

Illinois Dropout Prevention Summit



Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Illinois State University Bone Student Center, Normal, IL

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Every school day nearly 7,000 students drop out of high school in the U.S. Each year that number adds up to about **1.2 million students** who will not graduate from high school with their classmates. Without a high school diploma, these students are much more prone to be unemployed, incarcerated and on government assistance.

America's Promise Alliance is convening an Illinois Adult Dropout Prevention Summit at the Illinois State University Bone Student Center in Bloomington-Normal on **Wednesday, November 4** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration is open to anyone interested in becoming part of the solution to the dropout crisis or has best practices to share at <http://www.sfamericaspromise.com/adultsummit.php>

Partners from every sector of American life, including education, business, nonprofit, elected officials, faith groups, media, healthcare, and students will be present to help communities implement a process to identify the nature of the local drop out problem, identify resources, develop action plans to address unmet needs, mobilize support and implement action plans with identified goals and measures of what will be considered success.

Presenters scheduled to appear include:

Alma Powell,
Chair, America's Promise Alliance

Jo Anderson Jr.,
Senior Advisor, Department of Education

Ed Rust Jr.,
State Farm Companies Chairman and CEO

Chris Koch,
Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education

During **facilitated working sessions**, attendees will be grouped by region to develop the framework for an action plan to take back and implement in their communities. Attendees will complete the first three steps of a six step community stakeholder alignment and integration process, with the completed work documented in a shared web portal that forms the basis for an integrated action plan. Follow-up meetings will take place after the summit to support regions as they continue through this process and establish key statewide measures to provide the foundation for common assessment across the state.

Summits are being held at no-cost to the attendee, and lunch will be provided

Travel stipends to attend this conference are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for school districts through their Regional Office of Education

“America’s Promise Alliance has committed to convening partners from every sector of American Life”

