

**WHY** Because you're dedicated to improving outcomes for children and youth. You work every day to get young people ready for college, work and life; to get all communities to offer high-quality supports; and to get all leaders to work together to reach those goals. The Ready by 21 National Meeting is for leaders like you: change-makers who want to learn from their peers, apply proven strategies and strengthen their collective impact.

**WHO** The National Meeting brings together more than 500 local, state and national leaders who like you are committed to improving partnerships, policies and practices for children and youth. These leaders manage change at all levels - from state policy coordination and community-wide cradle-to-career efforts to out-of-school time systems, single-issue coalitions and neighborhood-based initiatives. They come from business, nonprofits, education, policy, philanthropy and intermediaries at the national, state and local levels.

**WHAT** The National Meeting offers keynotes, plenary sessions, workshops, peer learning circles and abundant networking opportunities, all built around big and common challenges, such as how do we ...

**Ensure Readiness** for college, work and life, by building competencies, abilities and mindsets.

**Promote Equity** for all young people, and especially closing gaps for populations often facing great challenges (e.g. boys & young men of color, opportunity youth, youth in foster care, pregnant & parenting youth, etc.).

**Increase Shared Commitment** to changing the odds for young people through common goals, strategies and measures within and across systems & sectors.

**Improve Program Quality** and effectiveness in ways that spark management & staff engagement and support better outcomes for young people.

For each question, you'll explore standards, solutions and measures of success; hear case studies from state and local partnerships; connect with leaders from across the country to strengthen your networks and find new ways to take on your toughest challenges.

**Topics include:**

- Strengthening and aligning partnerships
- Exploring the connection between readiness and equity
- Accelerating data usage at scale
- Creating large-scale shared investments in quality
- Fostering social and emotional learning across schools & communities
- Re-connecting opportunity youth
- Creating child and youth master plans
- Examining the role of schools and afterschool programs in implementing SEL initiatives
- Developing leadership infrastructure and policy coordinating bodies
- Connecting and coordinating federal funding streams in communities
- Improving out-of-school time quality and performance
- Using data to drive strategic investments for children and youth
- Supporting quality summer learning experiences
- Creating dedicated local funding streams to support services for children & youth
- Aligning policies and resources across issues, agencies and ages
- Engaging key stakeholders (e.g. children, youth & families, faith leaders, business)
- Supporting state-level systems alignment
- Improving health, wellbeing and equity
- Moving beyond programs to an evidence-based approach

**WHEN** April 18-20, 2018

**WHERE** Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**HOW** Register online. For more information, see [www.readyby21.org/nationalmeeting](http://www.readyby21.org/nationalmeeting) or call the Forum for Youth Investment at 202-207-3325.

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