

# Connection Center App

By Youth Voice Project Peer Leaders (Free Denzel from School!!)

## Deciding on an app to use

- ▶ Members of the OYC Planning Committee, including Youth Voice Project and Serviceworks VISTAS gave their feedback on the apps
- ▶ Had a presentation about each app to give us more information
- ▶ Wanted to find an app that had career and education resources
- ▶ Wanted an app that youth would like to use
- ▶ Connection Center already uses Career Cruising so Success Coaches have experience

## Why Career Cruising?

- ▶ Great for a person who does not have a plan or a clue of what they want to do
- ▶ Assessments give you career and education ideas based on your interests
- ▶ Takes into account how the person learns
- ▶ Resume building and job search help
- ▶ Offered more content (education and financial aid) than My Best Bets
- ▶ Baltimore offered a communication app, but lacked career exploration
- ▶ Communication between coaches and youth can happen without an app

## How will Career Cruising be used?

- ▶ Used by Success Coaches and Opportunity Youth who come to the Connection Center
- ▶ Help OY explore different options they can take
- ▶ Help youth to decide which pathway they want to take
- ▶ Help youth and coaches track progress when they pick a pathway

## Highlights of Career Cruising

- ▶ Can save information that is most interesting to you- schools, careers
- ▶ Can store information- journal, upload documents
- ▶ Helpful financial aid information- scholarships
- ▶ Career information- salary, interview of employee, hourly breakdown of a typical day
- ▶ Learn about and compare different schools
- ▶ Gives you current and future job market information
- ▶ Bilingual (English and Spanish)