



## Regional Youth Forum

Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook  
1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook

### Agenda

October 15, 2009

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

**Registration**  
**Networking Breakfast**  
*Grand ABC Room*

9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome**  
**ARRA Summer Program Video**

Mary Beth Marshall  
DuPage Workforce Board

9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**National Perspective on the ARRA Summer Program**

Linda Ortolano, Acting Division Chief  
Division of Workforce Investment  
U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training  
Administration

10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.  
*(Breakouts)*

**Panel: Overcoming the Challenges**  
*Grand E Room*

This panel discussion will focus on effective strategies for overcoming the challenges associated with the limited time to plan for and implement the summer program.

Facilitator: Joanna Greene, Chicago Workforce Investment Council

- TEC Services, Inc - Greg Sutton, President
- Chicago Department of Family and Support Services - Mary Ellen Messner, Director, Youth Ready Chicago
- Youth Job Center of Evanston - Sacella M. Smith, Executive Director

**Panel: Innovative and Exemplary Programs**

*Grand F Room*

As part of this panel, individuals that administered innovation or exemplary programs for youth will share what they did and how youth, their organization, and/or the community benefited.

Facilitator: Pat Fera, Workforce Investment Board of Will County

- First Institute - Katherine Kennedy, Project Manager
- RR Donnelley Logistics -Kristy Galloway, Manager Print Logistics, Program Director and Marissa Nino, Project Manager
- Elgin Community College - Peggy Heinrich, Dean of Adult Basic Education and Vicki Miranda, Out of School Coordinator

**11:15 to 11:25**

**Return to Main Room**

**11:25 to Noon**

**Panel: What Youth Have to Say**

*Grand ABC Room*

Youth who were/are enrolled in the ARRA summer program will share information about their experiences, explain how the program benefited them, and provide recommendations on how the program could be improved.

Facilitator: R. Dale Evans, The Housing Authority of Joliet

- The Housing Authority of Joliet - Adarious Dixon
- The Housing Authority of Joliet - Chantel Hare
- The Workforce Board of Northern Cook County – Nicholas Politis