

National Listening Sessions to Shape Recovery Implementation

During the fall of 2021, NSC and a set of national partners convened a series of listening sessions with stakeholders from across the country to inform a set of recommendations for federal and state lawmakers charged with implementing federal recovery dollars.

October 6, 2021: SkillSPAN

Participants include:

- **Laura Ward**, Senior Vice President, Talent Development, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
- **Anna Alvarado**, Policy Director, CA EDGE Coalition
- **Kaitlyn Bean**, Senior Program Officer, SkillWorks, The Boston Foundation
- **Lisa Bly-Jones**, The Workforce Connection
- **Logan Harris**, Senior Policy Analyst, Budget and Tax Center, North Carolina Justice Center
- **Ray Khalfani**, Policy Analyst - Worker Justice and Criminal Legal Systems, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
- **Amanda Klein**, Manager of Advocacy and Government Relations, United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- **Davante Lewis**, Director of Public Affairs, Louisiana Budget Project
- **Melinda Mack**, Executive Director, NYATEP
- **Katherine Mainzer**, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions Group
- **Angela Morrison**, Policy Engagement Manager, Chicago Jobs Council
- **Jason Petrait**, Director of Funding & Strategic Partnerships Workforce Development, Council of Seattle-King County
- **Melissa Kaye Shekoski**, Director of Fund Development, Communications and Policy, Wisconsin Regional Training Program, Building Industry Group Skilled Trade
- **Dave Stone**, Advocacy Officer, United Way of Central Iowa
- **Laura Ware**, Program Consultant, Colorado Center on Law and Policy

October 18, 2021: Sector Partnerships: Training and Convening Organizations

Participants include:

- **Daniel Bustillo**, Executive Director, H-CAP
- **Rhandi Berth**, Vice President, WRTP | BIG STEP
- **Amanda Cage**, CEO, National Fund for Workforce Solutions
- **Orlando Cazarez**, Senior Program Manager, Center for the Future of Arizona
- **Adrian Esquivel**, Deputy Director, Chicagoland Workforce Funder Alliance
- **David Hunn**, President and CEO, The Skill Source Group, Inc.
- **Holly Kurtz**, Director, Workforce Development, Center for the Future of Arizona

- **Spencer Lucker**, Engagement Strategy Manager, Detroit at Work
- **Jesse Martin**, Project Manager, Workforce Development Council - Seattle King County
- **Craig McAtee**, CEO & Executive Director, National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC)
- **Renard Richmond**, Construction Manager, CRIO
- **Erika Rivers**, Employment Talent Solutions, Detroit Employment Social Corporation
- **Heather Shin**, Business Relations Specialist, Worksource
- **Aleece Smith**, Director of Inclusion and Sector Strategies, Kentuckiana Works

October 19, 2021: Sector partnerships, small-medium sized business engagement, and upskilling

Co-hosted with: Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Participants include:

- **Peter Beard**, SVP, Workforce Development, Greater Houston Partnership/Upskill Houston
- **Nisha Brice**, Associate Director, Programs and Partnerships, Orlando Economic Partnership
- **Megan Fiess**, VP of Workforce and Strategic Initiatives, Thurston Chamber of Commerce
- **Bianca Harley**, Senior Director, Community Diversity, and Inclusion, ACCE - Greater Omaha Chamber
- **Leighton Johnson**, Director, Education & Workforce Initiatives, South Bend - Elkhart Regional Partnership
- **Leisa Mulcahy**, VP of Workforce, NKY Chamber of Commerce
- **Keala Peters**, Executive Vice President, Education & Workforce Development, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
- **Amber Rangel Mooney**, Director, Workforce Development, The Business Council of New York State
- **Barbara Stapleton**, SVP of Talent Advancement, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
- **Corine Waldau**, Senior Director of Economic Vitality, Boulder Chamber

October 22, 2021: Community Colleges: Career Pathways and Supportive Services

Participants include:

- **Jasmine Almoayyed**, Vice President of Continuing Education and Training Services, Kirkwood Community College
- **Collin Callaway**, Senior Policy Director, Arkansas Community Colleges
- **Dr. Noemi Custodia-Lora**, Vice President of Lawrence Campus and Community Relations, Northern Essex Community College
- **William Durden**, Director, Basic Education for Adults, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
- **Marc Goldberg**, Owner/Principal, Skills Strategy Consulting

- **Steve Jurch**, Assistant Dean, Health and Business Services, Community College of Baltimore County
- **Laurie Kierstead-Joseph**, Asst Vice Chancellor, Adult Basic Education for College & Career, Pima Community College
- **Craig Lamb**, Vice President, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
- **Robert Matthews**, Assoc VP, Workforce & Economic Development, Mott Community College
- **Girard Melancon**, Vice Chancellor, Baton Rouge Community College
- **Sheridan Nixon**, Director of Advancement Strategy, Dallas College
- **Terri Burgess**, Director, Talent and Business Innovation, Sandu Lorain County Community College
- **Amanda Sizemore**, Asst. VP Workforce, Technical and Continuing Education, St. Charles Community College
- **Randall Stamper**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Grants and Workforce Programs, Virginia's Community Colleges

October 25, 2021: Workforce systems that support career pathways and access to high-quality training and credentials

Participants include:

- **Tracey Carey**, Executive Director, Midwest Urban Strategies, Inc.
- **Andrea Glispie**, Senior Director, Career Pathways, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- **Julian Graef**, Community Engagement and Data Coordinator, WorkSource Seattle-King County
- **Marie Mackintosh**, Chief Strategy Officer, EmployIndy
- **Judy Mortrude**, Senior Technical Advisor, World Education, Inc
- **Meena Naik**, Program Director, University of North Texas
- **Jenni Newby**, Director, USDOL Strengthening Community Colleges Grant, Mt. Hood Community College Consortium
- **Lisa Patt-McDaniel**, CEO, Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio
- **Nicole Pumphrey**, Managing Director Philadelphia, Per Scholas
- **Amy Santacaterina**, Director of WIOA Programs, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- **Sekou Siby**, President and CEO, ROC-United

October 26, 2021: Workforce systems that support career pathways and access to high-quality training and credentials

Participants include:

- **Shelan Aldridge**, Project Manager – Healthcare, Workforce Development Council
- **Peter Callstrom**, CEO, San Diego Workforce Partnership
- **Miguel Fernandez**, Maricopa Community College District/Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- **Robert Guzman**, One-Stop Operator-External Affairs, Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition
- **Trevi Hardy**, ESL and Career Pathways Program Manager, College of Western Idaho
- **Keith Lawing**, President & CEO, Workforce Alliance

- **Jacob Maas**, Chief Executive Officer, West Michigan Works!
- **Heddy Nam**, Senior Director, Workforce Development, UNITE-LA
- **Kaala Souza**, Analyst, Workforce Development Council
- **Peggy Zink**, President & CEO, Cincinnati Works

October 27, 2021: Performance Measures, Data Access, and Reporting

Participants include:

- **Tonja Mettlach**, Executive Director, Mass Workforce Association
- **Regan Brewer**, President, Jane Addams Resource Corporation
- **Matthew Bruce**, Executive Director, Chicagoland Workforce Funder Alliance
- **Linda Dworak**, Director, Baltimore Workforce Funders Collaborative, Maryland Philanthropy Network
- **Alissa Friedman**, President and CEO, Opportunity Junction
- **Devin Hamilton**, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, PowerCorps PHL
- **Julia Hillengas**, Executive Director, PowerCorpsPHL
- **Paco Mesch**, Seattle Jobs Initiative Integration Coordinator
- **Marty Miles**, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce Senior Policy Associate
- **Lucia Seed**, Detroit at Work
- **Omar Stanton**, New Orleans Business Alliance Vice President, Data Analytics and Performance Management

October 27, 2021: Professional development and other supports for frontline workforce development professionals

Participants include:

- **Claudia Cattouse**, Director, Chicago COVID-19 Response Project, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- **Vickie Choitz**, Director - Federal, State, and Local Systems Change Corporation for a Skilled Workforce
- **Farrah Farnese**, Sr. Director, Programs, Philadelphia Youth Network
- **Adam Goldstein**, Training & Learning Management System Coordinator, Seattle Jobs Initiative
- **Ellen Johnson**, Consultant, EJ Consulting
- **Sheila Maguire**, Senior Fellow, Aspen Institute
- **Kaitlyn McGovern**, Manager, Human-Centered Service Delivery, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation
- **Ashley McIver**, Senior Program Officer, Communities Foundation of Texas
- **Andrea Vaghy**, Chief Program Officer, Workforce Professionals Training Institute
- **Stacy Woodruff**, Consultant

October 28, 2021: Business Listening Session - Small-medium sized business engagement in workforce partnerships and upskilling

Participants include:

- **Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner**, Vice President, Diego & Son Printing, Inc.
- **Anson Green**, Senior Manager, Tyson Foods
- **Adam Mathes**, President, Prime Power Services, Inc.
- **Alejandro Mendoza**, Director, Human Resources, Optimax
- **Ali O'Neill**, Secretary-Treasurer, O'Neill Construction Group
- **Edwin Parra**, Operations Administrator, Anning - Johnson Company
- **Valerie Richardson**, Director, Talent & Workforce Development, Prisma Health
- **Karl Robinson**, President, R&R Transportation, Inc.
- **Deborah Rowe**, VP, Nursing Workforce Development, Genesis Healthcare

October 28, 2021: Access to training and related services for women with children

Co-hosted with: Institute of Women's Policy Research

Participants include:

- **Sandra Achury**, Director of Quality Control & Assurance, SER Jobs
- **Beth Berendsen**, Policy Director, Chicago Women in Trades
- **Carol Burnett**, Executive Director, Moore Community House and Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative
- **Amanda Duncan**, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas
- **Corinne Eldridge**, President & CEO, Center for Caregiver Advancement
- **Erin Frasier**, Assistant Executive, WA State Building & Construction Trades Council
- **Mary Gatta**, Associate Professor, Sociology, CUNY- Guttman
- **Claire Jecklin**, Executive Director, New Orleans Career Center
- **LaCherrion Joshua**, Program Coordinator, SER Jobs
- **Alison Lamagna**, Director of Programs & Gender Equity Services, Vermont Works for Women
- **Anna Mullikin**, Workforce Services Specialist, Hennepin County
- **Wonda Winkler**, Brighton Center, Inc. President & CEO

November 1, 2021: Access to training and related services for Latinx workers

Co-hosted with: UnidosUS

Participants include:

- **David Burgoa**, Outreach Specialist, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
- **Crysta Colmer**, Career Development Manager, CLUES
- **Norma Gallegos Valles**, Workforce and Career Pathways Manager, Centro Hispano of Dane County
- **Yoselin Genao Estrella**, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
- **Carlos Lopez**, Grants Professional, Center for Employment Training
- **Terence Pinkston**, Deputy Director, Workforce Solutions, Chicanos Por La Causa
- **Allie Rasmussen**, Career Pathways Manager, Mi Casa Resource Center

- **Veronica Sanchez Peavey**, Senior AVP - Adult Services and Regional Director, SER Metro-Detroit, Jobs for Progress, Inc.
- **Hermelinda Sapien**, President/CEO, Center for Employment Training

November 2, 2021: Access to training and related services for immigrant workers

Co-hosted with: National Partnership for New Americans

Participants include:

- **Erica Bouris**, Director, Economic Empowerment, International Rescue Committee
- **Zulema Chavero**, Community Organizer, Somos Un Pueblo Unido
- **Jane Graupman**, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota
- **Chelsea Hand-Sheridan**, Director of Workforce Solutions, International Institute of St. Louis
- **Jennie Murray**, VP, Programs, Upwardly Global
- **Pedro Ramirez**, Co-Director, Central Valley Worker Center
- **Maria Romano**, Community Organizer, Somos Un Pueblo Unido
- **Luis Sandoval**, Executive Director, Building Skills Partnership
- **Heather Shin**, Business Relations Specialist, Worksource
- **Margalit Tepper**, Integration Policy Specialist, MIRA Coalition

November 4, 2021: Access to training and related services for black workers

Co-hosted with: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Participants include:

- **Jewel Chapman**, Director of Workforce Development and Education, Focus: HOPE
- **Wendell Covington**, Executive Director, NPower Missouri
- **Christopher Dews**, Policy Advocate, JOTF
- **Jerome Jupiter**, Chief Operating Officer, Youth Empowerment Project
- **Monique Robinson**, Chief Program Officer, Reconcile New Orleans
- **David Shepard**, Director of Policy, YouthForce NOLA
- **Elda Solomon**, SoCal Black Worker Hub for Regional Organizing/Unemployed Workers United Policy Coordinator

November 5, 2021: Access to training and related services for people released from incarceration

Co-hosted with: National Employment Law Project

Participants include:

- **Brenda Dann-Messier**, Senior Advisor, Education Strategy Group
- **Niko Dawson**, Director, Goodwill Industries of Detroit
- **Sam Lewis**, Executive Director, Anti-Recidivism Coalition
- **Simone Price**, Director of Organizing, Center for Employment Opportunities
- **Amber Ramirez**, Central Iowa Works Director, United Way of Central Iowa

- **Robin Smalley**, Director Program Services, Towards Employment

November 9, 2021: Access to training and related services for Native and Indigenous Workers

Participants include:

- **Elva Allan**, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- **Lana Chanda**, Director Employment and Training, Gila River Indian Community
- **Scott Friskics**, Sponsored Programs Director, Aaniiih Nakoda College
- **Chris Meyer**, Workforce Development - Coeur d'Alene
- **Joseph Quintana**, United American Indian Involvement
- **Ian Record**, National Congress of American Indians
- **Joannie Romero**, Laguna Community Foundation
- **Lorenda Sanchez**, California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.
- **Kay Seven**, National Congress of American Indians
- **Suzanne Singer**, Native Renewables
- **Deb Tewa**, Native Renewables
- **Rene Williams**, United American Indian Involvement
- **Margaret Zientek**, National Congress of American Indians