



# NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON CAREER PATHWAYS

## PROGRAM AGENDA

8:15 am – 9:00 am

REGISTRATION

9:00 am – 9:30 am

OPENING SESSION



Gerri Fiala

### WELCOME

- **Gerri Fiala**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Martin Simon**, Director, Workforce Development, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices
- **Kathleen Wiggins**, Assistant Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors

### “Career Pathways: Meeting the Federal Job-Driven Training Agenda”

- **Johan Uvin**, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education
- **Portia Wu**, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Mark Greenberg**, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Johan Uvin



Portia Wu



Mark Greenberg

### Agenda Overview

- **Robert Kight**, Division Director, WIA Adult Services and Workforce System, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

9:30 am – 9:45 am



David L. Casey

**KEYNOTE Presentation: “Business-Driven Career Pathways That Work!”**

In this exciting keynote, hear how a nationally recognized business with over 200,000 employees is partnering with the workforce system to build career pathways that help its workers advance to the middle class.

- **David L. Casey**, Vice President of Workforce Strategies and Chief Diversity Officer, CVS Caremark Corporation

9:45 am – 10:45 am

**Practitioners Panel: “Advancing Career Pathways Systems”**

Practitioners from several states and local areas share their experiences in building effective cross-agency systems from different “lead partner” perspectives.

**Panelists:**

- **Colorado – Scott Stump**, Assistant Provost for Career and Technical Education, Colorado Community College System
- **Minnesota – Judy Mortrude**, State Program Administrator, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and FastTRAC
- **Kansas – Zoe G. Thompson**, Director, Workforce Training and Education, Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas Board of Regents
- **Charlotte, NC – Steve Partridge**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charlotte Works
- **Lehigh Valley, PA – Nancy Dischinat**, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board

**Moderator: Barbara Dyer**, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Hitachi Foundation

10:45am – 11:10am	<b>BREAK</b>
<p>11:10 am – Noon</p> <p>This session will be repeated from 2:10 pm – 3:20 pm for West Coast viewers</p>	<p><b>Innovators Panel: “Career Pathways: Partnerships, Promising Practices, and People”</b> Leading innovators discuss “on-the-ground” implementation of effective career pathways partnerships and promising practices that lead to good jobs and opportunity for all Americans.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ricardo Estrada, Ed.D</b>, Vice President for Education and Programs, Instituto del Progreso Latino – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Lauren Sugerman</b>, Director, National Center for Women’s Employment Equity, Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)</li> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Creamer</b>, Advisor for Workforce Development, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe</li> <li>• <b>Shauna King-Simms</b>, System Director of Transitions Program, Kentucky Community and Technical College System</li> <li>• <b>Charissa Raynor</b>, Executive Director, SEIU Healthcare NW Training Partnership and Health Benefits Trust –Seattle, WA</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Barbara Gault, Ph.D.</b>, Executive Director and Vice President, Institute for Women’s Policy Research</p>
Noon - 1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<p><b>KEYNOTE Presentation: “Career Pathways - Creating Pathways to the Middle Class”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Administration Official (invited)</li> </ul>

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

### **Thought Leaders Panel – “Career Pathways and WIOA”**

National policy leaders explore the potential impact of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) on career pathways and discuss strategies to upskill American students, workers, and jobseekers.

#### **Panelists:**

- **Rachel Unruh**, Associate Director, National Skills Coalition
- **Dane Linn**, Vice President, The Business Roundtable
- **Maria Flynn**, Senior Vice President, Jobs for the Future
- **Ronald F. Ferguson**, Faculty Co-Chair and Director, The Achievement Gap Initiative, Harvard University
- **Vicki Choitz**, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP) and Director of CLASP’s Alliance for Quality Career Pathways

**Moderator: Christopher Coro, Ph.D.**, Deputy Director, Division of Adult Education and Literacy, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm

### **BREAK - TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT ROOMS**

2:10 pm – 3:20 pm

### **Afternoon WIOA Listening Session Breakout**

Through facilitated discussions, small breakout groups will provide feedback on:

- Issues or ideas they hope the federal government will consider in WIOA implementation and regulation making
- Career pathways best practices
- Ideas on how to increase interagency collaboration across governments to help implement successful career pathways systems



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3:20 pm – 3:30 pm

**BREAK**

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm



Maura Banta



Eric Seleznow

## **CLOSING SESSION**

### **“Reflections on the Day - How Can We Advance Career Pathways Systems?”**

- **Maura Banta**, Director, Global Citizenship Initiatives in Education, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM

### **Launch of Pathways to Success Network - How Can Stakeholders Get Involved?**

### **Closing Remarks and Call to Action**

- **Eric Seleznow**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor