Sector Councils and that he likes to see youth participate. Mr. McDowell said it is imperative that a youth representative in the areas of Green, Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Hospitality sectors.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

ACTION: Approve the minutes from the meeting on September 16, 2011

MINUTES workforceCONNECTIONS

Youth Council Ready for Life Initiative

Friday, September 16, 2011 10:00 a.m.

Molasky Corporate Center 100 City Parkway, 17th Floor, Suite 1700 Las Vegas, NV 89106

<u>Members Present:</u> Sgt. Mark Sharp (Phone)	Ken LoBene, Chair Chanda Cook	Chris Sullivan (Phone) Lori Goodwine (Phone)				
Members Absent:	Sonja Holloway	Dan Rose				
Staff Present:	Ricardo Villalobos	Suzanne Potter	Chris Shaw			
Lauren Stewart	Cornelius Eason	Bridget Shaney	Tom Dang			
Beth Rubins						
Others Present						
Bridget Phillips, CCSD Par	rtnership Program	Beverly Mason, CCSD Partnership Program				
Alan Diskin, Junior Achiev	vement	Joselyn Cousins, United Way of So. Nevada				
Matt Hirsch, United Way o	f So. Nevada	Robert Henry, CCSD Dept. of Adult Education				
Andrea Woods, NAACP/Foundation for Positively Kids						

(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

<u>Agenda Item 1 - CALL TO ORDER</u>: The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 10:37 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

<u>Agenda Item 2 - ACTION: APPROVE the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items</u> A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Lori Goodwine. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 – FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION None

<u>Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSILE ACTION:</u> to allow direct staff to enter into partnership negotiations with the Clark County School District in support of their Graduation/Mentoring Initiative, to include the expenses for the start-up period of the project in an amount not to exceed \$900,000

A motion was made to allow direct staff to enter into partnership negotiations with the Clark County School District in support of their Graduation/Mentoring Initiative, to include the expenses for the start-up period of the project in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Chris Sullivan. Motion carried.

<u>Agenda Item 5 – BREAKOUT DISCUSSION:</u> development of an actionable community collaborative strategy supporting the *workforce***CONNECTIONS** Ready for Life movement.

Agenda Item 6 – SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION None

<u>Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment</u> The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m. INFORMATION: Ready for Life Graduation Initiative Update ~ Ricardo Villalobos

Graduate Advocate Initiative

CCSD High School Administrator

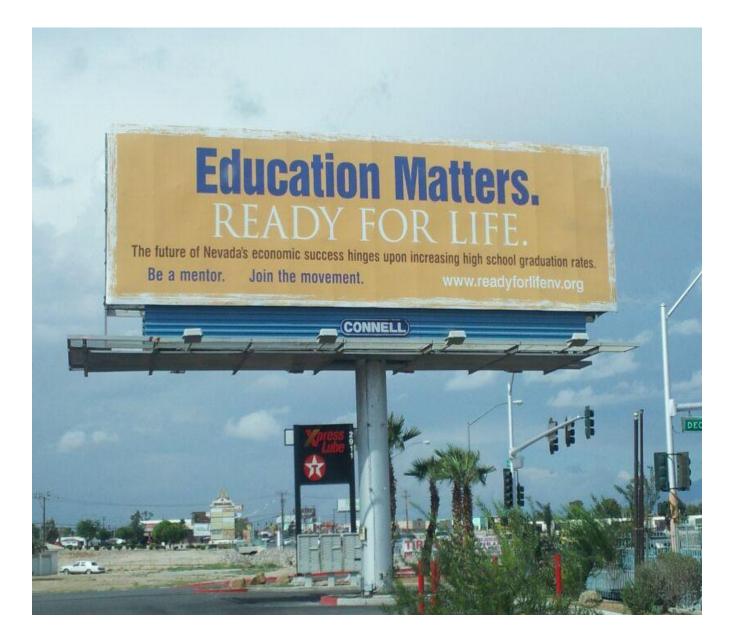
In partnership with the Graduation Initiative Program Manager, RFL Graduate Advocate Director, Community & Employment Liaison, Graduate Advocates, and school staff will oversee the program from CCSD.

CCSD Graduation Initiative Program Manager

This licensed administrative position functions to provide leadership and support for the Graduation Initiative Project addressing program development and implementation for high schools targeting juniors and seniors in danger of not being Ready by Exit." RFL Advocate Director This position serves as a liaison between CCSD and workforceCONNECTIONS. This position will strategically plan, design, coordinate, lead, and manage through graduate coordinators as well as the work of engaged entities of the Operation Graduations Project and its partners.

RFL Community & Employment Liaison Under direction from the RFL Graduate Advocate Director, individuals in this position coordinate community and employment services for students/youth who are participating in the RFL Graduation Initiative Project, including the solicitation of mentors, internships and job shadowing opportunities that wil lead to students graduating and being prepared for post-secondary activities. Incumbents will manager partnership strategies for workforceCONNECTIONS and direct various phases of public and private partnerships that will result in the development of pools of mentors and business as well as conducting workshops, gathering data (for the purposes of reporting), determining WIA eligibility, and attending required meetings and trainings.

RFL Graduate Advocate Coordinator Under direction from the RFL GAD and the high school principal, individuals in this position coordinate, lead, and manage day-today operations of the on-campus RFL Operation Graduation Project's mentoring activities. Incumbents will lead and direct activities that will develop pools of mentors as well as conduct workshops, gather date (for the purpose of reporting), attend required meetings and trainings.





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WorkforceCONNECTIONS of Southern Nevada and United Way of Southern Nevada desires to establish a partnership with the Clark County School District (CCSD) to implement the Ready for Life (RFL) Graduate Initiative program to at-risk CCSD high school seniors, at no cost to these students.

This agreement will be for the period of October 21, 2011, through June 30, 2012, with the inclusion of provisions for annual review of services and termination by either of the parties by written notice. *workforce*CONNECTIONS will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of itself and United Way of Southern Nevada in this Agreement.

Under this agreement, services will be provided and managed by *workforce*CONNECTIONS and CCSD School-Community Partnership office. A *workforce*CONNECTIONS RFL Director will oversee all of the program services and work in conjunction with the CCSD Graduate Initiative Program Manager housed in the School-Community Partnership office. Also, a RFL Coordinator, hired by *workforce*CONNECTIONS, will be placed on the campus of each high school designated to receive services under this initiative. RFL Coordinators will assign mentor/volunteers to work one-on-one with students at the high school who are credit deficient and/or have been unsuccessful with passing the Nevada High School Proficiency exam(s). Support services cost such as boot camp classes and credit retrieval courses will be covered by *workforce*CONNECTIONS for eligible students. Support services for non-WIA-certified students, background checks, and training materials for volunteers will be paid for by United Way of Southern Nevada. The goal of this Agreement is to increase the graduation rate of CCSD high school seniors.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with workforceCONNECTIONS and United Way of Southern Nevada to implement the Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative to at-risk Clark County School District high school seniors, at no cost to the students, from October 21, 2011, through June 30, 2012, and for the Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Interlocal Agreement, is recommended.

I. workforceCONNECTIONS agrees to:

A. Hire & provide supervision of RFL Graduate Advocate Director (RFL GAD) position for program development and implementation.

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B. Hire & provide supervision (via RFL GAD) of RFL Graduate Advocate Coordinator positions for program implementation record of services provided for WIA-certified eligible seniors at designated High Schools.

C. Hire & provide supervision (via RFL GAD) of RFL Community & Employment Services Liaison for project services to participating students/youth of the RFL Graduation Initiative Project.

D. Provide funding for services and materials for WIA-certified seniors at the designated High Schools.

E. Maintain documentation of project activities as necessary.

F. Assist with the recruitment of community mentors, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

G. Assist in providing resources for the identified high school students, specifically WIA-certified.

H. Provide oversight and collaborate on initiative with WIA-certified seniors.

I. Designated contact person for *workforce*CONNECTIONS: RFL GAD.

J. Provide the general operating supplies for *workforce*CONNECTIONS RFL staff that are located at each of the ten designated high school sites.

K. Provide funding for student services cost such as boot camp classes and credit retrieval courses.

II. Clark County School District agrees to:

A. Hire & provide supervision of School-Community Partnership Office CCSD Graduation Initiative Program Manager.

B. Develop comprehensive training for high school liaisons and mentors.

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C. Develop training tools and materials for high school liaisons and mentors.

D. Provide language translation as necessary.

E. Develop and implement procedures for background checks for community mentors.

F. Work in collaboration with *workforce*CONNECTIONS & United Way of Southern Nevada to identify community resources to assist identified high school students.

G. Maintain documentation of project activities as necessary.

H. Ensure effective data methodology is utilized; procedures are created for data collection and evaluation for the project, and share findings with *workforce*CONNECTIONS & United Way of Southern Nevada.

I. Provide in-kind office space for RFL Graduate Advocate Coordinators at each designated High School.

J. Select a Graduate Initiative Program Manager and appoint a High School liaison at each designated High School.

K. Conduct fingerprinting for RFL Director, Business and Community Liaison, and all RFL Coordinators serving at designated CCSD High Schools.

L. Provide RFL Coordinators with access to student data with parental consent through District systems.

III. United Way of Southern Nevada agrees to:

A. Provide funding for services and materials for non-WIA eligible seniors at the designated High Schools.

B. Provide funding for background checks and training binders for community mentors.

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C. Assist with the recruitment of community mentors, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

- D. Assist in providing resources for the identified high school students.
- E. Collaborate on initiative.

IV. Payment

- CCSD School-Community Partnership office will submit request for reimbursements to *workforce*CONNECTIONS on a monthly basis and will be reimbursed based on actual expenditures and will include copies of receipts and any other supportive documentation.
- Additional expenditure detail will be provided upon request. The amount of request will not exceed the actual expenditure.
- Final request for reimbursement to *workforce*CONNECTIONS will be required within 30 days of the close of the program services.

V. All parties Mutually Agree:

A. To the extent authorized by NRS Chapter 41 or other applicable law, Clark County School District hereby agrees to indemnify, save and hold *workforce*CONNECTIONS and their respective officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, injuries, costs, and damages directly attributable to the negligence of the Clark County School District and its officers and employees in the performance of duties under this agreement. *workforce*CONNECTIONS agrees to indemnify, save and hold Clark County School District and their respective officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, injuries, costs, and damages arising from activities herein described by *workforce*CONNECTIONS and their officers, employees, or agents. This agreement is made only for the benefit of the parties hereto and no others.

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B. This Agreement shall commence on the last date any authorized signatory affixes his/her signature below effective October 21, 2011. This Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated by any of the parties as set forth in IV (B).

C. That this Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by any party upon thirty (30) days' written notice by the canceling party to the other parties.

To workforceCONNECTIONS:	John Ball, Executive Director 7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89128
To UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA:	Joselyn Cousins, Vice President Community Development 8290 S. Arville Street Las Vegas, NV 89139
To CCSD:	Bridget Phillips, Director School-Community Partnership 4212 Eucalyptus Ave. Annex, Bldg. 8 Las Vegas, NV 89121

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Pedro Martinez Deputy Superintendent DATE

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workforceCONNECTIONS:

John Ball Executive Director DATE

UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA:

Joselyn Cousins Vice President DATE

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Youth Re-Entry Programs and Academic Achievement in Southern Nevada

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

"The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (No Child Left Behind) is a landmark in education reform designed to improve student achievement and change the culture of America's schools. [Former] President George W. Bush describes this law as the 'cornerstone of [his] administration.' Clearly, our children are our future, and, as President Bush has expressed, 'Too many of our neediest children are being left behind.""

The State of Nevada adopted its Common Core Standards in October 2010, alleging among several assurances that "Every child in Nevada can gain academic achievement." Additionally, Nevada's Academic Content Standards values included a commitment to ensure that all students are college and career ready. The criterion that was comprised to develop the Common Core Standards includes a "K-12 standard of aligning with college and work expectations and considering evidence and/or research-based practices.

workforceCONNECTIONS' WIA Youth Re-entry Services

In the spring of 2008, the Youth Council established a commitment to provide services to adjudicated youth within the juvenile justice system, including a provision to provide allowable funding for programs that could be justified within WIA regulations. The services are to include both pre- and post-release activities to provide a consistent and stable connection back to their home and community.

Subsequently, ARRA funding was allocated towards services for youth at both Spring Mountain Youth Camp (a detention facility whereby youth are detained no longer than 6 months) and Caliente Youth Center (a detention center whereby a significant number of youth return to Clark County upon release), especially since ARRA funding did not require year-round commitments of participation. Additionally, wC is currently funding an "inhouse" Caliente Project, which provides WIA youth services to youth who are released and returning home in Clark County.

Recent Developments

In considering what services could be provided to incarcerated youth, wC and the Youth Council acknowledges the restrictions of WIA funding for youth services which requires, at least, a one-year commitment of participation. Therefore, Spring Mountain Youth Camp and southern Nevada' detention facilities are not feasible by nature of the youth's length of stay, and the potential risk to performance outcomes. The average of stay at detention facilities is 16 to 18 days and up to 70 or 80 days. What we did discover was that the detained youth who have not earned a high school diploma or GED, attend classes, but earn no credit towards a secondary credential.

This information was shared with NPEF, and in turn, brought this matter to the attention of CCSD. CCSD immediately committed to implementing a credit retrieval option, such as Compass Learning into the Juvenile Detention high school, indicating that "it is the right thing to do for our kids." This will allow detained youth to obtain credit using a competency-based approach as opposed to seat time.

NPEF and wC's Ready for Life staff are working with CCSD, Adult Education and Juvenile Justice to provide additional opportunities for youth to earn academic credit and credit retrieval while in juvenile detention. We will continue to provide the Youth Council and Board Members with updates.

INFORMATION: Green Consortium Update ~ Kelly Woods

	YOUTH COUNCIL			
	GREEN SECTOR ECONOMY RFI			
	RECOMMENDATIONS			
NAME	YOUTH GREEN SECTOR CONSORTIUM			
DESCRIPTION	THE YOUTH GREEN SECTOR ECONOMY CONSORTIUM IS A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGAM MODEL DESIGNED TO ADDRESS <i>workforce</i> CONNECTIONS' COMMITMENT TO SECTOR STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION.			
PROGRAM DATES	PROGRAM YEAR FUNDING (PY) II/I2 TO START FALL (NOV/DEC 2011) PROGRAM DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION 18-24 MONTHS)			
LOCATION(S)	SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS WILL VARY AMONG IDENTIFIED CONSORTIUM MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES			
SERVICE AREA(S)	CLARK COUNTY/ SOUTHERN NEVADA (others areas TBD)			
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	(WIA) ELIGIBLE YOUTH AGES 16-21			
FUNDING	RESOURCE LEVERAGING (and WIA FORMULA \$500,000)			
Potential CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	RECOMMENDED Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southern Nevada Clark County School District Community Services Agency Gene Ward Elementary School Latin Chamber Community Foundation Southern Nevada Gang Task Force Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority UNLV Division of Educational Outreach			
STAFF	Kelly Woods, Program Specialist /wC Admin & Fiscal Staff: TBD			
REQUIRED COMPONENTS:	GREEN ADVANTAGE CURRICULM PRE-APPRENTICESHIP READY FOR LIFE (RFL) YOUTH FRAMEWORK SESP INTEGRATION / wC ADULT ALIGNMENT			

INFORMATION: Healthcare Consortium Update ~ Kim Colagioia

Youth Healthcare Consortium

Background:

*workforce***CONNECTIONS** staff released a public notice and Request for Interest (RFI) to obtain community input in:

- Fully understanding the youth healthcare sector resources in Southern Nevada
- Developing a comprehensive youth services delivery system
- Developing functioning Youth Healthcare Consortium that implements quality, goal oriented healthcare sector programs that lead to developing an educated and skilled workforce that meets Nevada's future workforce needs

The RFI process seeks to **UNIFY** the youth services development system. Through this RFI process, *workforce***CONNECTIONS** is seeking organizations, municipalities, and businesses willing to **LEVERAGE** community resources into a youth healthcare consortium. The goal of the consortium is to develop a systematic and strategic approach to youth service delivery. The Youth Healthcare Sector Consortium will focus on youth ages 16-21, an introduction to healthcare career pathways and the development of a skilled healthcare sector youth workforce.

Healthcare RFI Goals:

- Gain a NET INCREASE in educational and employment opportunities for youth
- Target under-represented groups of gender and disadvantaged youth
- Develop sustainable career ladder systems for ALL youth
- Meet Nevada's future labor demands
- Implement creative, unique, outside the box ideas and programs
- Implement and create "hands-on" programs that attract and engage youth

Ten (10) RFI responses were received by the deadline, September 15, 2011, and were reviewed by youth and adult programming, WIA, and Healthcare Sector Council members both independently and as a group between September 19th and October 5, 2011. The recommendations from the Evaluation Team are that the following groups be asked to participate in the Youth Healthcare Consortium in this initial stage:

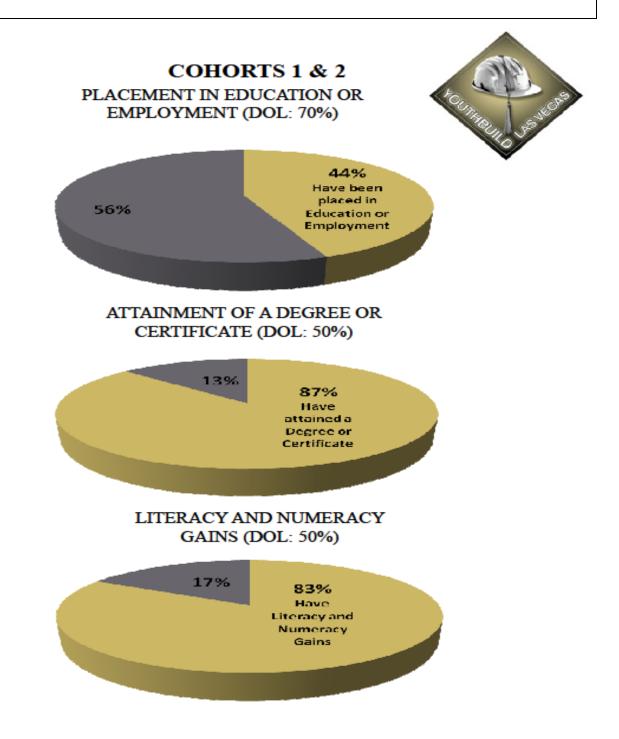
- Community Services Agency
- Clark County School District
- Victory in Action
- Nye Communities Coalition
- 3 Healthcare Sector Council Members including one youth representative
- 2 workforceCONNECTIONS staff (Kim Colagioia and Linda Yi)

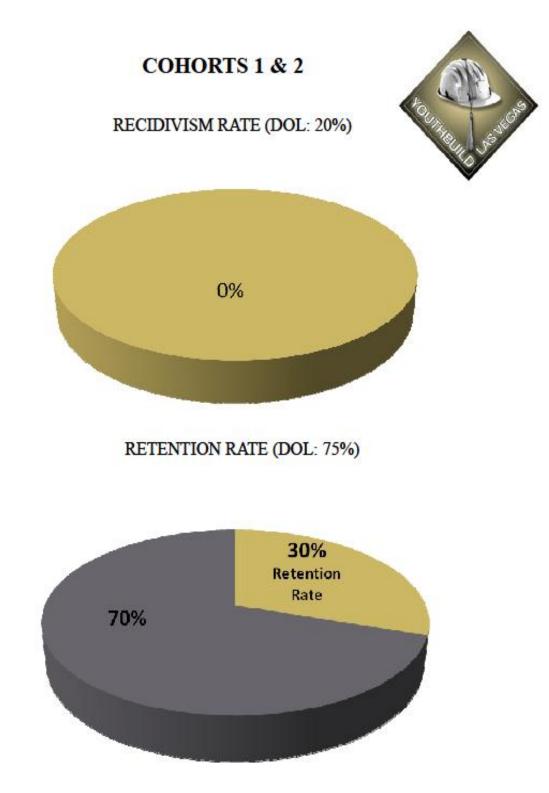
Next Steps:

- Formally notify all RFI Responders of those initially selected to participate in Youth Healthcare Consortium
- Set up a meeting schedule for the group. Our first meeting will be in November 2011
- Begin to identify and plan the youth healthcare program

INFORMATION: Year-Round Service Provider Update ~ Clentine January

INFORMATION: YouthBuild Las Vegas Update ~ Jennifer Padilla





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Adjournment