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[Improving youth summer jobs programs](#)

Washington, D.C.— On Thursday, July 14, the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program will host an event exploring attributes of high-performing summer jobs programs. Concerns about high unemployment rates among young people have driven a renewed interest and investment in these programs, but leaders have little guidance on how to best set up and maintain them to maximize impact and success.

At the event, “Improving youth summer jobs programs,” Brookings Fellow Martha Ross will release a major paper, “Youth summer jobs programs: Aligning ends and means,” co-authored by Richard Kazis, presenting findings on a survey of current summer jobs programs and making recommendations to improve existing and inform future programs. Following Ross’ presentation, a response panel, composed of local leaders from across the country, will discuss how to optimize, institute, and transform summer jobs programs for the better.

WHEN: July 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: The Brookings Institution
Falk Auditorium
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
[Live Webcast](#)

SPEAKERS:

- Amy Liu, vice president and director, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program
- Martha Ross, fellow, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program
- Richard Kazis, nonresident senior fellow, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program; policy program senior consultant, MDRC
- Honorable Michael A. Nutter, former mayor, City of Philadelphia
- Michael Gritton, executive director, KentuckianaWorks
- Kerry Sullivan, president, Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- Ana Galeas, summer camp counselor, DC Scores
- Allison Gerber, senior associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation

In the report, authors Ross and Kazis identify core practices that support high-quality summer jobs programs:

- Program design
 - Recruiting employers and work sites and sustaining their participation
 - Matching young people with age and skill-appropriate opportunities
 - Preparing young people to succeed and learn new work and life skills
 - Supporting youth and supervisors to maximize learning and development

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- Connecting summer programs to other educational, employment, and youth development services
- Capacity and infrastructure
 - Ensuring sufficient staff capacity and capability to deliver critical program elements at a high level of quality
 - Deploying information technologies to improve program management and communication among partners and participants
 - Simplifying coordination and strengthening training through partnership management tools

For an advanced copy of the report, please contact Jordan Treible (jtreible@brookings.edu).

[@BrookingsMetro](#) will live tweet the event and you can join the conversation by using [#SummerJobs](#)

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