New Briefs in the Strategies for Transformative Change Series

The Transformative Change Initiative team has added three new briefs to its Strategies for Trasnformative Change series.The series provides summaries of the scaling strategies employed by TAACCCT consortia, describing the strategies and including any available evidence of success. You can see all of the briefs in the series on the TCI homepage and read our three new additions here:

Building Student Engagement through Technology

Short Term and Accelerated Training through Blocked Scheduling

Strengthening Career Pathways in Manufacturing Education

This year's Learning Lab takes place in Baltimore, MD, February 17-18 and will bring together all four rounds of TAACCCT consortium grantees, their partnering institutions, education and workforce development leaders, policymakers, employers, and other stakeholders to continue to cultivate and sustain a network dedicated to scaling innovation and impact.

We are excited that **Sir Ken Robinson** and **Wes Moore** will be joining us in Baltimore as keynote speakers. There will be more great speakers, facilitators, and interactive sessions for both day 1 and day 2 of the event. And as in past years, we are planning a strand of sessions dedicated to evaluation. This year that strand will include:

- **Srik Gopal, FSG, leading a two hour workshop on Evaluating Complexity**: This workshop is intended to bring together knowledge about systems change, complexity, and evaluation in a way that clarifies and describes how the practice of evaluation needs to evolve to better serve the social sector. We will examine a set of "propositions," with associated tools and examples, that offer helpful guidance to those engaged in evaluating complex social change initiatives;
- **Veena Pankaj, Director of Innovation Network, Inc. giving a two hour presentation titled Data Placemats: A Dataviz Technique to Improve Stakeholder Understanding of Evaluation Results**: A data placemat is a tool that can be used to communicate preliminary evaluation results before writing the final report. They are used in the analysis phase of the evaluation lifecycle and offer stakeholders an opportunity to form their own judgments about the data and weigh in, prior to the writing of the final report. This session will provide an overview of the different steps involved in creating and implementing data placemats;
- **An interactive workshop dedicated to using evaluation to scale innovation:** this facilitated session will integrate TCI's newest guiding principles and transformative change scaling tool kit tools as you look at the rold of evaluation in scaling innovation**. Dr. Amy Germuth, President of EvalWorks will be facilitating this session;**
- **Other opportunities to network** including a breakfast dedicated to evaluators sharing their work on TAACCCT.

For more information and conference registration, visit: http://www.transformativechange.info/

We hope to see you in Baltimore!

Upcoming TCI Events and Presentations

Don't miss TCI at these upcoming events and presentations:

- **February 26**, Virginia Beach, VA: Debra Bragg will give the keynote address at a conference for the 23 partners involved in Virginia TAACCCT projects.
- **March 10**, Boston, MA: Deborah Richie, Dale Allen and Susan Gallagher will be presenting *Transformative Change: Improving Student Outcomes and Organizational Performance* at the 2015 Innovations conference.

Learn more at http://occrl.illinois.edu/events/

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