

# BUILDING MOMENTUM

A newsletter for members of Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative

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## Hartford Foundation Makes \$375,000 Award to HOYC



HOYC received a \$375,000 grant from Hartford Foundation for its work on substantial, long-term community solutions. The three years of funding will support the implementation of HOYC's comprehensive plan that integrates education, youth development, and workforce development systems to decrease the number of disconnect youth in Hartford. The grant matches the Aspen implementation award and will help with the match requirement for a potential sub-grant award from the Social Innovation Fund. More information about the award will be shared in the coming weeks.

## NBCUniversal Awards \$25,000 to HOYC for Innovative Career Pathways



HOYC was recognized as an innovative, high-impact initiative and received \$25,000 as part of NBCUniversal Foundation's 21st Century Solutions grant challenge. NBCUniversal encourages nonprofit organizations to move people and communities forward in new and innovative ways. The grant award of \$25,000 matches the Aspen grant and will further build out our career pathway programs. To learn more, go [here](#).

## Hartford Leads National Discussion on Employer Engagement



The Aspen Forum for Community Solutions held its second annual Fall Convening in October. Addressing an audience of 250 civic leaders, Hartford's Alex Johnson of Capital Workforce Partners noted, "It's not traditional job development. It's looking at how we engage employers in the long term to support the development of our youth using career pathway models." For more, go [here](#).

## HOYC Builds Youth Leaders with the Help of New Program



Erica Clarke and Darryl Britton attended the Collaborative meeting in December and enjoyed learning about the larger aspects of the Collaborative. Our Youth Leadership Training Program gives Erica, Darryl, and other youth the skills and knowledge they need to be a leader for themselves, their peers, and our community. To date we have 9 youth enrolled and meeting weekly, but we are still recruiting. To learn more, go [here](#) or contact Kelvin Lovejoy at [klovejoy@hartfordctc.org](mailto:klovejoy@hartfordctc.org) or 860.724.1223.

## Quick Updates

Hartford  
**OPPORTUNITY YOUTH**  
Collaborative

- **Collaborate for Impact:** Register for the Aspen/FSG Collective Impact Forum [here](#). The next Collaborative meeting will likely be in March 2015. Details are forthcoming.
- **Use data to inform decision-making and assess progress:** The RBA Benchmark report based on Ron Schack's presentation on October 1, 2014 will be released next month.
- **Build effective pathways:** As promised, programs for Opportunity Youth are on our [website](#). Contact [Kim](#) to add your program to the site.
- **Leverage resources to sustain innovation:** The proposal for the JFF-Aspen Social Innovation Fund sub-grant is in. Contact [Kim](#) for details.
- **Advocate for supportive policies:** HOYC will be listed in the 2015 CETC Annual Plan/Report to be released next month.

## Questions?

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