



**Improving Educational Opportunities Working Group
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation
404 Euclid Ave., San Diego, CA 92114
June 13, 2018, 10a.m. - 12p.m.
Meeting Notes**

In Attendance: City of San Diego Promise Zone, AmeriCorps VISTA, Barrio Logan College Institute, Elementary Institute of Science, San Diego Unified School District, South Bay Community Services, Heartland Youthbuild, GD-NASSCO

Welcome and Introductions

This meeting was restructured after the feedback received at the joint meeting between the Education, Jobs, and Economic Activities working groups. Partners identified some very specific activities and will now begin to organize around timely funding opportunities to support these projects.

Review of May 2018 Working Group Meeting

The following needs/opportunities for connection were identified during the May joint meeting between Education, Jobs, and Economic Activities.

- Support a permanent connection between General Dynamics-NASSCO/other employers and social service providers like La Maestra and Catholic Charities, that can support their workers in their personal lives to increase retention.
- Support the creation of a job search platform for Opportunity Youth (OY) and at-risk youth (SDWP and SD Unified).
- Increase the capacity of local maritime training programs to train more OY.
- Increase soft-skills training in tandem with technical training. (Standardize a soft-skills curriculum by partnering with industry).

Funding Opportunities

Youth and Scientific Engagement – American Honda Foundation:

- Elementary Institute of Science has pursued in the past and will reapply, with a focus on their FIRE Program, engaging middle school girls into STEM fields.

Youthbuild – Dept. of Labor:

- The Heartland Association plans to apply for renewal of their program. They are looking to expand the trades they offer to appeal to more students.
- Partnerships with maritime organizations could assist in expanding programs to include welding, and offer another source of employment for program graduates.

Future of the STEM Workforce – National Science Foundation:

- Programs exist with school outside of the PZ to engage students in welding and advanced manufacturing programs.
- Funding could potentially be used at Lincoln HS or Cesar Chavez Community College Campus to begin workforce development programs to feed directly into local employer's needs.

Advanced Technological Education – National Science Foundation:

- The CACT program and NASSCO are partnering to expand programs and source more students from the SDPZ into their education and job training programs.
- Still looking into who they can partner with to find these youth from the SDPZ and how they can engage them.
- The current ship building workforce is aging, creating a need for younger skilled craftsmen.

K-12 STEM + Computing – National Science Foundation

- Lincoln HS is a STEM cluster. The schools in the area could use funding to engage youth at a younger age in STEM fields. By middle school most students have already decided not to pursue STEM careers.

Soft Skills Connections

- Job skills can be easily taught, but the youth who succeed have a strong soft skills basis. These skills include effective communication with management, clients, and coworkers, punctuality, and a sense of responsibility.
- Partners would like to hear which programs produce the best soft skills, and learn from their best practices how they may expand these trainings into their programs.

Next Steps and Closing

Next month's meeting will be partially follow up on these funding opportunities, and partially focused on organization capacity building. Meeting structure will be an hour and a half from now on.

Next Meeting Date:

Second Wednesday of Every Month

Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation – Community Room

July 11, 2018, 10-11:30a.m.