



Mayors Summit on At-Risk Youth

**The Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay
Miami, FL**

Agenda

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

(Terrace, Lobby Level)

6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

Thursday, March 22, 2007

(Salon F)

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS H. PALMER
Mayor of Trenton
President
The U.S. Conference of Mayors

THE HONORABLE MANUEL A. DIAZ
Mayor of Miami
Vice President
The U.S. Conference of Mayors

TOM COCHRAN
Executive Director
The U.S. Conference of Mayors

A FOCUS ON IN-SCHOOL AT-RISK YOUTH

9:00 a.m.

Opening Presentation

The Crisis of Minority Youth in Education

RUSSLYNN ALI
Executive Director
Education Trust West

A national overview of the status of educational opportunities for at-risk youth, as well as examples, data and suggested strategies to improve school retention and high school graduation rates.

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Successful High School Dropout Prevention Strategies

The panel will present successful efforts on high school dropout prevention strategies to improve retention, increase graduation rates, and aid in the transition to postsecondary education

Panel:

THE HONORABLE DANIEL P. MALLOY
Mayor of Stamford

MICHAEL DUGGAN
Executive Director
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THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. DUFFY
Mayor of Rochester

Dr. RUDOLPH F. "RUDY" CREW
Superintendent of Schools
Miami-Dade County

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Combating School-Based Violence and Gang Activity

Moderator:

ALBERT A. PEARSALL III
Senior Policy Analyst
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
U.S. Department of Justice

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon ***Combating School-Based Violence and Gang Activity (cont'd)***

Panel:

THE HONORABLE JOHN M. FABRIZI
Mayor of Bridgeport

BRYAN NORWOOD
Chief of Police
City of Bridgeport

BRYAN WILLIAMS
Program Analyst
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
U.S. Department of Education

FRANK LEDEE
Division Chief of the Gang Unit
City of Miami

JOSE ARROJO
Chief Assistant in charge of Special Projects
City of Miami

TAWANA WAUGH
Senior Public Liaison Specialist
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
U.S. Department of Justice

12:00 noon

LUNCH

12:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker
The Current State of Gangs in America

SCOTT DECKER
Director
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University

A national overview of gang activity and recruitment and its impact on high school dropout and in-school violence rates.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Keeping Kids in School: Successful After-School Programming as a Tool for School Retention

THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS H. PALMER
Mayor of Trenton
President

The U.S. Conference of Mayors

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Keeping Kids in School: Successful After-School Programming as a Tool for School Retention (cont'd)

Panel:

RODNEY LOFTON
Superintendent of Schools
The Trenton Public School District

THE HONORABLE DAVID N. CICILLINE
Mayor of Providence

DR. DONNIE EVANS
Superintendent of Schools
City of Providence

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

BREAK

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Converting Diplomas to Dollars: Strategies to Better Link Education and Workforce

An overview of strategies and lessons learned in efforts to transform urban education, address the needs of dropouts and better prepare students for the workforce

Panel:

MARTY BELL
Deputy to the Superintendent
Jefferson County Public Schools
Louisville Metro

MICHAEL GRITTON
Executive Director
KentuckianaWorks
Louisville Metro

THE HONORABLE R.T. RYBACK
Mayor of Minneapolis

MIKE CHRISTENSON
Director of Economic Development
City of Minneapolis

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Increasing Parental Involvement and Community Support

Panel:

THE HONORABLE MARK MALLORY
Mayor of Cincinnati

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Increasing Parental Involvement and Community Support (cont'd)

Truancy Reduction and Prevention Program (TRAPP)/YouthStat Initiative

BARRY COLICELLI
Special Assistant for Anti-Gang Initiatives and Youth Development
City of Trenton

4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(Watson Island)

U.S. Conference of City Human Service Officials Annual Meeting

Friday, March 23, 2007

(Salon F)

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Introductions and Opening Remarks**

THE HONORABLE JOHN M. FABRIZI
Mayor of Bridgeport

A FOCUS ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL AT-RISK YOUTH

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **Opening Presentation**

Discouraged and Disconnected: A Look at the Growing Problem of High School Dropouts and Jobless Youth

PAUL HARRINGTON
Associate Director
The Center for Labor Market Studies
Northeastern University

A national overview of the youth employment crisis and increasing lack of educational attainment among urban at-risk youth, and a highlight of strategies to overcome this crisis.

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Moving Forward: Connecting Youth Offenders to New Opportunities Upon Reentry**

Panel:

JOHN TIMONEY
Chief of Police
City of Miami

SALLIE GLICKMAN
CEO
Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Employing Out-of-School Youth**

The panel will present successful outreach efforts to engage out-of-school youth and return them to a positive educational environment and/or productive employment.

Panel:

ROBERT SAINZ
Assistant General Manager
Community Development Department
City of Los Angeles

DAVID CRIPPENS
Chair
Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council

CONNOR DOTY
Director
Boston Office of Jobs and Community Services

ROBERT J. WELLS
Vice President
Corporate Communications and Public Affairs
The Sherwin Williams Company

12:00 noon

LUNCH

Remarks:

THE HONORABLE ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor of Los Angeles

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

At-Risk Youth Roundtable Discussion

Moderator:

Dr. RUDOLPH F. "RUDY" CREW
Superintendent of Schools
Miami-Dade County

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Broken Connections: Reconnecting Youth to School, Work and Community

Panel:

WANSLEY WALTERS
Director
Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department

EMMANUEL SHAHID AVRAHAM
President/CEO
The Human Excellence Resource Group

3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT