

## Males of Color Policy Conference

### Introduction

The Council, in partnership with the Gates Foundation, invites you to the Males of Color Policy Conference on March 10 - 11, 2017 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this conference is to allow district leaders to collaborate and learn from one another on a range of topics important to improving the academic outcomes of young men and boys of color. This gathering will also allow districts who are in the beginning phases of planning to network with colleagues from other cities. This conference is part of the Council's ongoing focus to support the work districts are doing on behalf of our Young Men and Boys of Color in the Great Cities.

In 2013, over sixty Council school districts signed "A Pledge by America's Great City Schools" to improve the academic outcomes of young men and boys of color through evidence-based strategies. As a coalition of school districts tasked with educating students from all racial, linguistic, and economic backgrounds, Council districts pledged to play a more active role in leveling the playing field for the millions of young men that we serve.

The movement to improve the academic outcomes of Young Men and Boys of Color has rapidly grown since the "Pledge" along with the upstart of local and national initiatives. Many school districts across the nation have already begun implementing initiatives to improve the academic outcomes of young men and boys of color. These initiatives vary in their scope and focus but share the common goal of realizing the untapped potential of students. The Council is strongly committed to supporting this immensely important work on behalf of our districts.

### Registration Details

Travel and lodging will be covered for all attendees. However, space is limited to the first 40 registrants only on a first-come first-served basis. In addition, registration will be limited to one person per district. Please reply to Moses Palacios ([mpalacios@cgcs.org](mailto:mpalacios@cgcs.org)) if you are interested in representing your district, and, if you are among the first 40 registrants, we will forward registration information to your attention in the next two weeks.

Immediately following the Males of Color Policy Conference attendees will have the option to attend the Council's Legislative Conference at their own expense.

**What:** Males of Color Policy Conference

**When:** March 10-11, 2017

**Where:** The Mayflower Hotel – 1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

**Who Should Attend:** District coordinator of programs tailored to Young Men and Boys of Color.

## **Preliminary Program Agenda**

### **Friday March 10, 2017**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Introduction
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Keynote Speaker Leticia Smith-Evans Haynes, Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity, Williams College
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Discipline, Social and Emotional Learning and Cultural Competency Working Groups
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Ensuring Access to a Rigorous Curriculum Robin Hall, Director of English Language Arts and Literacy, Council of the Great City Schools
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Academics and Curriculum Working Groups
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	College and Career Opportunities Through Community Engagement Israel Cordero, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and External Relations, Dallas Independent School District
2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	College and Career Readiness Working Groups
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Wrap Up
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Reception

### **Saturday March 11, 2017**

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Legal Issues, Effective Leadership, and Communication Strategies in Designing Initiatives for Males of Color Julie Wright-Halbert, Legislative Counsel, Council of the Great City Schools
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Leadership and Communication Working Groups
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Conference Wrap up