Making Summer Youth Employment Work

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Webinar Overview

• About NSLA

• Panelists
  – National League of Cities
  – Charlotte, NC
  – LinkedIn Learning
  – Boston, MA

• Audience Questions

• Announcements & Follow-up
NSLA is a national, non-profit organization focused on the powerful impact of one achievable goal: investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. NSLA uses the power of research, advocacy, training, and policy to transform America’s neighborhoods and communities, one child at a time.

Our work is based on the simple idea that summer—a time that is easily overlooked yet critical to educational development—is bursting with possibility, and instrumental in closing the achievement gap between privileged children and our most vulnerable children.
Summer is the time of greatest inequity for young people. When schools are closed, many low income young people lack access to meals, books and other learning resources, and physical activity.
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Youth Employment: Background & Context

Afterschool and Summer Learning: A City Strategy for Workforce Development

Economic development is the top priority for cities.

Cities rely on a prepared, skilled, and homogeneous workforce to attract business and develop a vibrant and sustainable local economy. While the precise size and nature of the “talent gap” is subject to debate, mayors, city councilmembers, and other municipal officials increasingly understand the importance of preparing young people for the changing global workforce. They recognize that employers report challenges finding workers with the skills they need. One way city leaders can address this challenge is by supporting high-quality afterschool and summer programs that equip young people to succeed while also building the social and emotional skills to help them succeed in school and life. It is a win-win solution because students, families, and communities are benefiting from a workforce that is willing and ready to work and supporting the current workforce by giving working parents the opportunity to focus on work and be productive employees, with the knowledge that their children are in safe and supportive environments.

Afterschool and Summer Learning: A City Strategy to Support College and Career Readiness

Municipal officials know that the strength and vitality of a city depends in part on the success of its young people who represent the city’s future workforce.

While the majority of mayors across the U.S. do not control their school systems, mayors, city councilmembers, and other city leaders can play a large role in ensuring that all youth, especially low-income or disadvantaged youth, have access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs as a key strategy to prepare them for success. Starting early, success includes increased attendance and engagement in school, higher achievement levels, and graduating with the skills, knowledge, and exposure to postsecondary options or careers. Missing these benchmarks of success status a significant toll on cities. For every student who fails to graduate from high school, communities can expect to lose tax revenue, experience lower economic activity, and face greater economic and social costs.

Afterschool and Summer Learning: A City Strategy for Public Safety

Public safety remains a top concern among city officials.

While intervention and law enforcement strategies are necessary to keep cities safe, mayors, city councilmembers, and other elected officials can use afterschool and summer programs as a cost-effective prevention and youth development strategy, providing positive supervised learning opportunities for youth of all ages. Research shows that afterschool programs can keep children safe, reduce behaviors that might jeopardize public safety, and keep youth on track for a successful adulthood.
Summer As the Opportunity

The risk that juveniles will be victims of violence is 60% greater in the four hours after school than in the period from 8 p.m. to midnight on non-school days.\[^{xi}\]

66% of young people nationwide wish there were more safe places they could hang out and have fun.\[^{xii}\]

92 PERCENT of business executives believe that Americans do not have the skills they need to do the jobs of today or tomorrow; nearly half also think that Americans lack critical social-emotional skills such as communication, creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork.\[^{a}\]

$164 BILLION Businesses spend more than $164 billion annually on employee education and training to improve workforce skills.\[^{xv}\]

$160 BILLION is the annual potential value of unfilled job opportunities in the U.S.\[^{xvii}\]

Summer jobs contribute to...

- Skills development
- A pipeline of workers and reduced poverty
- Increased earnings
- Reduced involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice system
- Improved school attendance and educational outcomes
PROVIDING MEANINGFUL CAREER READY OPPORTUNITIES
• 14,000 students applied for YouthWorks
• Developing a 5-week *Future of Work*, teleworking curriculum
  • Design Thinking
  • Invention Education
  • Computer Science
  • Media Creation
  • SAT/ ACT Prep
• Mentors
• Youth Voice

• Former Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Sly James
• Using existing virtual learning platform in partnership with school districts
• Coordinating internship opportunities within City Hall & private sector
• Work-Ready Modules
• Partnership with Sprint, 1 Million Project
• Youth Voice
1. City Leaders Champions
2. Multi-sector Partnerships
3. Youth Voice
We are asking federal leaders to consider $500 billion in additional relief directly to states and municipalities in the next Stimulus Package.

National League of Cities: COVID-19 Resources
Formed in May 2003, the Mayors’ Education Policy Advisors Network (EPAN) is a national network of senior municipal staff who are working with mayors of the nation's 75 largest cities on key issues related to improving educational outcomes for children and youth.
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MAYOR’S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (MYEP)

34 years serving the Charlotte community

**MYEP Mission:**
To provide all Charlotte youth with equitable career development opportunities to explore the world of work, build social capital, and enhance economic mobility.
Teenage labor force participation increases economic mobility for individual youth and our overall community.

1. Exposure to the world of work
2. Training
3. Work Experiences
4. Good paying jobs
WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?
SUMMER 2020 HYBRID PROGRAM

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Internship Tracks

TRADITIONAL INTERNSHIPS

• Students intern on-sight with a Host Employer who is matched based upon their career interest
• Students work 25 hours per week for 6 weeks at $9 per hour

Virtual INTERNSHIPS

• Students select 1 of 5 virtual pathways to explore
• Students are engaged for 4 days per week for 5 hours per day through asynchronous and synchronous learning provided by LinkedIn Learning & Radius Learning
• In collaboration between the City of Charlotte, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), and community stakeholders
Resilience
Does not involve returning to our original form. We can never be the same.

What stretches us launches us forward.
What compresses pulls from deep within us the strength to break out.

Eventually, you have been through this process so many times, a reflex kicks in.
You know that you aren’t alone and you aren’t breakable.

You feel the pain, say a prayer, make a plan. That is when the magic happens.
You can feel yourself expand with pure strength.

Then you know, whatever storm is coming, you will continue to rise.
You are that strong. #SYEPstrong.

-Jennifer Bostic
Expanding Virtual Pathways through Youth Employment Programs

SHOWCASE OF CHARLOTTE MAYOR’S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Radius Learning connects students with virtual pathways to discover to the jobs of the future.
How can we upskill Charlotte’s workforce for future competitiveness and inclusive growth?

Charlotte children born into the bottom income quartile have just a 4.4% chance of making it into the top.

In 2020, we are on the verge of seeing more "Lost Einsteins" in this generation than any before. Charlotte now has the opportunity to transition our residents into the future of work.

Pathways for youth to discover the jobs of the future with top employers

- **Increase skills development** with assignments simulating jobs in demand.

- **Open an entry point to the future workforce** by providing real experience with employers.

- **Open access to networks** through virtual interaction and collaboration.
Combining the power of learning models for the future of work.

There is no off-the-shelf solution for youth employment. MYEP will combine the power of LinkedIn Learning and Radius Learning to deliver strong outcomes for all students in summer 2020.

Work-Based Experience powered by Radius
Guide students through interactive work-based experiences designed with Charlotte employers

Content powered by LinkedIn Learning
Guide students through high quality learning and skills development.
What would it look like if every young person had an entry point to a stable future?

- What is possible to achieve in Summer 2020?
- What will be possible in 2021 and beyond?

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LinkedIn Learning

Online Learning for the Jobs of Today and Tomorrow
What is LinkedIn Learning?

An online learning platform built to provide the most in-demand skills for today’s job market.
It starts with world-class content tailored to the learner.

- 15,000+ Professionally produced courses.
- 100% Of our instructors are experts in their field.
- 60+ Courses added every week.
- 7 Languages represented among courses.
How we can help: World Class Content

With courses that cover key development areas.

Career Development
- Interview prep
- Career mapping and goal setting
- Personal branding
- Decision-making
- Workplace etiquette
- Business acumen
- Personal finance

Functional roles
- Project management
- Six Sigma
- Finance and operations
- Sales
- Marketing
- Customer service
- Creative pro and graphic design
- L&D education
- HR and recruiting
- AutoCAD
- Business intelligence and analytics

Tech and software engineering
- Security
- Data science
- Software development
- Web design and development
- IT Infrastructure
- Operation management
- Testing and methodology
- Information management

Soft skills and business software
- Communication and public speaking
- Collaboration
- Writing
- Productivity
- Business software
- Excel/Word/PowerPoint/Outlook
- G-Suite/Mac OS
- Access/Tableau

Plus, upload your own content!
How we can help: Engaging Learner Experience

The content sits on a platform that learners will want to use.

- Personalized, data-driven recommendations, so learning is relevant and applicable.
- Clean and simple interface that’s easy to navigate, on both desktop and mobile.
- Optimized for both micro and macro learning.
- Collaborative learning via Q&A and other ways to make learning social.
- Integrations with LinkedIn.com
How we can help: Engaging Learner Experience

Customize Learning Paths to support key cohorts, career pathways, or skills.
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www.summerlearning.org/webinars
National Summer Learning Week is a national advocacy day aimed at elevating the importance of keeping kids learning, safe and healthy every summer – all so students return to school ready to soar!
National Conference

www.summerlearning.org/national-conference
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