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Forming Subcommittees to Address Practitioner Challenges

Youth Council: Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition

Element: Comprehensive Approach

Function: Convening Local Leadership to Take Action

Subject: Convening Local Leadership to Take Action

The Challenge: The mission of the Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition (VSTCC) is “To foster community collaborations among Verdugo area schools, youth service organizations and business as partners for planning policy, programs and support services that respond to changing workforce needs.” However, the VSTCC found that issues arise while practitioners are implementing the work of WIA. When the entire Verdugo Coalition tries to resolve these issues, their discussions tend to stall.

The Practice and Evidence: The Verdugo Coalition has developed an Ad Hoc Advocacy Subcommittee to address the providers’ implementation issues. The Subcommittee avoids dealing with local management issues. Rather, it articulates program implementation difficulties that are embedded in the enabling legislation and regulations of the youth workforce program funding sources, including WIA.

By forming the Subcommittee, the Verdugo Coalition intends to keep certain issues from stalling the progress of discussions at regular Coalition meetings.

The Details: The Coalition assigns issues to the specialized group of practitioners who really understand the details of WIA and who are dedicated to researching the complex system of interactions.

The Subcommittee creates statements that articulate identified problems so that the Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition can request and recommend advocacy positions to be taken by members of the Verdugo Workforce Investment Board.

Where to Go for More Information

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