



ESSA and Understanding Accountability in Alternative Education Thought Leaders' Advisory Meeting

AGENDA

1:00-1:20pm ET Welcome and Introductions

1:20-1:40pm ET Presentation by AYPF: Alternative Education and Accountability

- Define the at-risk population, explore the settings in which they are educated (campuses, programs, traditional)
- Explore the relevance of ESSA and the opportunities it affords to encourage high quality education for at-risk students
- Share AYPF's efforts to date to understand the current state of alternative accountability
- Present considerations and questions in the development of state accountability systems to be responsive to the needs of at-risk students

1:40-1:45pm ET Break

1:45-2:45pm ET State Presentations: Alternative Accountability Around the Country

- Colorado: Jessica Knevals, Accountability and Policy Principal Consultant, Accountability and Data Analysis Unit, Colorado Department of Education
- Washington: Laurie Shannon, Gradation Specialist/BECCA Liaison, Washington State Department of Education
- California: Paul Warren, Research Associate, Public Policy Institute of California

2:45-2:50pm ET Break

2:50-3:45pm ET Group Discussion/Reflections

- Given the diversity of approaches presented today, and the opportunities provided by ESSA, what should states consider regarding accountability for alternative settings?
- Can/should we encourage a single system that can be responsive to the diversity of needs within alternative education and across traditional schools? Or do we need to protect/consider a separate system? Is there an effective way to do both?
- What can/do alternative settings provide states in terms of information/guidance around a potential 5th indicator?

3:45-4:00pm ET Closing Remarks

AYPF will share some closing thoughts and plans for this work moving forward.