

**Making Connections  
Jobs Plus Conference  
March 23, 2016  
2:00 – 4:00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Financial Literacy</b>				
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	Vanessa Krueger <b>Outreach Specialist</b>	The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is a 21st century agency that helps consumer finance markets work by making rules more effective, by consistently and fairly enforcing those rules, and by empowering consumers to take more control over their economic lives.	<a href="mailto:Vanessa.Krueger@cfpb.gov">Vanessa.Krueger@cfpb.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.cfpb.gov">www.cfpb.gov</a>
America Saves	George Barany, <b>Financial Education Director</b>	America Saves, a campaign managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America, seeks to motivate, encourage, and support low- to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth.	<a href="mailto:grbarany@att.net">grbarany@att.net</a>	<a href="http://www.americasaves.org/">http://www.americasaves.org/</a>
Credit Builder's Alliance (CBA)	Elisabeth Johnson <b>Director of membership</b>	CBA was created by and for our nonprofit members in response to the need for low- and moderate-income individuals – many of whom comprise the roughly 64 million Americans with no or thin credit files – to gain or regain access to the modern financial system by building credit and financial access	<a href="mailto:elisabeth@creditbuildersalliance.org">elisabeth@creditbuildersalliance.org</a>	<a href="http://creditbuildersalliance.org">http://creditbuildersalliance.org</a>

U.S. Department of Education	Joan Jaimes <b>FSA Outreach Specialist</b>	Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. At the office of Federal Student Aid, our 1,200 employees help make college education possible for every dedicated mind by providing more than \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to more than 13 million students paying for college or career school. We are proud to sponsor millions of American minds pursuing their educational dreams.	<a href="mailto:Joan.Jaimes@ed.gov">Joan.Jaimes@ed.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.studentaid.gov">www.studentaid.gov</a>
Local Initiatives Support Cooperation (LISC)	Katrin Kark <b>Financial Opportunity Center Network</b>	Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national nonprofit intermediary organization with local offices in 31 cities and partnerships in hundreds of rural communities across the country. LISC equips struggling communities with the capital, strategy and know-how to become places where people can thrive.	<a href="mailto:KKark@lisc.org">KKark@lisc.org</a> 202-739-9270	<a href="http://www.lisc.org">www.lisc.org</a>
<b>STEM Innovation</b>				
U.S. Patent and Trade Office (USPTO)	Joyce Ward, <b>Director, Education and Outreach Office</b>	The Office of Education and Outreach (OEO) provides educational and outreach programming for students, educators, and young inventors and innovators of all ages. The USPTO Education and Outreach office supports many community-based invention and innovation programs. USPTO's goal is to provide greater numbers of educators and students with opportunities to participate in unique USPTO learning experiences. These programs are designed to enhance knowledge of intellectual property, invention, innovation, creativity and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics	<a href="mailto:Joyce.Ward@USPTO.GOV">Joyce.Ward@USPTO.GOV</a>  571.272.8424	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a>

		(STEM) as they relate to intellectual property.		
Center for Leadership and Diversity in STEM, U.S. Military Academy	LTC Anthony N. Johnson, Ph.D., <b>Associate Professor Director</b>	The West Point Center for Leadership & Diversity in STEM (CLD STEM) implements strategic engagements to attract new talent at the pre-college level, support cadets studying STEM at West Point, and sustain talent at the post-graduate and professional levels. Our mission is to increase the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority and disadvantaged youth populations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by targeting students at the pre-college level in order to boost the aggregate of students prepared to major in STEM.	<a href="mailto:Anthony.Johnson@usma.edu">Anthony.Johnson@usma.edu</a>  845.938.2846	<a href="http://www.usma.edu">www.usma.edu</a>
USARMY RDECOM ARL OSD/USMA Outreach Special Program Coordinator ARL Outreach Office	Patrice D. Benson, Ph.D., <b>OSD/USMA Outreach Special Program Coordinator</b>	The Army Research Laboratory offers scholarships, internships, apprenticeships, and fellowships to students of all ages in the sciences. ARL also offers K-12 enrichment opportunities and competitions.	<a href="mailto:patrice.d.benson.ctr@mail.mil">patrice.d.benson.ctr@mail.mil</a>  301.394.5702	<a href="http://www.arl.army.mil">www.arl.army.mil</a>
National Alliance of Resident Services in Affordable and Assisted Housing	Samuel B. Little, Ph.D., <b>President/CEO</b>	National Alliance of Resident Services in Affordable and Assisted Housing (NAR-SAAH) provides technical assistance to employees of Resident Services and members of Resident Councils by helping expand partnerships with community agencies to support resident programs, and speak on matters impacted by	<a href="mailto:Samuellittle@narsaah.org">Samuellittle@narsaah.org</a>  410-526-0969	<a href="http://www.narsaah.org">www.narsaah.org</a>

		changing economic conditions. NAR-SAAH seeks to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in public and assisted housing communities by promoting programs that are comprehensive, culturally competent and responsive to assessed needs.		
360 Cradle to Careers	Michael Rendler, AIA, <b>Executive Director</b>	Providing STEM education and training for youth (K-12) using Geospatial learning environments, STEM career field opportunities and paid internships for disadvantaged and under-represented K-12 students residing in affordable public, private and low-income housing communities Nationwide.	<a href="mailto:Michael.rendler@gmail.com">Michael.rendler@gmail.com</a>  310.406.5700	www.360cradletocareers.org
360 Cradle to Careers Networks	<b>Brigadier General</b> (Retired) Arnold Gordon-Bray, <b>Board Member</b>	Distinguished and highly decorated war veteran providing strategic guidance for national STEM models focused on underserved communities.	<a href="mailto:arnoldngb@gmail.com">arnoldngb@gmail.com</a>  757-660-6157	www.360cradletocareers.org
STEM NOLA	Calvin Mackie, Ph.D., <b>President/ Founder</b>	STEM NOLA (SN) expose, inspire and engage members in the surrounding communities about the opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). STEM delivers activities, programs & events that bring inspiration, motivation and training to all STEM stakeholders with the opportunity to receive 21st Century skills of Communication, Collaboration and Critical Thinking.	<a href="mailto:cmackie@calvinmackie.com">cmackie@calvinmackie.com</a>  504 - 391 - 0730	www.stemnola.com
College for Every Student	Leroy Nesbitt <b>Program Director</b>	CFES is a global leader at helping underserved students become college and career ready. CFES currently supports 25,000 students through partnerships with 200 rural and urban K-12 schools, districts in 30 states & Ireland.	leroy@collegefes.org  <a href="tel:8029899242">802 989 9242</a>	<a href="http://www.collegefes.org">www.collegefes.org</a>

<b>Youth &amp; Education</b>				
Firstbook	Veronica Creech, <b>Senior Director</b>	First Books innovative approaches tackle the single biggest barrier to the development of literacy – access to books. -	<a href="mailto:vcreech@firstbook.org">vcreech@firstbook.org</a>	<a href="http://www.firstbook.org">www.firstbook.org</a>
ABC Mouse	Alisa Granz,	ABCmouse.com is a global education initiative of <a href="http://www.ageoflearning.com/">Age of Learning</a> , Inc. Our goal is to help children build a strong foundation for future academic success by providing a comprehensive and engaging online curriculum to greatly assist early learners to succeed in pre-k, kindergarten, and early elementary school programs.	<a href="mailto:alisa.granz@aofl.com">alisa.granz@aofl.com</a>	<a href="http://www.ageoflearning.com/">http://www.ageoflearning.com/</a>
Youthbuild	Joel Miranda	YouthBuild programs provide those pathways. All over the world they unleash the positive energy of low-income young people to rebuild their communities and their lives, breaking the cycle of poverty with a commitment to work, education, family, and community.	<a href="mailto:jmiranda@youthbuild.org">jmiranda@youthbuild.org</a>	
The Corps Network	Tyler Wilson Mary Ellen Sprenkle	The Corps Network are a comprehensive youth development programs that provide their participants with job training, academic programming, leadership skills, and additional support through a strategy of service that improves communities and the environment.	<a href="mailto:msprenkel@corpsnetwork.org">msprenkel@corpsnetwork.org</a> <a href="mailto:twilson@corpsnetwork.org">twilson@corpsnetwork.org</a>	<a href="http://www.corpsnetwork.org">www.corpsnetwork.org</a>
College Unbound	Dennis Littky	College Unbounds mission is to reinvent higher education for underrepresented returning adult learners, using a model that is individualized, interest-based, project-driven, workplace-enhanced, cohort-	<a href="mailto:dlittky@collegeunbound.org">dlittky@collegeunbound.org</a> <a href="mailto:dlittky@metmail.org">dlittky@metmail.org</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeunbound.org">www.collegeunbound.org</a>

		supported, flexible, supportive, and affordable.		
AFI Resource Center	Anamita Gall 703-225-2430	Assets for Independence (AFI) is a federal program administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The AFI program enables eligible organizations to implement and demonstrate an assets-based approach for supporting low-income individuals and their families.	<a href="mailto:Anamita.Gall@icfi.com">Anamita.Gall@icfi.com</a>	<a href="http://www.idaresources.acf.hhs.gov">www.idaresources.acf.hhs.gov</a>
DOE Office of Career & Technical Education	Teresa Bestor		<a href="mailto:Teresa.Bestor@ed.gov">Teresa.Bestor@ed.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>
<b>Digital Literacy</b>				
Everyone On	Amber Petty <b>National Program Coordinator</b>	EveryoneOn is a national nonprofit working to eliminate the digital divide by making high-speed, low-cost Internet service and computers, and free digital literacy courses accessible to all unconnected Americans. We aim to leverage the democratizing power of the Internet to provide opportunity to all Americans – regardless of age, race, geography, income, or education level.	<a href="mailto:Amber@everyoneon.org">Amber@everyoneon.org</a>	<a href="http://www.everyoneon.org">www.everyoneon.org</a>
Everyone ON	Chike Aguh <b>CEO</b>		<a href="mailto:chike@everyoneon.org">chike@everyoneon.org</a>	

Health				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Larke Huang <b>Director, Office of Behavioral Health Equity</b>	SAMHSA is charged with improving the quality and availability of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in order to reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society resulting from substance abuse and mental illnesses.	<a href="mailto:Larke.Huang@samhsa.hhs.gov">Larke.Huang@samhsa.hhs.gov</a> 240-276-2230	
Employment				
Section 3	Bruce Bailey	Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.	<a href="mailto:Bruce.E.Bailey@hud.gov">Bruce.E.Bailey@hud.gov</a> 202-402-6249	<a href="http://www.hud.gov">www.hud.gov</a>