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## Supporting Youth Employment: College Students

### *Exploring the On Point Internship Program Partnership Approach*

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this worksheet is to explore what potential partnerships may exist in your communities, how you can make the business case for a “seat at the table” and potential barriers or challenges.

#### 1) Understanding the local landscape

- a. What kind of need exists in your community?
- b. Are there existing youth employment/internship programs in your community? If yes, what?
- c. Would youth, employers, and public stakeholders be receptive to the project idea?

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#### 2) Understanding Your Role

- a. What program activities do you engage in that align with the youth workforce development need in your community?
- b. What role can you play in the local youth workforce development discussion? *Some ideas: Provide wraparound contextual support? Administer an internship program? Provide outreach and awareness support?*

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#### 3) Identifying Existing Relationships and Potential Partners

- a. What existing relationships and resources could be leveraged?
- b. Identify industries/organizations where partnership may be successful?
- c. What are the potential barriers or challenges?  
*Some ideas: Youth in your program, Board of Directors, Workforce Development Boards (WDBs), nonprofit service providers, Workforce and Economic Development Resources locally*

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