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2019 Youth Development and Mentoring Symposium
Montgomery County Professionals Dedicated to Youth Success

ROCKVILLE, MD – On May 14-16, the Montgomery County Collaboration Council will host more than 150 youth development professionals at its annual Youth Development and Mentoring Symposium. The symposium is specifically designed to increase and reinforce the critical knowledge and skills needed for practitioners who work with Montgomery County youth. Held at the Universities at Shady Grove, the three-day symposium will feature breakout sessions, panels, discussions, and networking opportunities led by local and national experts on a wide range of youth development topics.

On May 15th Senator Nancy King will receive the “Champion for Children Award, and two distinguished county leaders, Pam Jones – President and CEO of Crittenton Services of Greater Washington and Lupi Quinteros-Grady - President & CEO of Latin American Youth Center, will receive the Collaboration Council’s “Time Well Spent Award” for their years of work supporting women and girls of color.

“The Youth Development Symposium is an example of our unwavering commitment to investment in opportunities where youth development practitioners can learn innovative program strategies and share best practices that promote positive outcomes in Montgomery County’s young people,” said Terrill North, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.

This year’s keynote speaker, Fausto López - a nationally recognized speaker at American Institute for Research, will present the most up-to-date research and practices in the out of school time and youth development fields. Mr. Lopez’s expertise is in the areas of school based expanded learning, restorative practices, social emotional learning, positive youth development, and youth participatory action research.

The Montgomery County Collaboration Council is a 501(c) 3 organization established in 1992, under Maryland State law and serves as the Local Management Board in Montgomery County. The council is a catalyst and nonpartisan broker of public and private funds, established to lead partnerships that support county youth programs and initiatives.

For more information about the Montgomery County Collaboration Council, please visit www.collaborationcouncil.org or call Peter Garza at (301) 610-0147 ext. 219.

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