WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SESSION I
Understanding NYSED Initiatives for Effective Services for ELLs & Strategies for Success
Participants will review New York State Education Department initiatives for the appropriate education of English Language Learners - specifically, the New York State Education Department Commissioner’s Regulations CR Part 154, ELL Parents’ Bill of Rights, Blueprint for ELL Success and the ELL Parent Hotline. Literacy strategies to help their children at home will also be discussed.

SESSION II
A. Understanding and Adapting to the NYS Educational System to Help Our Children Succeed
ELL students and families face many challenges as they enter the New York State (NYS) educational system. A primary challenge is getting acclimated to the new culture and environment while honoring the culture, traditions and language of the country they left behind. This workshop will explain the New York State school system and explore strategies for building positive relationships between generations and cultures for the academic achievement of ELLs.

B. The Rights of Undocumented Youth and the College Planning Process
A comprehensive workshop tailored for immigrant students, educators and parents discussing the process of applying to college, completing a CUNY application and conducting scholarship searches for immigrant students.

C. UNIVISION: Camino al Éxito
UNIVISION has launched an educational campaign, Camino al Éxito, to inform and empower Spanish-speaking parents about what it takes for families to navigate the educational system with a focus on closing the achievement gap. This workshop will explore critical transition grades and how to best advocate for and support their child.

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The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)
The NYS Youth Leadership Council (NYSYLC)
NYCDOE Division of Family and Community Engagement

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AGENDA

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST – 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
NYU Kimmel Center, Lobby and Rooms: 405 and 406, 4th Floor

OPENING SESSION – 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Eisner Lubin Auditorium

David E. Kirkland, Ph.D., JD
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New York State Education Department

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New York City Department of Education

Camille Mackler, Esq.
Director of Legal Initiatives, New York Immigration Coalition

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS
John Bul Dau - Social Activist, Special Guest
Mr. Dau aims to help audiences understand the struggles many first generation refugees face, as well as offering insights on how to assist refugees adjusting to a new life in the United States.

SESSION 1 – 10:55 AM – 12:05 PM
Understanding NYSED Initiatives for Effective Services for ELLs and Strategies for Success

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SESSION 2 – 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM
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B. The Rights of Undocumented Youth and the College Planning Process
Room: 907

Presenters: Janet Pérez, The NYS Youth Leadership Council
Bakari Tandia, African Services Committee
Facilitator: Ron Woo

C. UNIVISION: Camino al Éxito (Session will be conducted in Spanish)
Room: Eisner Lubin Auditorium

Presenters: Adriana Flores-Ragade, Partnership Manager, UNIVISION Communications
Juan Garcia, Assistant Vice President, ACT Center for Equity and Learning
Facilitators: Nellie B. Mulkay and Eva García

CLOSING – 1:15 PM
Boxed Lunch to Go
Rooms: 405 and 406