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# Community Schools Institute

## February 26 & 27

### Agenda

#### Thursday, February 26

8:30 – 9:00 am      Registration & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 am      Welcome, Introductions & Institute Overview

Presenter: Ed Honowitz, Education Policy Advisor, State Senator Carol Liu

9:10 – 9:45 am      Community Schools: Making a Difference in the Lives of all Children

Presenters: Michelle Renee, Associate Director and Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Annenberg Institute for School Reform

Ellen Pais, President & CEO, Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP)

10:00 – 12:00 pm      Concurrent Workshops I

#### **Room 201      Conducting a Comprehensive Assets and Needs Assessment**

An assets and needs assessment is a systemic process used to understand and create a profile of a community school's assets and needs that will inform and drive decision making. This session will guide participants through an eight-step methodology that results in meaningful, actionable information and that has proven to be useful for both shaping planning priorities and motivating site-based governance teams. Participants will additionally have opportunities to practice their data analysis skills and will walk away with a toolkit of resources.

Presenter: Lukas Weinstein, Director, Special Projects, National Center for Community Schools

#### **Room 203      Community School Structures**

Community schools require structures and supports at the school building, district and city levels. This workshop will feature practices from across the country that have proven effective in the development and expansion of community school initiatives.

Presenter: Janice Chu-Zhu, Senior Director, National Center for Community Schools

## **Room 205    Funding Community Schools**

There are numerous ways that schools, school districts and communities are funding their community schools. This includes Title 1, SIG and afterschool funds, Full-Service Community School grants from the federal Department of Education and grants from philanthropy. Many communities braid resources and in-kind services. Learn about these strategies, as well as proposed legislation that could bring more sustainable state funding.

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## **Room 207    Family Engagement: A Community School Approach**

The rationale for strengthening family engagement draws on years of both research and practice. However, family engagement continues to be a daunting task for many initiatives. The workshop will provide indicators, strategies and tools to develop a family engagement plan for your school site, stemmed from research on the new framework developed by Karen Mapp and successful best practices from the field. The workshop will also showcase how data plays a critical role in identifying key parent engagement strategies.

Presenters: Gustavo Morales, Director, Full-Service Community School Initiative, South LA, LAEP  
Carolina Hernandez, Director, Families in Schools  
Pedro Garcia, Principal, Edison Middle School  
Lua Masumi, Community School Coordinator, LAEP, Edison Middle School

## **Ballroom    Effective School-Community Partnerships**

Explore effective strategies and potential challenges involved with creating collaborations that support learning and strengthen partnerships among all stakeholders. Learn how to identify the partnerships that you need and engage them in creating the strategies that build collective impact and enable all children to succeed. Three different initiatives will share their experiences with building cross-agency partnerships towards a shared goal.

Presenters: Amy Chou, Director, College & Career Pathways, LAEP  
Cameron Levin, Consultant  
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Karina Favela, Director of Operations, Promise Neighborhood, Youth Policy Institute  
Jorge Cortez, Assistant Director of Community Schools, Pacoima, Youth Policy Institute  
Griselda Ortiz, Assistant Director of Community Schools, Hollywood, Youth Policy Institute

## **Room 210    The Community School Coordinator, the Principal and the School**

There are many “models” of community schools, yet there is consensus that the Community School Coordinator is a key, strategic position. This workshop will review the essential skills of a successful Coordinator, building a strong principal/community school coordinator relationship, developing positive school relations and focus on the importance of moving from coordination to integration. Coordinators and principals will share their experiences.

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12:15 – 12:45 pm      Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 pm      Concurrent Workshops II

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Wrap Up

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Organizing and Aligning Partners:  
Becoming a Community School  
Mendez High School  
Friday, February 27

- 9:00 am Registration/Sign In/Tours of Mendez
- 9:45 am Welcome & Introductions
- 10:00 am **PRESENTATION: Getting Started, What's Involved**
- Presenters: Deycy Hernandez, Project Director, Promesa Boyle Heights at Proyecto Pastoral  
Leticia Andrade, Boyle Heights resident, General Assembly Leader  
Janice Chu-Zhu, Senior Director National Center for Community Schools  
Gustavo Morales, Director, FSCS South Los Angeles, LAEP
- Moderator: Jane Quinn, National Center for Community Schools
- 10:55 am Getting Started: Coaching support from CAS & LAEP
- Activity: Community Schools Assessment Tool
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm **Presentation: Stages of Development**
- Activity: Taking Strategic Action worksheet
- 2:00 pm **Presentation: Community School Coordinators, Principals & Staff: Making it Work Together**
- Presenters: Mauro Bautista, Principal, Mendez High School for College and Career Prep  
Tomas Licea, Site Coordinator, Communities in Schools Los Angeles  
Angel Villasenor, Community School Coordinator, Promesa Boyle Heights at Mendez HS  
Lukas Weinstein, National Center for Community Schools  
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- Moderator: Jane Quinn, National Center for Community Schools
- 2:45 pm Closing Reflections: Gots & Wants
- 3:00 pm Conclude



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Linking Planning and Implementation  
Downey Unified School District  
Friday, February 27

- 9:00 am Registration/Sign In
- 9:15 am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30 am Downey Showcase
- 9:45 am Pasadena Showcase
- 10:00 am **Presentations: Plan Development & Engagement Strategies**
- Presenters: Roger Brossmer, Assistant Superintendent, DUSD  
Janice Hobson, Director, Instructional Support Programs, DUSD  
Mercy Santoro, Director, Human Services & Recreation, City of Pasadena  
Linda Machida, Grants Director, PUSD  
Brian Biery, Director of Community Organizing, Flintridge Foundation  
Hayin Kim, Director, Community Schools, San Francisco Unified School District
- Moderator: Ellen Pais, Los Angeles Education Partnership
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Team Work
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Presentations: Implementation: Making the Plan Come to Life**
- 1:30 pm Team Work
- 2:40 pm Closing Reflections: Gots & Wants
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