

# TODAY'S TOPICS

## Workshops

Blue Ridge A&B, Shenandoah A&B

### WHAT DOES YOUTH READINESS AND SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

**Presenter: Karen Pittman**

Co-Founder & CEO, Forum for Youth Investment

How do you measure youth success? Is your organization eager to redefine “readiness,” but not sure how to go about it? What does it mean for young people to be “ready” for college, work and life? How does that apply to school-age kids? What does it mean for staff to be “ready” to build strong relationships and create powerful learning opportunities? In this interactive session, we will share with you popular frameworks for understanding readiness throughout a young person’s development, as well as practical tips and techniques for determining what readiness means in your work – for your staff and your organization. *Primary Resources: CCSR’s Foundations for Young Adult Success*

Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom A

### EQUITY AS A VERB: ADDRESSING EQUITY THROUGH ENGAGEMENT

**Presenter: Merita Irby**

Co-Founder & Executive Vice President, Forum for Youth Investment

Most of us have put “equity” in our mission or values statements. But, what does it really take to have a better understanding of the disparities that exist in our communities? How we can work together with young people and community members to identify our collective assets as well as the gaps and traps that must be addressed as we co-create pathways to success? In this interactive session, we begin to unpack these questions, exploring both national data sets and hands-on techniques for community problem-solving conversations. *Primary Resources: Social Genome Project; BGCMR Community Conversations (flowerpot graphic); Readiness Gaps & Traps*

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## **A QUALITY CULTURE SHIFT: FROM COMPLIANCE TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

**Presenter: Priscilla Little**  
**Senior Consultant, Forum for Youth Investment**

Using data for continuous improvement is much harder than it sounds. Many organizations have staff and youth who participate in multiple surveys and assessments but then those reports get scanned and then sit on the shelves. Learn about the creative power that can be unleashed when staff and youth develop their own theories of action, own the connections between quality, engagement and skill building, decide what evidence THEY want to use to monitor their success and THEN look at the data on their shelves to help gain a fuller picture of what's going on in their programs and how to achieve their target outcomes. *Primary Resources: BGCMR QuEST story*

Location: Shenandoah A

## **PARTNERING FOR IMPACT**

**Presenter: Larry Pasti**  
**Senior Director - Field Services, Forum for Youth Investment**

See a problem, create a partnership! Everywhere in the youth development sector, leaders are trying to bring more coherence to their partnership practice. A first step is understanding why and how people are already coming together to tackle joint work. This interactive session will help you unpack the range of ways you already partner, map out an initial scan of partnerships in your community, and identify if there are any essential elements of a healthy change infrastructure that you and your partners may want to explore further. *Primary Resources: Partnering for Impact (stairsteps) and Mapping Moving Trains*

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## Peer Roundtables

**Blue Ridge Ballroom CDE**

The Peer Exchange Roundtables are small group discussions involving a range of important topics relevant to our work. Participants will have the opportunity to rotate tables after 25 minutes so that multiple topics of interest can be chosen. The roundtables are informal conversations, where everyone will be able to hear what other communities and organizations are working on, and to learn from one another.

### ROUNDTABLE TOPICS

#### Continuous Improvement & Data-Driven Decisions

**Facilitator:** Candace Benn, NextUp RVA

#### Family Engagement

**Facilitators:** Adrienne Johnson, Peter Paul Development Center  
Betsy Peters, Greater Richmond YMCA

#### Inclusion

**Facilitator:** Ted Lewis, Side by Side

#### Mentoring

**Facilitator:** Elizabeth Bass, Executive Director, Virginia Mentoring Partnership

#### STEM

**Facilitator:** Chuck English, Science Museum of Virginia

#### Systems-Level Work

**Facilitator:** Barbara Couto Sipe, NextUp RVA

#### Teen Engagement

**Facilitators:** Keavy Dixon, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia  
Jacquelyn Smith-White, Henrico Mental Health & Developmental Services

#### Trauma-Informed Care

**Facilitator:** Melissa McGinn, Greater Richmond SCAN

#### Workforce Development

**Facilitators:** Monica Callahan, ChamberRVA  
Lynne Bell, Boys & Girls Clubs of Fauquier

#### Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI)

**Facilitator:** Frank Cardella, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

#### Youth Voice

**Facilitators:** Jackie Washington, Six Points Innovation Center  
Marvin Green, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond

# TODAY'S TOPICS

## **Super-Workshops** Blue Ridge AB, Shenandoah AB

### **QUALITY & GROWTH: WHY & HOW LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS CAN RESPOND TO GREAT FUTURES 2025 PRIORITIES**

**Presenter: Meg Pitman**

**National Director for Quality Improvement, Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

Boys & Girls Clubs of America launched a new strategic direction, Great Futures 2025, which outlines four priorities to inspire and empower Clubs and youth to achieve success and champion opportunities for all young people in America. Of the four priorities, which are intended to work in concert together, there are two that often create a tension for organizations once the direction is put into practice: increased quality and growth. Meg Pitman of BGCA shares a perspective from the national office on these strategic priorities and how local organizations can respond. Todd McFarlane, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, joins Meg to share the thoughts and experiences of a local organization that is wrestling with these competing priorities.

Location: Blue Ridge AB

### **PARTNERING WITH OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND QUALITY**

**Presenter: Candy Markman**

**Retired Planning Director, Afterschool Initiatives, Nashville Mayor's Office**

A growing number of state and local out-of-school time systems and networks provide training and assessment aimed at improving access to quality youth development opportunities and experiences. Core to these efforts are cross-sector partnerships among youth development providers, city agencies, school districts, and other stakeholders who believe in improving the odds for young people through a systems approach. Candy Markman led one such effort in Nashville and she will join us to share her partnership journey and engage in conversation about how connecting with an OST system can strengthen your work.

Location: Shenandoah AB