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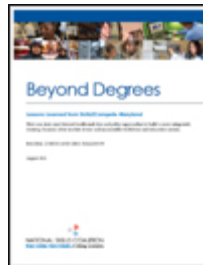
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NSC Releases New Report, Examines Maryland's Credential Counting Effort

National Skills Coalition's latest report—[Beyond Degrees](#)—by Rachel Unruh and Eric Seleznow, examines Governor Martin O'Malley's [Skills2Compete-Maryland initiative](#) to increase "the skills of Maryland's workforce by 20 percent by 2012," and the innovative approach the state developed to count Marylanders' degree, credential and basic skills attainment across a broad array of public programs. The report explores how Maryland went beyond traditional data and policy approaches to build a more integrated, training-focused, labor-market driven and accountable workforce and education system. [Download](#) the report.



New Washington Update, Audio Update Podcast Explore FY 2012 Appropriations, Super Committee, and More
Check out NSC's latest edition of [Washington Update](#) for up-to-date news and analysis on the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations process, including the Senate Appropriations Committee markup of the Labor-HHS-Education bill earlier this week. Learn more about the debt ceiling deal, the timeline for the newly-created *Super Congress*, and how this measure could affect federal funding for job training. Also learn the details of President Obama's proposed American Jobs Act, which includes investments in job training.



In case you missed it, you can also download a podcast of NSC's recent [Federal Funding Audio Update—Fiscal Year 2012 \(and Beyond\)](#). On the call, NSC's Federal Policy Team provided a detailed summary of the Budget Control Act of 2011, both its immediate and long-term impacts for federal workforce programs, as well as how workforce advocates can weigh in with lawmakers to ensure that we continue to make needed investments in the skills of the U.S. workforce.



NSC Welcomes New Board Members Abby Snay and Andy Levin
Earlier this month, NSC's Board of Directors elected [Abby Snay](#), Executive Director of Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in San Francisco, and [Andy Levin](#), principal of Levin Energy Partners LLC, to NSC's national Board of Directors. Abby, who began her career with JVS 36 years ago as a part-time counselor, has served as Executive Director since 1984, where she oversees JVS' job placement and skills training services to 5,000 individuals a year. She previously served as a member of NSC's Leadership Council. Before founding Levin Energy Partners earlier this year, Andy served as Director of the

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Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG), and as Michigan's first Chief Workforce Officer. While at DELEG, Andy created and ran Michigan's pioneering No Worker Left Behind initiative, which sent over 150,000 Michigan workers back to school to acquire in-demand skills. [Learn more](#) about Abby and Andy, as well as the other individuals leading the Coalition's efforts.

Workforce Community Mourns Loss of Longtime Advocate

This August, the workforce development community lost a true champion with the passing of Eleanor Josaitis. Eleanor co-founded [Focus: HOPE](#) in Detroit with fellow civil rights activist Father William Cunningham in response to the violence that erupted during the 1967 riots. In addition to becoming a nationally renowned civil and human rights organization, Focus:Hope under Eleanor's leadership became one of the founding practitioners of sector-based workforce development. Eleanor was a tireless advocate in Washington, DC and Lansing, MI, whether she was fighting for the creation of the nation's Commodity Supplemental Food Program for the hungry, or greater investments in training for the un- and underemployed. Eleanor was also a founding Board member of The Workforce Alliance (now National Skills Coalition), where she challenged all of us to keep up with her (and it wasn't easy) in her tireless fight for those who deserved a decent chance for a better life. May we all learn from and honor the legacy of this true practitioner-advocate. You can read more about Eleanor's life and achievements in [Forbes](#).



Partner Resources

[PHI's](#) new paper, [Improving jobs and care: A national sector strategy](#), provides an introduction to the organization and its role as a national leader in sectoral workforce development. Working as a field-building organization at the intersection of the eldercare/disabilities services sector and the field of low-income workforce development, PHI addresses improving job quality for direct-care workers.

On September 4, [Per Scholas](#) was featured on CBS News Sunday Morning in a segment titled, [Where have all the jobs gone?](#) The segment, with correspondent Rebecca Jarvis, showcased the *Per Scholas* Computer Technician Training Program, which provides intensive IT training, job placement assistance and has proven results.

Join National Skills Coalition in Chicago at [National Council of La Raza's](#) second Workforce Development Forum, October 11-12, where NSC is co-sponsoring a policy track on *Local, State, and Federal Solutions*. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register.

[OIC of America](#) is seeking a Project Coordinator to provide daily program management of the OIC of America Green Jobs Innovation Fund. OIC of America is a national non-profit network of employment and training programs committed to helping the disadvantaged realize their true potential. Click [here](#) to learn more about the position.

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