

# Adolescent Learning Symposium

## Building Understanding & Connections for Adolescent Learning

Monday, September 21, 2015

The California Endowment Conference Center  
1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

AGENDA DRAFT, 8/25/15

### Goals:

- As a statewide equity strategy, use adolescent learning research, practice and advocacy to change how adults work together to support them
- Bring together and assist educators, policy makers, funders plus others in the community who support adolescent development (i.e.- youth development providers, health-focused organizations, and city & state partners) to experience a deeper understanding of adolescent learning, shared best practices, and policies for both school day and expanded learning time.
- Develop understanding and connections that build essential conditions for effective adolescent learning across learning settings and models.
- Identify and commit to actions that we can make to advance the field of adolescent learning and development.

8:30 am Breakfast and Registration

9:15 am Good Morning and Welcome Walk

- Peter Rivera, *Senior Program Officer, California Community Foundation* ([confirmed](#))
- Stu Semigran, *President and Co-Founder, EduCare Foundation* ([confirmed](#))

9:25 am Current State of Adolescent Learning

- Michael Funk, *Director, California Dept. of Education, After School Division* ([confirmed](#))

9:45 am Conversation on Adolescent Learning: Brain Research & Social-Emotional Learning  
**Introduced by** Janet Kelley, *Principal, Kelley Collaborative* ([confirmed](#))

**Moderated by** Michael Funk, *Director, California Dept. of Education, After School Division*)

- Robert Sherman, *Independent Consultant, former Initiative Director, Social and Emotional Learning, NoVo Foundation* ([confirmed](#))
- Jose Navarro, *Principal of Social Justice Humanitas Academy, San Fernando, CA* ([confirmed](#))



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10:35 am Breakout into Working Groups

10:50 am Working Group Session #1:  
***Applying the Principles of Effective Teaching and Learning for Adolescents***

Break-out Group Discussion:

***Introduced by:*** Alvaro Cortes, *Executive Director, LAUSD Beyond the Bell* ([confirmed](#))

*Co-facilitated by morning speakers and selected community-based facilitators.*

Participants will reflect and discuss:

- (1) Describe an initiative, program, or school with which you are involved that demonstrates one or more principles of effective adolescent learning.
- (2) Describe one aspect of your initiative that makes what you do work—what is your secret sauce and how are you able to make it happen?
- (3) Who in your community/world of work would you like to better understand adolescent learning and why?

11:50 pm Lunch

*Introduced by Peter Rivera, Senior Program Officer, California Community Foundation*

Speaker: Father Gregory Boyle, *Founder and Director of Homeboy Industries and former pastor of Dolores Mission Church* ([confirmed](#))

12:35 **Student Dance Performance-** Esteban Torres HS

12:45 “The Time is Now”- Jonathan Raymond, *President, Stuart Foundation* ([confirmed](#))

1:00 pm Frameworks and Advocacy Strategies for Changing How We Work Panel Discussion  
*Introduced by Ellen Pais, President and CEO, Los Angeles Education Partnership* ([confirmed](#))

*Moderated by Sophie Fanelli, Director of Education, Stuart Foundation* ([confirmed](#))

- Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, *Associate Director, Gardner Center for Youth and their Communities, Stanford University* ([confirmed](#))
- John Rogers, *Professor in UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and the Director of UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education and Access (IDEA)* ([confirmed](#))

1:50 pm Break



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2:10 pm Working Groups- Session #2: *(in large room by geographic groups)*

### ***Creating Conditions for Effective Adolescent Learning***

Break-out Group Discussion:

*Introduced by Peter Rivera, Senior Program Officer, California Community Foundation*

*Co-facilitated by afternoon panelists and selected facilitators from advocacy groups.*

Participants will reflect and discuss answers to questions: *(World Café Protocol)*

- (1) How might you apply in your work some of the operational and advocacy tips to advance adolescent learning and supports?
- (2) What shifts in practice, policy, and resources are necessary for real change?
- (3) What organizations are ready to promote adolescent learning within their own organizations? And in the larger community & state?"
- (4) Name the one most important thing you learned or gained from today.
- (5) What is one commitment you or your organization might be willing to make to further serve advancing adolescent learning and supports? In your organization? In your region?

3:10 pm Large Group Sharing: *Take Aways, Action Steps & Commitments*

3:30 pm Building a Movement for Effective Adolescent Learning: Call to Action & Closing Comments  
Sanjiv Rao, *Program Officer, Ford Foundation* [\*\(confirmed\)\*](#)

3:50 pm Symposium Adjourns

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