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Mentoring learning week in Boston, US

Activity of the European learning network of mentoring programmes for migrants

2nd – 6th of October 2017

Topic:

'Strengthening quality to broaden impact'

Goal:

Learning from the mentoring tradition and models of the US. Exchange of European and US methodology and practice, through the topic of capacity building and impact.

Date:

2 – 6 October 2017

Location:

Boston, USA

Organization:

European Center for Evidence-Based Mentoring (E. Bijvoets, S. Simon, O. Reitsma)
UMB Center for Evidence-Based Mentoring (prof. J. Rhodes)
Mass Mentoring Partnership (M. Martinez)

Participants:

14 European participants of the learning week
22 European participants of the Short Course
41 US mentoring practitioners and researchers of the Short Course

2nd October: MMP Exchange and site visits

Time of MMP exchange: 9:30 AM - 12PM

Site visits: 1PM – 5PM

Location MMP exchange: Mass Mentoring Partnership, 75 Kneeland Street, 11th Fl, Boston

Mass Mentoring Partnership believes that all young people have a right to mentors and adult role models, and that it is the responsibility of all of us to bring these relationships into their lives. As institutions entrusted with the well-being of youth, mentoring and youth serving programs can and should play a critical role to ensure that immigrant youth have access to empowering relationships with adults that affirm their identity and facilitate acculturation, social integration, and school connection in their new communities. To support immigrant youth and families, programs must understand the challenges they face and adopt an asset-based approach to be responsive to their needs. This also includes preparing caring adults and other community institutions to do the same in an effort to support and empower immigrant youth and families.

Agenda

9:30 - 10:00 Continental breakfast (provided) and networking with MMP staff

9:45 - 10:00 The Mentoring Landscape in Massachusetts Marty Martinez, CEO & President, MMP

10:00 - 11:30 Practitioner Panel and Q&A Facilitated by Beth Fraster, VP & Chief Program Officer, MMP

11:30 - 12:30 Close & Lunch on Boston's Rose Kennedy Greenway (casual walk to grab lunch)

Panel : Supporting Immigrant Youth

MMP has organized a panel discussion with program leaders from programs that serve immigrant youth to discuss their unique approach to mentoring relationships with this population. Through engaging discourse, program partners will:

- Learn more about the assets, experiences and challenges faced by immigrant youth across the Commonwealth of MA;
- Assess your program's ability to provide culturally competent programming for immigrant youth; and
- Learn how to better prepare mentors and volunteers to engage immigrant youth in empowering relationships.

Panelists:

- Amy Connery, Operations Director, African Community Education, (<http://acechildren.org>)
- Alex Houston, Program Operations and Development Manager, Enroot (<http://www.enrooteducation.org/our-work>)
- Peter Tam, Youth Programs Director, Quincy Asian Resources Inc, (<https://quincyasianresources.org>)

Site Visits

Following an engaging panel with local program practitioners, Exchange participants will have the opportunity to visit up to two Boston-metro mentoring programs. MMP will selected host sites based on Exchange partners' interests and MMP partner availability.

Site Visit #1

Time: 1PM - 3PM

Organization: YouthBuild (<https://www.youthbuild.org/mentoring>)

Mission: The mission of YouthBuild USA and YouthBuild International is to unleash the intelligence and positive energy of low-income young people to rebuild their communities and their lives.

Location: 58 Day Street, Somerville (will travel by subway 20 minutes)

Contact: Corey Manning, Director of Mentoring

Site Visit #2

Time: 3:30PM - 5PM

Organization: Build Boston (<https://www.buildinboston.org/mission/>)

Mission: BUILD's mission is to use entrepreneurship to ignite the potential of youth from under-resourced communities and propel them to high school, college & career success.

Location: 745 Atlantic Ave, Boston (will travel by subway 20 minutes)

Contact: Katie Quigley Mellor, Community Engagement Manager

3rd October: Site visit and MMP exchange

Site Visit: MENTOR National Mentoring Partnership

Time: 9:30AM – 11AM

Organization: MENTOR (<https://www.mentoring.org>)

Location: 201 South Street, Suite 615.

Contact: Elizabeth Santiago, chief program officer

Mentor Matching Grantee Lunch + World Cafe

Exchange participants will join MMP's Mentoring Matching Grantee cohort for lunch at their kick-off event on Tuesday, October 3rd. The event will include an informal lunch followed by a World Cafe style discussion where program leaders can dive into important program and operational themes, including recruitment, staff retention, fundraising, marketing, and more. This will take place after European programs have visited with MENTOR staff in the morning.

Information about the MMP's Mentor Matching Grant:

<http://massmentors.org/content/state-mentoring-matching-grants>

Location: The Nonprofit Center, 89 South Street, Boston (5 minute walk from MENTOR offices)

Time: 12PM - 3PM

Contact: Janeen Smith, Senior Manager of Program Services, MMP

4th October: MMP Day of Learning - Short Course

Location: The UMASS Club, 32nd Floor, 1 Beacon St, Boston

Time: 9AM - 3PM

Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership (MMP) will host an exchange day for those programs from Europe that want to connect with like minded programs from Boston on October 4th. MMP will seek to match programs that are similar and host those programs at sites across the city where they can connect with programs that are working like them. MMP will also be presenting information on quality practice, including learn how to enhance empowering relationships to promote positive outcomes for youth through hands-on and intensive full day series of workshops. The short course offerings connect youth serving staff to explore creative approaches to shared challenges and best practices for serving youth in a variety of settings. The short course programmatic training series provides staff the opportunity to engage in honest conversations about pressing topics in the mentoring and youth development field, such as cultural responsiveness, trauma informed practices and other quality-based standards. These sessions will connect on the ground learning with training on best practices to promote use of research-based standards in mentoring and youth development programming.

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast and Networking
9:00 - 9:45	Welcome and Introductions
9:45 - 12:00	Cultural Responsiveness in Mentoring
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Honoring Youth Voice in Mentoring Programs
2:30 - 3:00	Building Developmental Relationships at All Levels
3:00 - 3:15	Reflections & Closing

Optional:

3:30 [Boston Harbor USS Constitution](#) Cruise . You can purchase ticket on your own.

4:30-6:30 Cash bar and snacks on the Boston waterfront

5th October: Short Course

Location: University of Massachusetts Club, One Beacon Street, 32nd Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

Time: 8:30AM to 4:45PM

Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast and coffee
- 8:30 - 9:00 Opening remarks-
David Shapiro, MENTOR: National Mentoring Partnership,
Marty Martinez, Mass Mentoring Partnership
- 9:00 - 9:45 The mentoring movement in the U.S. and Europe.
- Jean Rhodes, MENTOR: UMB Center for Evidence-Based Mentoring
- Szilvia Simon, European Center for Evidence-Based Mentoring
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 - 11:00 New research in youth mentoring.
- Jean Rhodes, Ph.D., UMass Boston
- Renee Spencer, Ed.D., Boston University
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 – 12:00 Mentoring and prevention science.
- Timothy Cavell, Ph.D., University of Arkansas
- 12:00 - 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 - 2:00 Youth Initiated Mentoring.
- Sarah Schwartz, Ph.D., Suffolk University
- 2:00 Break to go to UMass Boston classrooms on Concourse Floor
(same building, take a left, right before Rebecca's Cafe)
- 2:30 – 3:30 The effectiveness of natural and formal mentoring (For US programs) (Room #1)
- Geert Jan Stams, Ph.D., University of Amsterdam (for US programs) (room #1)
- Parent and Family engagement (for European programs) (room #2)
- 3:30 – 4:45 Interactive workshop on quality practices.
- Evidence-based training and best practice, Janis Kupersmidt, President, iRT
- 4:45 Closing Remarks

