



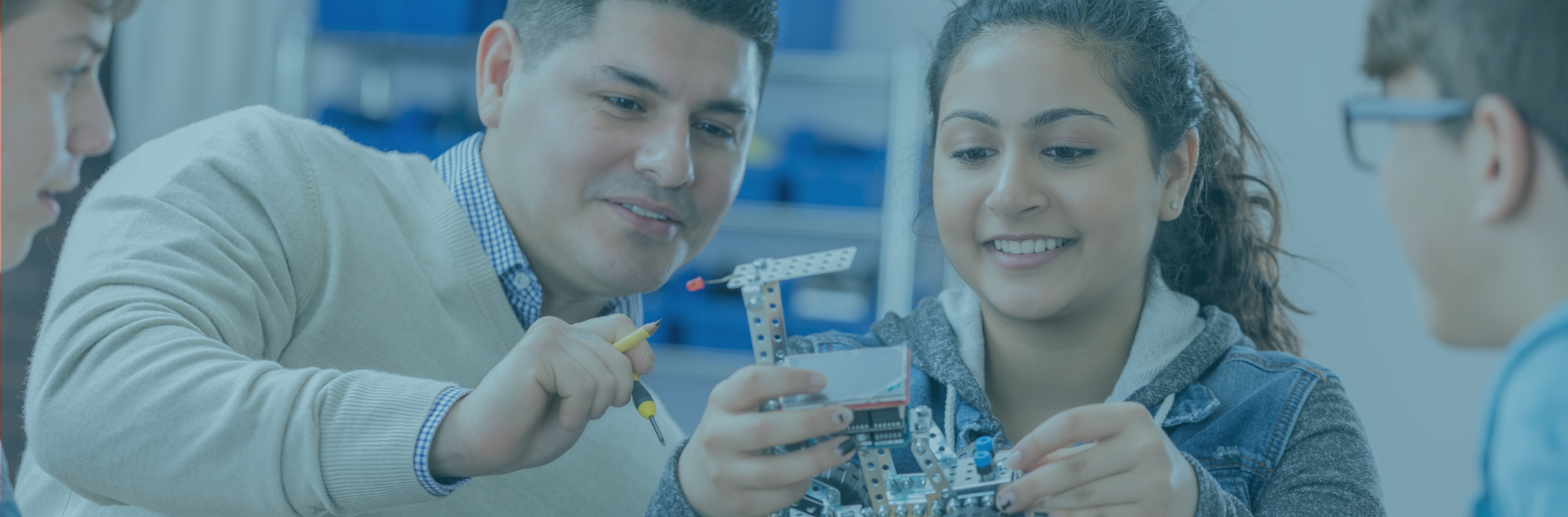
RAPSA

REACHING AT+PROMISE STUDENTS® ASSOCIATION





RAPSA is where policy, research, and partnership meet to open real doors for young people who've been counted out



The RAPSA community is made up of **educators, workforce leaders, policymakers, and community-based organizations** who share one goal: making life measurably better for these students by tearing down barriers and building pathways to success.

Our nation's economy needs Opportunity Youth. With the right policies in place, the barriers in their way can come down, and their contributions can be fully realized.

Who are At Promise Students and Opportunity Youth?

They're resilient. They're driven. They're ready. What holds them back isn't ability — it's outdated policy and systemic barriers that were never designed with their success in mind.

At Promise Youth and Opportunity Youth are:

- **Problem solvers.** Many have navigated serious life challenges on their own, building resilience, adaptability, and grit along the way.
- **Self-motivated.** Even after setbacks, they keep pursuing education and work that can get them to stability.
- **Ambitious.** Given a real shot, they're not looking for just a job — they want a career, and they're ready to put in the work to earn it.



Strategic Priorities



Advocate for meaningful accountability measures



Support innovative partnerships that increase student learning and achievement



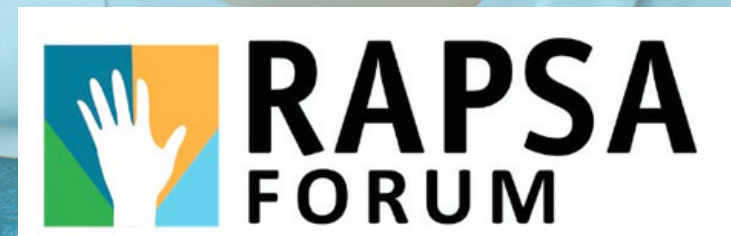
Stimulate conversations amongst practitioners working with the at-promise youth population



Promote personalized learning for all students

RAPSA Membership

- RAPSA is a professional membership network supporting practitioners who work with At-Promise and Opportunity Youth.
- Members get access to the annual RAPSA Forum, Professional Learning Networks, webinars, and policy updates.
- It offers several membership levels, for individuals, organizations of varying sizes, and vendors, that vary in price.





RAPSA FORUM





November 4th-6th

San Diego Mission Bay Resort

Late Registration starts Oct. 17th until Nov. 4th





Why Attend?

1. Learn from Practitioners on the Front Lines

Over 30 curated sessions led by educators, district leaders, and implementation teams working directly with opportunity youth - sharing real strategies for alternative education settings, what's working, and lessons learned along the way.

2. Move from Vision to Implementation

Go beyond inspiration with practical tools, strategies, and examples for building pathways to prevent disconnection and that reconnects youth to education, career, and community—ready to adapt in your own schools, districts, and programs.

3. Connect with Advocates and Educators

Build relationships with leaders who are tackling the same challenges you are—expanding access, removing barriers, and advancing student-centered, equity-driven learning for promise and opportunity youth.

4. Experience More Than a Conference

Take part in an optional pre-conference experience, engaging keynote sessions, collaborative learning, and meaningful networking designed for those doing this work every day.

5. Portrait of a Learner - Leave Ready for Monday Morning

Return home with actionable ideas, new resources, and renewed momentum to help bring your Portrait of a Learner—and your commitment to every young person's opportunity—to life.



Who Should Attend?

- At- Promise Students / Opportunity Youth
- State Education Agencies
- Local Education Agencies
- Workforce Development Partners
- Government Agencies
- Education Leaders
- Research / Institutions of Higher Education
- Curriculum & Instruction Leaders
- Site Leader Principals
- Teacher Leaders
- Instructional Coaches
- Career Technical Education Leaders
- Community Partners
- Philanthropic Partners



Conference Strands

Amplifying the Signal

Leadership as the Voice for Change

Accountability, Unboxed

Breaking Free from Traditional Models

Framing the Future

The Power of Narrative in Policy Advocacy

Future- Ready Pathways

Aligning Education, Industry, and Opportunity



RAPSA Forum Awards

The awards will be conferred at the RAPSA Forum in November.

These awards are intended to **recognize the extraordinary promise of our students and the amazing work being done to support them across the country.** The award ceremony is a celebration, not a competition.



The RAPSA heart award recognizes a staff member from a school or organization serving at promise students and the challenges that students face in overcoming them.



The RAPSA passion award recognizes an exceptional Career and Technical Education (CTE) or workforce development instructor or admin showing unwavering commitment to student success.



The RAPSA vision award honors a legislator, government official or policy maker who demonstrates vision in pursuing creative policies that lead to the reengagement of at promise youth.

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