



**CareerSource Central Florida**

Summary of Youth Meeting

Date: 3/7/2017

10:00 AM to 11:30 Am

CareerSource Central Florida – Administration Office

390 N. Orange Ave., Suite 700

Orlando, FL 32801

**In attendance:**

- Mimi Coenen, COO, CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF)
- Bradley Collor, Director of Operations & Youth Services, CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF)
- William D’Aiuto, Central Regional Managing Director, Florida Department of Children and Families
- Michael Bryant, COO, Community Based Care of Central Florida
- Shelley Lauten, Consultant

Purpose of the meeting: to consider ways to connect the work of CareerSource Central Florida to those community based organizations that are seeking ways to connect youth (ages 16-24).

In discussion with CSCF Board members Bill D’Aiuto and Glen Casel, the idea was raised as to how organizations across the region could be more effective in connecting organizations working with youth, ages 16-24 to resources that would enable them not only allow them to connect, short-term to jobs, but also expose them to career paths that would allow them to explore options and opportunities for longer-term career growth and development.

After discussion of the benefits of building a youth network of providers that could link to youth to jobs and careers, it was recommended that CSCF host a meeting in April to identify gaps and opportunities.

The purpose of the meeting: to discuss how CSCF can assist other organizations in connecting young people (16-24) to jobs and careers.

The organizations identified to invite included:

CBC  
DCF  
Quest  
CFCH  
Kids Central, Inc.  
Zebra Coalition  
Covenant House  
Boys and Girls Club  
Parramore Kidz Zone  
Goodwill  
City of Life  
Osceola Vision  
Second Harvest Food Bank

The group decided that this first meeting would not include colleges and universities, so that CSCF could first focus on what providers need and want, and then work with colleges and universities to fill the gap.

**Next Steps:**

- To select a meeting date (Shelley and Mimi) and send out invitations in early April, in sufficient time for organizations to plan for the meeting.
- To identify other agencies in all counties that might be interested in attending (All)

The meeting concluded at 11:30 AM