

Agenda

- 8:15-9:00** **CHECK-IN / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00** **OPENING CEREMONIES / WELCOMING REMARKS**
Dennis Adams, Youth Council Chair
Mary Heath, Deputy Commissioner, NH Department of Education
Dick Anagnost, Chair, Workforce Opportunity Council
- The Governor's Education Agenda**
Hon. John H. Lynch, Governor of the State of New Hampshire
- Talking Heads - The Language of Education versus The Language of Workforce**
Mary Heath, Deputy Commissioner, NH Department of Education
Michael Power, President, Workforce Opportunity Council
- What's Going On Out There?**
Paul Harrington, Associate Director, Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University
- 10:30** **MORNING BREAK**
- 10:45** **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Dr. Mel Riddile, Principal, T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, VA
- Noon** **LUNCH**
Entertainment by WIA Youth
- 1:15** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
Up Close and Personal w/ Dr. Riddile
Youth Voices
Technology in Schools
The Art of Self-Sufficient Thinking
- 2:00** **AFTERNOON BREAK**
- 2:15** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
From the Dog House to the White House
Engaging Youth Across Cultures
Business/Education Partnerships
Alternative Pathways to Success
- 3:00** **ADJOURN**



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Thursday, January 18, 2007

Courtyard by Marriott
Grappone Conference Center
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

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**A NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING GRADUATION RATES AND
PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR THE WORKFORCE.**

Breakout Sessions | 1:15 pm

Youth Voices

Concord Room

Hear from a panel of young people on why they left school or decided to stay, how they learned about alternatives, the programs they participated in, and the impact of their decisions.

Speakers:

Young people from selected dropout prevention and alternative programs in New Hampshire

Technology in School

Merrimack Room

Four years ago, six middle schools were provided computers to distribute to their 7th graders as part of a pilot program entitled "Technology Promoting Student Excellence". See and hear how incorporating computers into the classroom has changed teaching and learning styles. Students will present classroom projects they have completed in their science units. You'll be impressed! Teachers will share thoughts on how the program has changed the classroom, as well as how the power of technology encourages students with special needs to become more engaged in the learning process.

Speakers:

- Steve Switzer, Thornton Central School, Thornton, NH
- Brittany (7th grade) and Katie (8th grade)
- Linda Voltz, Paul School, Sanbornville, NH
- Connor, Ryan, and Adam (7th graders)

Up Close and Personal w/ Dr. Mel Riddile

Salon C

You heard his Keynote Address. Now spend some quality time with this nationally-recognized expert. This smaller breakout session will allow for questions and answers that may not have been addressed in the plenary session.

Speaker:

- Dr. Mel Riddile, T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, VA

The Art of Self-Sufficient Thinking

Capital Room

Learn about an interactive program designed to inspire self-motivation in individuals so that they are able to attain the levels of success, achievement, and happiness that they desire. Tony Wray is certified by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) as an Entrepreneurship Teacher. He has been teaching his original programs "The Art of Self-Sufficient Thinking" and "What Employers Expect of YOU" to transitioning individuals for the past seven years.

Speaker:

- Tony Wray, Levy Wray & Associates, LLC.

Please note: Attendance at the Breakout Sessions is limited to the size of the room. When the room is full, the door will be closed and you must seek an alternative session to attend.

Breakout Sessions | 2:15 pm

From the Dog House to the White House

Concord Room

What does the former President of the United States, the U.S. Department of Education, and the F.B.I. all have in common? Steve DeMasco. Discussing what has been successful in other school districts around the country, Steve will address school violence issues, after school programs, S.R.O.s, mentoring, and the work he does with the F.B.I. in schools. He will also give a description of the "Social and Emotional Learning" course he designed for school districts (time permitting).

Speaker:

- Steve DeMasco, United Studios of Self Defense

Alternative Pathways to Success

Merrimack Room

A traditional four-year high school career may not be a good fit for some. Hear about what can work to get these youth learning and successfully moving toward higher education and employment.

Speakers:

- Leslie Haslem, Adult Diploma Program, Exeter Adult Education
- Alexis Dascoulias, CATA Charter School, Barrington
- Kristin Montimny, Job Corps Admissions Counselor
- Debbie Tasker, GED Chief Examiner, NH Department of Education

Business/Education Partnerships

Salon C

The worlds of education and employment are not so separate. Many students participate in work-based learning activities such as job shadowing, internships, or apprenticeships – all designed to prepare individuals to enter the workforce with both confidence and skills. Learn what employers expect from entry-level workers, what career advancement opportunities exist, and how apprenticeships combine education and employment into successful careers.

Speakers:

- Connie Roy-Czyzowski, Northeast Delta Dental
- Brenda Quinn, Intelitek
- Jack Jarvis, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship
- Michelline Dufort, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association
- Gary Matteson, NE Anemones

Engaging Youth Across Cultures

Capital Room

Cultural competence often focuses on the critical issues of race and ethnicity. This session will address these issues, as well as explore the impact poverty, gender, religion, organization affiliation, and other unique regional identities that contribute to the "deep culture" of youth and families has on dropout prevention strategies.

Speaker:

- Lynn Clowes, New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition

Let's talk about what works best to help New Hampshire youth complete high school.