



Apprenticeship: A Pathway to Educational Engagement

Alternative learning styles and a lack of consistent adult role models often lead youth away from the educational system and toward a future of delinquency and crime. For out-of-school youth or those struggling to find their pathway to a better life and future, apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs are a powerful on-ramp. These programs are being established across the state and combine hands-on learning and adult support/mentorship with gainful employment. Apprenticeship can also lead to associate and baccalaureate degrees. Presenters will discuss an approach that supports opportunity youth's re-engagement. They will also describe how youth who participate in these programs have a clear pathway to family-wage careers and post-secondary degrees. Dr. Holly Moore is a nationally recognized expert in apprenticeships, former community college president and executive dean for the largest apprenticeship center in the Northwest. Dr. Mick Moore is the education consultant for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice and has extensive experience in educational reengagement.