



REGIONAL TRAINING AGENDA

Portland, Oregon ♦ Wednesday, February 27, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND MORNING REFRESHMENTS

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

CARING ADULTS CONNECTING WITH YOUTH

WELCOME

EMCEE: **BYRON GARRETT**, *Chief of Staff, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

This session will provide an introduction and overview of the day's activities.

9:10 – 9:40 a.m.

LEARNING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITIES

ADULT GROUP FACILITATOR: **BYRON GARRETT**

YOUTH GROUP FACILITATOR: **EMILY WILSON**, *Student, Albion University*

During Part I of this highly interactive session, partnerships will introduce themselves to each other and identify key strengths and challenges that they experience in working to help youth. Part II will enable partnerships to find others they interact with to share ideas, experiences, and hopes for the future.

A separate youth track will enable youth participants to learn about each other and the roles they can play in their partnerships.

9:40 – 10:00 a.m.

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUTH IN AMERICA: AN URGENT AGENDA

PRESENTER: **LARKE HUANG, PH.D.**, *Senior Advisor on Children, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

This session will offer statistics about patterns of risk behaviors and positive trends for youth. It will show how caring adults and connections with families, schools and communities can positively impact youth outcomes. Information specific to states in the region will be presented.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 – 11:10 a.m.

COALITIONS: A CRITICAL STRATEGY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MODERATOR: **GREGG WELTZ**, *Director, Division of Youth Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor*

PANELISTS, SEATTLE PARTNERSHIP:

JOHN FORSYTH, *Community Services Administrator, Seattle Housing Authority*

MARCUS STUBBLEFIELD, *Program Manager, Safe Futures Youth Center, Seattle Housing Authority*

PANELISTS, PORTLAND PARTNERSHIP:

ANDREW MASON, *Executive Director, Open Meadow*

ZEKE SMITH, *Chief of Staff, Superintendent's Office, Portland Public Schools*

Across this nation, hundreds of grassroots organizations are working together to change community norms to better support children and youth. This session will offer strategies for bringing together key sectors in communities to help develop and communicate a strategy to support youth.



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11:10 – 11:50 a.m.

PARTNERSHIPS: WHAT MAKES FOR A STRONG ADULT-YOUTH PARTNERSHIP?

PRESENTER: WENDY WHEELER, *President, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development*

YOUTH PRESENTER: CAROLYN EDLEBECK, *Trainer, Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development*

Through this session, partnerships will develop a shared understanding of the ways that connections between youth and adults contribute to positive changes in a community. Participants will be guided through interactive exercises to explore what adults and youth can bring to the table through involvement with a community partnership. Youth will learn how to better communicate with adults and become more involved in their communities. Adults will learn how to develop leadership opportunities for youth.

11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY GUIDE TO HELPING AMERICA'S YOUTH

PRESENTER: MARTHA MOOREHOUSE, PH.D., *Director, Children and Youth Policy Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

This session will introduce the Community Guide to Helping America's Youth in practical terms and will show how to use each of the interactive tools in the Community Guide. This brief overview will explain key features of the Community Guide, including MapIt, the Community Resource Inventory, the Program Tool, Progress Monitoring, and Helpful Links. Tips on learning about and applying for federal funding will also be shared.

1:30 – 1:55 p.m.

MAPIT: MAP YOUR COMMUNITY'S FEDERAL RESOURCES, CENSUS DATA, & MORE

PRESENTER: CHARLES REYNOLDS, *Special Expert – GIS Technology, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

This session will discuss how geo-mapping benefits collaborative youth-serving programs, and will demonstrate mapping functions of the Helping America's Youth (HAY) website. In addition, participants will learn to map their own community and program efforts.

1:55 – 2:15 p.m.

GATHER, STORE AND MAP YOUR COMMUNITY'S RESOURCES: COMMUNITY RESOURCE INVENTORY

PRESENTER: CHARLES REYNOLDS

This session will share how to use the HAY Community Resource Inventory to assess community assets to support youth programming. Participants will learn how to register for a Community Resource Inventory account and how to manage information about existing community resources. Participants will engage in interactive exercises using data from a sample community.

2:15 – 2:35 p.m.

YOU TRY IT!

PRESENTER: CHARLES REYNOLDS

This session will enable participants to test the Community Guide's features. At the end of this session, participants will be able to share the features of the Community Guide they found useful.



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2:35 – 2:45 p.m.

SESSION WRAP-UP

EMCEE: **BYRON GARRETT**

The presenter will offer an inspiring message about adults and youth contributing to the community.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

BREAK/YOUTH TRANSITION TO YOUTH-ONLY WORKSHOP ROOM

3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

ADULTS-ONLY TRACK

YOUTH-ONLY TRACK

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

IS IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING REALISTIC FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

PRESENTER: JAMES P. GLASSON, *Specialist, University of South Carolina Human Services Program*

YOUTH PRESENTER: BRANDON JAMES YOUNG, *Sheldon Township Community Support Partnership*

This session will offer one community's experience identifying and implementing evidence-based programs, and adapting programs to meet their unique needs. Participants will learn strategies to tailor programs to meet their needs while maintaining key features of the original program.

YOUTH WORKSHOP: OUR PARTNERSHIPS

FACILITATOR: EMILY WILSON

After the Community Resource Inventory presentation, youth will move into a separate youth track and focus on ways youth can contribute to community partnerships. Youth will engage in a project that builds on the key messages of Helping America's Youth, as well as the importance of family, school and community.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

HOW WILL YOU USE THE COMMUNITY GUIDE?

FACILITATORS: BYRON GARRETT & WENDY WHEELER

FEDERAL GROUP LEADERS:

Elizabeth Lopez, *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Curtis Porter, *Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Maria-Lana Queen, *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Margaret Reid, *Office of National Drug Control Policy, The White House*

This interactive session will solicit feedback on the Community Guide, suggestions for future enhancements, and opportunities to integrate the Community Guide with other strategic planning tools. This session will enable participants to work within their partnership team and network with other partnerships.

4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

WRAP-UP/CLOSING

FACILITATORS: BYRON GARRETT & WENDY WHEELER

The facilitators will provide a summary of what was heard from the participant report-out and will close the day with an inspiring message to participants.

Reminders for Day 2 Regional Conference

For security reasons, official government issued photo identification is required to be presented at registration. Official photo identification must be available at all times during the conference for verification. Large bags and food are not permitted in the Theater. Professional dress is requested. Doors will close promptly at 8:30 a.m.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Carolyn Edlebeck

Trainer, Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development (ICCYD)

For more than seven years, Carolyn Edlebeck has been a partner of the ICCYD based in Waupaca, Wisconsin. In addition to her work on the Waupaca Healthy Community/Healthy Youth Team, Ms. Edlebeck is a lead trainer in the Innovation Center's national cadre of trainers. Her voice and story have been featured in publications on youth leadership and youth engagement in strengthening communities. Ms. Edlebeck is an avid community volunteer with experience in Mexico and Finland as well as in Waupaca. She is currently a freshman at the University of Wisconsin pursuing a degree in international relations.

John Forsyth

Community Services Administrator, Seattle Housing Authority (SHA)

John Forsyth is the Administrator of the Community Services Division at the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) and has worked for SHA since 1997. The Community Services Division partners with SHA tenants and numerous organizations on initiatives working toward economic self-sufficiency, youth development, community building, social services and fund raising. Prior to coming to SHA, John spent over ten years working for faith-based non-profits involved with community development and emergency relief in developing countries. Mr. Forsyth has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree from Whitworth College. He and his wife Joanna have two teenage sons.

Byron V. Garrett

Chief of Staff, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

As Chief of Staff, Byron Garrett manages the day-to-day operations of the Office of Public Affairs. His responsibilities include providing guidance for strategic communications, public outreach, media relations, special events, television operations and the customer service center. Prior to this position, Mr. Garrett served as a National Program Leader for Mission Mandates at the National 4-H Headquarters, housed within the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Previously as an appointee of Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, Mr. Garrett served as policy advisor and director for the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Initiatives, and director of the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development.

James P. Glasson

Specialist, University of South Carolina Human Services Degree Program

James P. Glasson, a faculty member at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, teaches and oversees internships in the human services degree program. He has more than 25 years of experience working with children and youth as a community organizer. Mr. Glasson also works with a grassroots community partnership called the Sheldon Township Community Support Partnership in a low income, predominantly African-American and rural community that uses evidenced-based programs to enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors for youth.



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Larke Huang, Ph.D.

Senior Advisor on Children, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Larke Huang is a licensed clinical-community psychologist who provides leadership for SAMHSA on federal national policy pertaining to mental health and substance use issues for children, adolescents and families. Dr. Huang has worked in the field of children's mental health for the past 25 years assuming multiple leadership roles dedicated to improving the lives of children, families and communities. Previous positions include managing director at the American Institutes for Research, where she was involved in research, technical assistance and policy development for children's mental health; and director of research and evaluation at Georgetown University's National Technical Assistance Center on Children's Mental Health. Dr. Huang has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse youth; evaluated community-based programs, authored books and articles on children's mental health; and provided technical assistance to states and communities on mental health policy and service development. She received her doctorate in psychology from Yale University.

Andrew Mason

Executive Director, Open Meadow

Andrew Mason joined Open Meadow thirteen years ago, serving previously as Open Meadow's Associate Director and Director of Transition Programs. He came to Open Meadow to develop the program CRUE (Corps Restoring the Urban Environment) into a full-time alternative education program for high school students. Mr. Mason has established many new programs at Open Meadow for high school youth, including Corporate Connections, to employ graduating youth, and Career Pathways, to provide employment and post-secondary transition services to youth, plus other project-based, social enterprise, and entrepreneurial ventures. Prior to Open Meadow, he worked as a Crew Leader trainer statewide for the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, provided technical assistance to start-up programs, and served as a Crew Leader and Education Coordinator for the Cascade Education Corps in Forest Grove, Oregon. Mr. Mason holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Reed College.

Martha Moorehouse, Ph.D.

Director, Children and Youth Policy Division (CYPD), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

As the Director of the CYPD, Dr. Moorehouse focuses on policy development, research and evaluation relating to children, youth, and their families in the following areas: early childhood; risk prevention and reduction; domestic violence; welfare reform; and improving data on children and youth. Dr. Moorehouse served as a Society for Research in Child Development fellow with the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), where she provided federal direction for large, multi-site studies of Head Start demonstrations and other social programs. She has worked with children and youth in a variety of settings, as well as published numerous articles regarding children, youth, and families. She earned her doctorate in developmental psychology at Cornell University and was a member of the psychology faculty at the University of California, Santa Cruz.



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Charles Reynolds

Special Expert – GIS Technology, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Charles Reynolds is an expert in using geographic information software (GIS) to answer complex questions regarding the federal government's delivery of health related services. With more than 20 years of experience in the field of spatial analyses, Mr. Reynolds is currently working to integrate GIS resources and products into needs assessment, evaluation, and reporting into the following areas: HIV/AIDS; workplace, business, and community coalition outreach efforts; substance abuse and mental health services facilities; and preventative providers across the nation.

Zeke Smith

Chief of Staff, Superintendent's Office, Portland Public Schools

Zeke Smith joined Portland Public Schools as the Chief of Staff to Superintendent Carole Smith in 2007. Mr. Smith has served the Portland Schools Foundation as its Director of Community Engagement since 2005. In that role, he has worked closely with Portland Public Schools as a partner. He developed and implemented Connected X 25, designed to connect every Portland teen and young adult to school, work and citizenship by age 25 through a coalition of more than 35 public and private organizations. Mr. Smith's prior career was in youth development and education, working for the Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth Employment Institute, and as a program manager for Worksystems, Inc. Mr. Smith is familiar with Portland Public Schools as a parent, as well; his two children attend Rigler Elementary School in Northeast Portland.

Marcus Stubblefield

Program Manager, Safe Futures Youth Center, Seattle Housing Authority

Marcus Stubblefield is SafeFutures Youth Center's full-time African American Program Manager. He was raised in the High Point Community and attended Seattle Public Schools. After receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business Management and Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, he traveled the world playing professional basketball before returning to contribute back to his community by working with youth in High Point. Mr. Stubblefield began working for SafeFutures Youth Center in 2000 as the High Point Developmental Asset Team Coordinator and was promoted to Program Manager in 2004. The Asset Team consisted of 15-20 ethnically diverse youth from the High Point Community, primarily consisting of Southeast Asian and East African youth, focusing on community building. Mr. Stubblefield is also a part of programmatic representation of gang interventions at coalitions, schools, law enforcement, and strategic intervention.



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Gregg Weltz

***Director, Division of Youth Services, Employment and Training Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)***

Gregg Weltz has more than 14 years of professional experience in the domestic and international youth development field including expertise in policy development and program implementation and management at both the local and national levels. Currently, in his capacity as the Director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Division of Youth Services, Mr. Weltz oversees roughly \$1 billion in Workforce Investment Act funds and the President's Prisoner Reentry Initiative. Mr. Weltz served in the DOL's Office of Policy and was a key member of the 1998 legislative staff team responsible for developing the current national youth employment and training policy under the Workforce Investment Act. Mr. Weltz also served for five years as Youth Program Director of a large community-based organization in Northern California, working with at-risk youth. Mr. Weltz also represents the U.S. government at various youth employment forums of the International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Weltz has a Master of Management of Youth Services from Brandeis University's Heller School of Social Welfare.

Wendy Wheeler

President, Chief Executive Office and Founder, Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development

Wendy Wheeler seeks out, nurtures, and brings to scale exceptional strategies to support young people, strengthen communities, and promote social justice. An expert in training and organizational development, Ms. Wheeler consults for organizations, universities, and philanthropic institutions. Prior to founding the Innovation Center, she held leadership posts at the YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts of the USA, and National 4-H Council. She serves on several advisory boards and has written numerous articles for both practitioners and academics, including an article on youth development and civic engagement for the 2003 Handbook of Applied Developmental Science. Ms. Wheeler is an international fellow and visiting professor in applied developmental science at Tufts University.

Emily Wilson

Student, Albion College

Emily Wilson is a senior at Albion College in Albion, Michigan where she is pursuing degrees in political science and art and is active in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Public Service. Ms. Wilson has completed internships with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Corporation for National and Community Service. She is president of the Albion College Student Alumni Association and a four-year varsity runner on the cross-country team. She has facilitated art projects at several national youth summits and conferences.

Brandon James Young

Sheldon Township Community Support Partnership

Brandon Young is a 2005 graduate of Battery Creek High School in Beaufort, South Carolina, where he participated in band, the SADD club, and the school's Marine ROTC program as the second ranking officer. He served as the youth representative on the Board of the Sheldon Township Community Support Partnership for two years. Mr. Young is an active member of the Bethany Methodist Church where his father, Reverend Curtis J. Young, pastors. He is currently studying criminal justice at American International University.