

Bridging the Gap



Promising Approaches and Emerging Practices
for Addressing Youth Unemployment

AGENDA

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
Ten Independence Mall

December 2, 2015

- 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. **Networking and Refreshments**
- 10:00 a.m.–10:10 a.m. **Welcome**
Theresa Y. Singleton, Interim Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs and
Community Affairs Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
- 10:10 a.m.–10:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Patrick T. Harker, President and Chief Executive Officer
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
- 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. **Panel 1 — Extending Apprenticeship Models**
Panelists will explore youth apprenticeship models, which combine classroom-
based vocational education, structured work-based learning, and paid work to help
young people learn new occupational skills. Hear the latest research on the
effectiveness of apprenticeships, learn more about promising approaches being
implemented in communities across the country, and find new ways to finance
apprenticeship programs in your community.
- [Cheryl Feldman](#), Executive Director
District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund
 - [Robert I. Lerman](#), Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics
American University, and Institute Fellow, Urban Institute
 - [Brian Rauschenbach](#), Youth Apprenticeship Consultant
Apprenticeship Carolina
- Moderator: Mark Edwards, President and Chief Executive Officer
Philadelphia Works, Inc.
- 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Keynote**
[John V. Ladd](#), Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

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12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Panel 2 — Advancing Career Pathways Through Other Employer-Led Models

The increase in the number of “disconnected” youths — those who are not working or who are not in school — is a growing and multifaceted challenge in many communities and is a focus in the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This panel will explore strategies to reengage with disconnected youths through education and by providing greater career pathways.

- [Angie Kamath](#), Executive Director of Social Ventures and Innovation Per Scholas
- [Simran Sidhu](#), Executive Director YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School
- [Michael R. Wiggins](#), Executive Vice President of Human Resources Emeritus Southwire Company

Moderator: John F. Clayton Jr., Manager of Diversity, Inclusion & Workforce Initiatives, Independence Blue Cross

1:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Panel 3 — Moving Forward: Bridging the Gap and Extending Opportunities for Our Youth

This final panel will reflect on the strategies and models shared and discuss the policies and practices needed to close the youth employment gap. These national and local experts will consider the additional information needed to better inform policy and recommend new partnerships and resources to extend greater opportunities for young people.

- Scott Cheney, Policy Director for Pensions, Workforce and Economic Development
U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee
- Allison Gerber, Senior Associate of Workforce Development
The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Farhana Hossain, Research Associate, MDRC
- Stefani Pashman, Chief Executive Officer
Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board

Moderator: Daniel Fitzpatrick, President of Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware
Head of National Mid-Corporate and Industry Verticals

3:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Paul Kaboth, Vice President and Community Development Officer
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland