8:00 – 9:00
Registration and Coffee

9:00 – 9:05
“The Go”
Introduction by Demetrius Amparan, Young Chicago Authors
Performance by HUEY Gang, Young Chicago Authors

9:05 – 9:07
Welcome
Beth Swanson, The Joyce Foundation

9:07 – 9:12
Opening Remarks
Lisa Morrison Butler, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services

9:12 – 9:27
Employer Fireside Chat
Brian Fabes, Civic Consulting Alliance
Lisa Schumacher, McDonald’s Corporation
Shelley Stern Grach, Microsoft

9:27 – 9:42
Reconnecting Chicago’s Youth
Sandra Abrevaya, Thrive Chicago

9:42 - 10:07
Youth Dialogue
Moderator: Ricardo Estrada, Metropolitan Family Services
Symone Latham-Dior, Year Up
Malik Tiger, Chicago CRED
Anthony Williams, READI Chicago
Torey Ray, DFSS Strong Futures

10:07 - 10:17
City Announcements
Introduction by AJ Watson
Mayor Rahm Emanuel

10:17 - 10:37
Fireside Chat
Mayor Rahm Emanuel
Roseanna Ander, UChicago Urban Labs

10:37 - 11:22
Research Meets Practice
Presenter and Moderator: Carmelo Barbaro, UChicago Urban Labs
Practitioner Responses:
Melanie Garrett, New Moms
Perry Gunn, Teamwork Englewood
Tiana Carter, Skills for Chicagoland’s Future
Laura Erving-Bailey, Phalanx Family Services

11:22 - 11:40
Austin Reconnection Hub Vision
Moderator: Lisa Morrison Butler, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
Quiwana Bell, Westside Health Authority
Darnell Shields, Austin Coming Together

11:40 - 11:57
South Lawndale Reconnection Hub Vision
Moderator: Andrew Fernandez, SGA Youth & Family Service
Alderman Ricardo Munoz, 22nd Ward
Guadalupe Preston, Central States SER
Adrean Vargas, Central States SER
Matt DeMatteo, New Life Centers

11:57 - 12:00
“I Am Windy City”
Introduction by Berto Aguayo, Resurrection Project
Performance by Patricia Frazier, National Youth Poet Laureate, Young Chicago Authors