

End of the Day Takeaways

Group 1

- Focus on Little Rock to capture and know what is working
- **Biggest thing in First Session**
- Need for working with families
- We know the problem but don't have the will to make the changes.
- Connecting the dots – connect resources
- Fund the 2011 Position Youth Development Act
- This issue needs to be a legislative priority
- Make sure all the kids are reading at grade level by 3rd/4th grade
- Focus on after-school and summer enrichment programs
- Centralized system of information about services available and needs of individuals

3 Things LR should do over the next 3 years

- Do everything possible to direct kids from JJ system before detention
- Elect people/city directors/ mayors who will focus on the disconnected youth
- Develop a centralized system of information
 - A/S services available and needs of individuals
 - Make a concerted effort to do effective community policing
 - Flow chart of how those in need can plug into services available
 - Good Grid is a potential model for doing this

Group 2

What is the most important thing you heard presented?

- Start early
- Educate youth/parents
- Cancel the snowball effect
- Meet children where they are
- We need to insist kids to keep going to school

What can we build on that could dramatically improve the options for disconnected youth?

- Need a path for kids
- Need policy's that are consistent
- Need parent advocates
- Teach soft skills

What 3 things should LR do in the next 3 years to change the odds and outcome for those youth most in need?

- Alternative schools
- Construction Trade Training
- Marshall Plan

Group 3

Have the Conversation

- Faithism
- Sexism
- Racism
- Classism
- Patriarchy
- Genderism

Have the Will to Be Unapologetic

Provide The Tools Students Need:

- Love
- Support
- Direction
- Trade

Group 4

1. Relationships – Power
2. Knowing about the DMC a State Disprop. Coordinator (Sheila Foster)
3. Immerse AR and the Foster care initiative.
4. PTSD – Mental Health
5. Generational Cycles
6. Need to include parents and community
7. Traumatic experiences
8. Mediation – peer
9. Housing insecurity
10. School- based mental health contracts need to support all the needs at school
– not just those that can be billed
11. Hands- on Training that lead directly to careers
12. Change Teaching strategies to reach all kids – not just Get
13. More Counseling in group setting including multi-families
14. Mentors- outside school
15. Kids need someone they “know.” Cares about them – race, gender, ethnicity
does not matter as much.
16. Increased Awareness of focus, ambition on career options that do not require
4 year college degree
17. Address the new family dynamic. Many youth are living with non-family
18. Address our criminal justice system to allow more **expungements**, more alt.
sentencing, diversion, and fewer charged as an adult.

Questions Not Answered

1. Real Numbers/Data
2. Funding sources – partnership approach
3. What should be done to address preparing schools to work with 21st century
issues?

Group 5

1. Integrating data and linking services
2. Involving parents/families in solutions
3. Monitoring system to track progress
4. 5th and 6th grade- falling behind in learning, then cant catch up
5. Parents are also often exasperated... Want probation to solve it
6. Look to share resources.
7. Consistent training around youth troubling/behavior-objective tools
8. Court system to follow up would be helpful

Group 6

- Combine career and core education to make it one in the same
- Change the social promotion legislation
- Focus on personal relationship programs and counseling \$\$. Many more good trained people (Trauma informed)
- Career and Tech moved to prison – no jobs
- Overage/under credit – no child left behind through the age 22 and social promotion law 20% from high school
 1. Diversion – is important (Boost This)
 2. Funding – Prison (must fund mental health)
 3. School to prison pipeline. (overage/under credit)
 4. Data-connect the dots on these kids
 5. 750 total – students to counselors.
 6. Stigma of Alt School
 7. Personal Relationships – Get to know these kids
 8. More services for younger children
 9. More trauma – informed personal
 10. Connect these entire divisions workforce. Career Ed. Etc. No one on career edu. At AEA. Cradle to Career.
 11. Dept of Education – Commission Key (June 20-21st) Rebuild State Education
 12. Align education to 16 career clusters (Review clusters if align with career today and tomorrow DEMAND) Match Job demand to education
- Excel career pathways
- Ford next generation Learning
- Big Homey relationships
- Night School