



**Improving Educational Opportunities Working Group
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation
404 Euclid Ave., San Diego, CA 92114
Nov. 15, 2017, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

In Attendance: Harder + Co, San Diego Promise Zone, AmeriCorps VISTA, City of San Diego Public Library, Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, HUD, San Diego Continuing Education, San Diego Community College District, Jackie Robinson YMCA, San Diego Unified School District, The Urban Collaborative Project, Youthbuild, San Diego Youth Development Office

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Sandra Ainslie (JCNI) called meeting together. Several new attendees made introductions and the group recapped the planning phase timeline and goal of the logic model.

Announcements

Promise Zone staff attended DEEP's 0-5 working group meeting in October to make connections, become informed on their work, and capitalize on the existing efforts of this group, expanding it further into the Zone.

Review of October 2017 Working Group Meeting

The previous meeting focused on kinder readiness and professional development for Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers. The group recognized the need to separate early childhood and college and career readiness discussions to give each sufficient focus.

Logic Model Draft Review

Subgoal 4b: Increase the number of college/career readiness programs for middle school children and increase educational and career supports for Opportunity Youth (OY)

Suggestions:

- Wrap-around social services:
 - The wellness center provides wrap-around services but is only open two days a week. The group added an activity to expand hours and days the center is open.
 - Output would be to re-engage X number of out of school youth through the wellness center's upcoming youth fairs.
 - San Diego Continuing Education provides counselors at these events to talk about career and college readiness courses available to students that run alongside high school programs.

- College and career readiness courses may be offered on site at Lincoln with enough students available to enroll.
- Questions/Action Items:
 - How many different service providers are we engaging in these events and wellness centers?
 - What different interventions are they utilizing?
 - Group will look at evaluations of reengagement programs for long term success rates. They recognized the need for wrap around social services to support student's reentering the educational pipeline.
 - The Sacramento Promise Zone developed a website explaining various pathways available to students. It is an electronic flow chart example the group would like to look to for reengaging youth, specifically those students not currently meeting traditional graduation requirements.

Subgoal 4C: Increase the number of adults who are educated and prepared for living-wage jobs by addressing educational needs in SDPZ and connecting to industry to increase the number of apprenticeships/internships and to build digital and technology literacy

Suggestions:

- Pathways:
 - Group modified the activity increasing articulation agreements to increasing transitional pathways. Articulation agreements are put in place wherever possible, but students need to be more aware of the pathways to utilize them.
 - Must increase access to pre-services to prepare students for college-level English and Math.
 - The group will look into the Sweetwater Compact for Success to SDSU as a model for increasing higher education access for Promise Zone youth who graduate from high school.
 - Continuing Education will have career centers host job developers who will need connections to apprenticeships and labor forces, outcome would be increased connection of educational entities and employers.
- Entrepreneurial Opportunities:
 - Activities were added around expanding entrepreneurial opportunities for youth.
 - The group needs to look into current leadership opportunities for youth, creating their competitiveness on the job market.

Updates

Community Survey:

- Community Survey will be wrapping up before Thanksgiving, with the results hopefully available in late January.

Next Steps and Closing

Meeting in December will be canceled for the holidays.

Next meeting: Jan. 10, 2018

Next Meeting Date:

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Jan. 10, 2018, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.