

BETTER FUTURES

For New York City's Young Adults Who Are Overage, Under-Credited Or Have Dropped Out

APRIL 18, 2007

Marriott, New York Financial Center

- 8:45 – 8:55am** **Welcome & Overview of the Day**
Michelle Yanche – Staff Director, Neighborhood Family Services Coalition
- 9:00 – 9:20am** **Keynote Address:**
Better Futures for Young Adults–The Development of the Multiple Pathways Strategy
JoEllen Lynch – Chief Executive Officer: Partnership School Support Organization & Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, NYC Department of Education
- 9:25 – 9:45am** **Our Students: Understanding Who They Are & How We Can Support Them**
Leah Hamilton – Executive Director, Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, NYC Department of Education
- 9:50 – 10:00am** **The Role of Youth Development in Building New Schools & Programs**
Peter Kleinbard – Vice President, Fund for the City of New York & Director, Youth Development Institute
- 10:00 – 10:50am** **Youth Panel**
Facilitator: Sandra Escamilla – Director of Education, Youth Development Institute
Jonathan de la Torre – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School
Chinari Evans – Graduate, ACCESS GED Program
Angela Lall – Student, John Adams YABC
Sunil Ragoonath – Student, John Adams YABC
Adam Ruiz – Graduate, ACCESS GED Program
Katrina Saunders – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School
- 10:55 – 12:00pm** **An Examination of the Data: What it Tells Us About the Work & What Challenges We Face**
Shane Santo Mulhern – Senior Executive of the Transfer Schools Unit, New Visions for Public Schools
Jean Thomases – Senior Consultant, New Visions for Public Schools
- 12:00 – 12:45pm** **Lunch**

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12:50 – 1:30pm **The Important Role of Community-Based & Other Organizations in Shaping Better Practice & Policy**

Michelle Yanche – Staff Director, Neighborhood Family Services Coalition

1:35 – 1:50pm **Presentation to Joel Klein, Chancellor of the NYC Department of Education**

Paulette LoMonaco – Executive Director, Good Shepherd Services

Jonathan de la Torre – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School

Katrina Saunders – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School

1:55 – 3:00pm **The Multiple Pathways Schools & Programs**

In these workshops, participants will learn in detail about each of the models that have been developed, their promise and key challenges. Presenters include youth participants, practitioners, and Department of Education representatives.

❖ *Transfer High Schools*

Facilitator: Jean Thomases – Senior Consultant, New Visions for Public Schools

Jonathan de la Torre – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School

Rachel Forsyth – Deputy Director for Community-Based Programs, Good Shepherd Services

John Jenkins – Diploma Plus School Coach, Commonwealth Corporation

Shane Santo Mulhern – Senior Executive of the Transfer Schools Unit, New Visions for Public Schools

Katrina Saunders – Student, South Brooklyn Community High School

❖ *Young Adult Borough Centers*

Facilitator: Nancy Eagen, People Potential

Angela Lall – Student, John Adams YABC

Rosalie Marks – Assistant Principal, Canarsie High School YABC

Susan Matloff-Nieves – Assistant Executive Director, Queens Community House

Tom Pendleton – Director of Learning to Work Initiatives, Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, NYC Department of Education

Sunil Ragoonath – Student, John Adams YABC

❖ *The GED ACCESS Model*

Facilitator: Peter Kleinbard – Vice President, Fund for the City of New York & Director, Youth Development Institute

Linda Correnti – Principal, ACCESS GED Program

Jeffony Elington – Graduate, ACCESS GED Program

Denise Hinds – Assistant Executive Director, Residential Programs, Good Shepherd Services

Lynette Lauretig – Educational Manager, Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, NYC Department of Education

Adam Ruiz – Graduate, ACCESS GED Program

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