



# 2018 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Community Services Institute

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**Richard W. Bloomingdale**  
President

**Frank Snyder**  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Dave Fillman**, Chair  
Community Services  
Committee &

Executive Director  
AFSCME Council 13

## **TODAY'S AGENDA:**

*Community Service Project  
Group Discussion  
Intro of the PA AFL-CIO  
Statewide Action Toolkit*

**Rick Bloomingdale**  
**Karen Overly Smith**

*General Session:  
Community Service Project  
Discussion*

*Graduation Luncheon &  
Raffle!*

## Community Services and Political Engagement Go Hand-in-Hand

What do politics have to do with community services? PA AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder and AFL-CIO Campaign Manager Michael Fedor answered that question during yesterday morning's general session. As Frank Snyder always says: we have elections, and elections have consequences. You see the

consequences of these elections throughout your community; effecting our coworkers, neighbors, friends, and loved ones. "You are our eyes and ears listening to the needs of the community" stated Snyder.

As we near the heat of campaign season, Fedor urges us, brothers & sisters, to remember that the fight does not end on election day. "We need to organize not only to win, but to last." We must continue to hold these legislators accountable for the promises they have made. You, the labor leaders, are our best messengers and our best resources. We can win Labor 2018 if we are unified moving forward. "We can get back to building the communities we want to see in Pennsylvania" said Fedor. Not only do we need to stay united, Secretary-Treasurer Snyder reminds us that we need to be the boots on the ground for our pro-union supporters. "Don't wait for things to change. Be a part of the solution."



## Upcoming Events with the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

**2018 COPE  
Institute**  
August 17-19th  
at the  
Shippensburg  
University  
Conference Center

**2018 COPE  
Golf Outing**  
September 20th  
at the  
Madison Club,  
Yukon, PA

## JOIN US!

Look out for  
updates on the PA  
Labor 2018  
campaign!

## Workforce Development Builds Communities

*Panelists: James Chiarchiaro, Kristina Linkes, Sarah Marino, DeWitt Walton*

After a full day of workshops, delegates of the 2018 Community Services Institute gathered for a panel discussion on the impact of workforce development investment in revitalizing our communities.

President Rick Bloomingdale

introduced the panelists and underlined the Governor's efforts to increase funding and breakdown bureaucratic barriers to workforce investment.

James Chiarchiaro of Keystone Development Partnership highlighted the new budget's \$7 million allotment for apprenticeship programs and the introduction of the PAsmart Initiative.

Sarah Marino and Kristina Linkes of Energy Innovation Center discussed the work of their pre-apprenticeship program in western Pennsylvania, which began in 2016 and currently has a completion rate of 96%. Steelworker and Allegheny Councilman DeWitt Walton of the A. Philip Randolph Institute outlined the incredible achievements of the Breaking the Chains of

Poverty program, which successfully places graduates in apprenticeships. This program offers candidates a chance to join the middle class with good, family-sustaining jobs. The involvement of labor unions in workforce development is a key part of transforming communities across the Commonwealth.



*Delegates participated in workshops focusing on volunteer recruitment, effective use of social media, and fighting back 'right to work' legislation.*

