

**WEBSITE RESOURCES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS*****Career Pathway Resources, Publications & Articles, and Best Practice Models*****RESOURCES****• National Youth Employment Coalition**

[www.nyec.org](http://www.nyec.org)

NYEC is a non-partisan network improving the effectiveness of youth employment organizations through highlighting program practices and policy.

**• Working Ventures**

[http://www.ppv.org/ppv/working\\_ventures/working\\_ventures.asp](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/working_ventures/working_ventures.asp)

PPV launched Working Ventures, initiative to strengthen the performance of the workforce development field by drawing on the wisdom of seasoned professionals. Working Ventures provides practitioners and policymakers with the knowledge and tools needed for effective employment programs.

**• Commonwealth Corporation**

<http://comcorp.org>

Commonwealth Corporation's Youth and Young Adult Pathways Initiatives are designed to expand learning and career development opportunities for youth.

**• Youth Build USA**

<http://youthbuild.org>

Youth Build is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In Youth Build programs, low-income young people ages 16-24 work toward their GEDs or high school diplomas, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society.

**• The Forum for Youth Investment**

[www.forumfyi.org](http://www.forumfyi.org)

The Forum for Youth Investment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan "action tank" dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are Ready by 21®: ready for college, work and life.

**• The Next Generation Youth Work Coalition**

[www.nextgencoalition.org](http://www.nextgencoalition.org)

The Next Generation Youth Work Coalition brings together individuals and organizations dedicated to developing a strong, diverse after-school and youth development workforce that is stable, prepared, supported and committed to the well being and empowerment of children and youth.

- **National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium**  
<http://www.careertech.org>  
 NASDCTEC was established in 1920 to represent the state and territory heads of secondary, postsecondary and adult career technical education (CTE) across the nation and aims to support an innovative CTE system that prepares individuals to succeed in education and careers. Career Clusters and related Career Pathways serve as an organizing tool for schools, small learning communities, academies and magnet schools to develop more effective programs of study and curriculum.
- **National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD, for Youth)**  
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>  
**Guideposts for Success: Career Preparation & Work-Based Learning Experiences**  
 The National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) was created to help state and local workforce development systems improve outcomes for youth with disabilities. Housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, D.C., NCWD/Youth is comprised of partners with expertise in disability, education, employment, and workforce development policy and practice.
- **American Youth Policy Forum**  
[www.avpf.org](http://www.avpf.org)  
 AYPF’s mission is to broaden the awareness and understanding of policymakers and to strengthen the youth policymaking process by bridging policy, practice, and research. AYPF focuses on three overlapping themes: Education, Youth Development and Community Involvement, and Preparation for Careers and Workforce Development.
- **The Youth Connection**  
[www.mayorstime.com](http://www.mayorstime.com)  
 The Youth Connection, a private non-profit agency, connects youth to a brighter future through increase participation in after-school programs and provide year-round opportunities for youth to explore careers and develop job skills.
- **Center for Law and Social Policy – CLASP**  
<http://www.clasp.org>

  - “In Their Own Words: The Real Experiences of Young Disconnected Males of Color” –  
<http://www.clasp.org/issues/pages?type=youth&id=0029>
  - We Dream a World: The 2025 Vision for Black Men and Boys  
<http://www.clasp.org/issues/pages?type=youth&id=0031>

- Building Pathways to Postsecondary Success for Low-income Young Men of Color  
<http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/postsecondaryyouthofcolor.pdf>
- Building a Comprehensive Youth Delivery System: Examples of Effective Practice  
<http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/Youth-Employment-Systems.pdf>
- Reauthorizing ESEA: Considerations for Dropout Prevention and Recovery  
<http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/Youth-Employment-Systems.pdf>

- **National Academy Foundation**

[www.naf.org](http://www.naf.org)

The NAF fosters partnerships between the business and education communities to provide opportunities to underserved students. For nearly 30 years, NAF has refined a proven educational model which includes industry-focused curricula, work-based learning experiences, and business partner expertise from four themes: Finance, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, and Engineering.

- Guide to Work-Based Learning: A Continuum of Activities and Experience  
<http://naf.org/files/WBL.pdf>

- **Center for American Progress**

[www.americanprogress.org](http://www.americanprogress.org)

The Center for American Progress is dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action. They work to develop new policy ideas, critique the policy that stems from conservative values, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter and shape the national debate.

- Creating Postsecondary Pathways to Good Jobs for Young High School Dropouts  
[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/10/postsecondary\\_pathways.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/10/postsecondary_pathways.html)

- **Workforce Strategy Center**

[www.workforcestrategy.org](http://www.workforcestrategy.org)

[http://www.workforcestrategy.org/images/pdfs/publications/WSC\\_howto\\_10.16.06.pdf](http://www.workforcestrategy.org/images/pdfs/publications/WSC_howto_10.16.06.pdf)

A step-by-step protocol for building for building career pathways on the local level and discusses how state level officials can support local efforts.

- **New Ways to Work**

[www.newwaystowork.org](http://www.newwaystowork.org)

<http://www.newwaystowork.org/documents/ytatdocuments/CareerDevGuidebookJUNE2009%28%29.pdf>

New Ways to Work builds community connections that prepare youth for success as adults. New Ways to Work helps create powerful partnerships among schools, community organizations, social service agencies, the private sector, government, and community partners to ensure better access to quality educational and career opportunities for youth.