



State Summit on High School Graduation & Dropout Prevention

“Community....Drop in to Prevent Drop-outs”

Tuesday, July 14, 5:00-9:00pm

Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV

Evaluation Collection

1. Why do students Drop-out of School?

- I learned something new and useful about the dropout problem in my community.

48 -- Strongly Agree

103 -- Agree

14-- Disagree

2 -- Strongly Disagree (167)

- The speakers presented useful information pertaining to the topic in a clear and understandable manner.

94--Strongly Agree

70--Agree

5--Disagree

0--Strongly Disagree (169)

2. What are the Solutions?

- The youth presenters shared their perspective on the dropout issue with appropriate and relevant ideas and information.

127-- Strongly agree

37--Agree

1--Disagree

1--Strongly Disagree (166)

- Possible strategies were realized which could have significant impact on the dropout problem.

59--Strongly Agree

103--Agee

2--Disagree

0--Strongly Disagree (164)





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3. Identify Recommended Best Practices.

- I have a good understanding of the dropout problem.

70-- Strongly Agree

88-- Agree

5-- Disagree

0--Strongly Disagree (163)

- I believe there are possible solutions to the dropout problem.

95-- Strongly Agree

66-- Agree

1-- Disagree

0-- Strongly Disagree (162)

4. The overall quality of the High School Graduation and Dropout Prevention Summit was high.

79-- Strongly Agree

81-- Agree

2-- Disagree

0-- Strongly Disagree (162)

Additional Comments:

Behavior health is needed.

Student data should have been separated from adults for all three questions.

Betty Knighton- spoke a little too long.

This really opened my eyes!

Round Tables was a great way to collaborate

In a year – come back; see what works and does not; as well as success stories

Are the Best Practices researched based or just opinions?

Great program! Educators should take note of your format/methods!





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On behalf of the West Virginia Blazers we would love to come into the schools and speak with the students, as a mentoring program, please review our website at www.Wvblazers.com

Policy 2510 and the stringent math requirements must be addressed, not every students needs Algebra 2 much less Trigonometry. What about vocational math, business math as a 4th math?

Great Job! Wonderful information

Pam and her VISTA's did a great job as usual. Youth Speakers were Awesome!

Most impressed with youth; Presentations and comments regarding full service/ comprehensive schools and least impressed with marketing a specific organizational activity.

Youth Presenters were GREAT!!

I enjoyed the success stories from high school students and adults.

Time Frame was off- too late in the evening; maybe 4– 8pm would have been better.

Need to standardize state Truancies program

This summit has certainly served to heighten the awareness of a pandemic problem.

Youth Presenters were beautiful; makes it real to many

Well organized, information & interactive presentations... plus a wonderful meal! Youth was fantastic.

Government needs to be serious about education and over future leaders. Education professionals need more support, services, training and incentives- a good ways to retain committed caring teachers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share and meet some wonderful people!

The delivery system of the curriculum needs to be revised for the 21st century- (based in 1932 state model.)

It was good to sit with such a diverse range of individuals to discuss this “hot topic”.

I hope the solutions presented well, be seriously considered by the school board/WVDE.

Thank you for the opportunity let me emphasize again the emphasis on early intervention. Read First.

More important than what happened here tonight or in the regional summits is what happens next. We need a strong amplifying voice that covers truancies, governments and social services.

Wish more youth would have been here.





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It was very informative –eye opener. Keep up the good work. Enjoyed the interaction

Less time with ceremonial speakers more time with group work and student speakers. Have the students speak first, too much time on “instructions and directions”

The input from students was insightful

Where to go from here!!

A comprehensive school Counseling Program with county at all schools for all students will greatly help students achieve more success!

More students need to be included

Would have liked dishes cleaned from tables immediately after dinner- just unappealing to have them piled around. Liked student’s stories of hope!

Enjoyed the conversations of various individuals!

Liked the “out of the box” ideas!

Excellent four hours! Lots of great discussion and concrete ideas!

I enjoyed this event!

Perhaps a bit long!

This is not going to be an easy fix-but it can be fixed. It is going to take a lot of work by everyone across the state.

The youth speakers did a wonderful job and really brought the issue to focus.

I would like a copy of the ideas from each table.

Excellent program; I hope there are results

Great event!

Large group sharing was too, too long!

Increase consistency between county ED systems. Decrease Beau racy in schools to allow innovative programs into the classroom without a lot of red tape. Involve local business owners as mentors teaching “real” business skills such as JA colleges!





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I think there should be follow up to this with inviting this group back in a year to visit changes noticed or further ideas.

We know many of the solutions are- need to start implementing the solutions

Would like to have more mini workshops on Dropout Prevention, I didn't know these even existed.

Enjoyed the speakers!

I found this program very educational. I have learned things that I honestly didn't think could change the dropout rate.

Don't work in isolation. Americas Promise must work directly with other agencies and keep the momentum- Regions have specific issues that may be addressed in the region –not only statewide solutions.

Very informative and eye opening! It is good to know there are this many people & agencies in the state to work together to solve this overwhelming problem.

Student involvement was powerful.

...now to put it into action!

I am glad that I attended. I am very concerned about Kanawha Co. graduation rates.

Nice Summit!

Great networking; wonderful conference

Very impressed with information & breakout sessions

Thank you so much for trying to do something about this problem. I have high hopes and faith that we can make a difference.

We see the areas of concerns; let's get started- make changes and support our children! Be positive not negative.

This project could be more productive with fewer political speeches/ introductions and more roundtable and discussion time.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute, to hear perspectives other than my own and particularly to hear the voice of WV youth. I look forward to seeing/ hearing outcomes.

Thanks for the opportunity! Put Questions on large screens as you do that session. Put know solutions up; so those aren't brought up. Bring out new ideas; Ends on time. Great Job!

