Addendum 2: CJII LinkedIn Group

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The CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG) appreciates your interest in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Opportunity Hubs. This addendum includes information about a LinkedIn group created by ISLG to facilitate networking among providers that are interested in forming partnerships to apply for the Youth Opportunity Hubs RFP.

The Criminal Justice Investment Initiative networking group is a public LinkedIn group that anyone may join: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7066069. Individuals must have a LinkedIn account in order to join and participate in the group. (Individuals without existing accounts can create them at https://www.linkedin.com/)

ISLG has created this public group as a way for service providers interested in applying for the CJII Youth Opportunity Hubs RFP to connect with one another. Participation in the group is voluntary and will not be a factor in selecting the proposals to be funded.

If you choose to join, as a service provider, you should describe your organization briefly, the services you provide, your geographic focus, and the types of partners with whom you are interested in connecting. For example, “[Organization name] is a non-profit organization that provides legal services for immigrant families. We are based in Manhattan, and we would be interested serving as a partner organization to a lead applicant providing services in East Harlem.”

Another example might include, “[Organization name] is a large non-profit based in Central Harlem serving young people ages 15-18. We provide a number of services, including education support, mentoring, counseling, and substance use treatment. We are interested in finding several partner organizations for the Youth Opportunity Hubs RFP that would provide legal services to our young people and families, career development for young people, or leadership skills.”

In either of these cases, we envision one or both of these service providers to reach out to the other organization to discuss whether to partner for the purposes of proposing a Youth Opportunity Hub. It is the responsibility of individual service providers to connect with one another.
Once service providers have identified and connected with potential partners, ISLG encourages them to continue discussions about whether to work toward developing a proposal. This is a public group, so conversations that occur here can be seen by others; in view of that, providers should consider whether to continue conversations over email or by other private means.

Once again, this LinkedIn group is to facilitate connecting and networking among interested providers. Conversations that occur within this LinkedIn group will not be assessed as part of the proposal evaluation process.