

NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION



THE
SKILLS
SUMMIT

2015

FEBRUARY 8-10
WASHINGTON, DC

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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Pick up your Summit materials at the Summit registration desk.

Registration hours are:

Sunday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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The hotel offers a free on-demand shuttle service to the airport. There may be a 15-20 minute wait, so come early.

Enjoy the Summit! We are glad you are here!

2015 SKILLS SUMMIT AGENDA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting and Lunch** *Washington*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Opening Plenary** *Adams/Madison*

Welcome and Introduction:

Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, National Skills Coalition

Afternoon Preview:

Rachel Unruh, Chief of Staff, National Skills Coalition

Keynote:

Johan E. Uvin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Realizing Innovation and Opportunity:
Implementing WIOA** *Crystal Ballroom*

Realizing the potential of WIOA will depend on federal, state, and local implementation. This session will look at how all three levels are using WIOA to advance the strategies of sector partnerships, career pathways, job-driven investments and cross-agency data and measurement, with a special focus on state planning and how advocates and other stakeholders are influencing that process.

Speakers:

Kerri Carte, Planning & Development Coordinator,
WSOS Community Action Commission

Anne Kilzer, Director, Minnesota Workforce Council Association

Tim Rainey, Executive Director, California Workforce Investment Board

Martin Simon, Program Director, Economic, Human Services &
Workforce Division, National Governors Association

Moderator: Bryan Wilson, State Policy Director, National Skills Coalition

With or Without a Pilot:

Williamsburg/Yorktown

Skill-Based SNAP E&T Programs Preparing for Take Off

New changes to the federal SNAP Employment and Training program (SNAP E&T) including new funding for pilot programs create a tremendous opportunity to develop significant new, long-term sustainable education and training programs designed to help very low-income and low-skilled individuals gain the skills they need to move into stable, family-supporting employment. In this session participants will hear from federal administrators as well as state and local representatives working to build SNAP E&T programs with or without pilot dollars. Participants will also learn about resources for building their own state or local SNAP E&T programs.

Speakers:

Rachel Gragg, Program Analyst, Food and Nutrition Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Mimmo Parisi, Director, nSPARC, Mississippi State University

Carrie Thomas, Interim Executive Director, Chicago Jobs Council

Moderator: Laura Rowley, Deputy Director, Seattle Jobs Initiative

Workforce Data in the States: Progress and Possibility

Richmond/Roanoke

States are increasingly connecting and using data to assess the results of their workforce programs and align training with labor market needs. This session will showcase promising data practices, such as creating scorecards showing training provider outcomes and collaborating with industry to measure a range of credentials.

Speakers:

Matthew Meyer, Associate Vice President for STEM Innovations,
North Carolina Community Colleges

Nancy Sharkey, Research Scientist, Administrative Data Division: State
Longitudinal Data Systems Branch, National Center for Education Statistics

Tiffany Smith, Principal Managing Analyst, Workforce Research and

Analytics, New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Moderator: Rachel Zinn, Director, Workforce Data Quality Campaign,
National Skills Coalition

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3:45 – 5:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Sector Partnerships: New Opportunities for Expansion

Crystal Ballroom

Sector partnerships are a proven strategy for meeting the skill needs of workers and employers. Some states have developed programs to seed and support local sector partnerships. With the passage of WIOA, federal policy is also promoting sector partnerships as a key strategy for meeting the needs of employers, workers, and jobseekers. In this session, participants will learn about the new federal focus on sector partnerships and what state policymakers and local practitioners can do to support their implementation and expansion.

Speakers:

Kathy Mannes, Director, Center on Workforce Industry Partnerships,
U.S. Department of Labor

Nancy Snyder, President & CEO, Commonwealth Corporation

Alissa Weiss, Economic Advisor, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development,
the City of New York

Moderator: Sheila Maguire, Principal, Sheila Maguire Consulting,
National Skills Coalition Board of Directors

A Window of Opportunity: A New Vision for Foundational Skills

Williamsburg/Yorktown

The Program for the International Assessment for Adults Competencies found that 36 million adults have low foundational skills. A new, unprecedented commitment to employment focused literacy, numeracy, and English language instruction for adults and out-of-school youth is long overdue. In this session, participants will have a discussion with leaders in the field about ideas for changing the policy debate about foundational skills.

Speakers:

Amanda Bergson-Shilcock, Senior Policy Analyst, National Skills Coalition
(formerly of Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians)

Laura Chenven, Director, Healthcare Career Advancement Program (H-CAP)

Jennifer K. Foster, Deputy Director for Adult Education and
Workforce Development, Illinois Community College Board

Moderator: Brenda Dann-Messier, Former Assistant Secretary, Office of
Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education,
NSC Board of Directors

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Work-Based Learning:

Richmond/Roanoke

New Opportunities for Apprenticeship and Youth

Work-based learning strategies are gaining attention as a way to improve employment outcomes for adults and youth. The Administration's job-driven action plan outlined several strategies to expand apprenticeships and meet the President's goal of doubling the number of apprentices over the next 5 years, and the recently-passed WIOA includes new opportunities for apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities for youth. This session will explore how states and local areas might increase work-based learning opportunities across a range of industries for a diverse set of students and workers.

Speakers:

Susan Crane, Executive Director, SkillUp Washington

John Gaal, Director of Training and Workforce Development,
Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis & Vicinity

John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment &
Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Moderator: Rory O'Sullivan, Deputy Director, Young Invincibles,
NSC Board of Directors

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Leadership Council Meeting and Breakfast** *Richmond/Roanoke
/Williamsburg*

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** *Commonwealth Foyer*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Federal Policy Briefing Plenary** *Washington*

Welcome and Overview of the Day:

Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, National Skills Coalition

Overview of Federal Workforce Policy Landscape

Speakers:

Angela Hanks, Senior Federal Policy Analyst, National Skills Coalition

Kermit Kaleba, Federal Policy Director, National Skills Coalition

11:45 a.m. –
1:30 p.m. **Lunch Plenary** *Adams/Madison*

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Investing in Impact

Speakers:

Hugh Bradshaw, Employment Services Manager, Voc-Rehab Vermont,
NSC Leadership Council
Andy Levin, Principal, Levin Energy Partners, NSC Board of Directors
Sarah Oldmixon, Chief, Development and Strategic Growth,
National Skills Coalition

Keynote:

Tom Perez, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

Afternoon Preview:

Rachel Unruh, Chief of Staff, National Skills Coalition

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Are #skills Trending in State Legislatures and Governors' Mansions? *Richmond/Roanoke*

The start of 2015 will see a set of new Governors setting their agendas and state legislative sessions will be off and running. Hear what new governors are saying about skills, what advocates in three states accomplished last year, and how they are gearing up for the current session. Also, get a chance to do some of your own action planning to take back to your state.

Speakers:

Andrea Glispie, Senior Field Organizer, National Skills Coalition
Steve Herzenberg, Executive Director, The Keystone Research Center
Linda Katz, Policy Director, Economic Policy Institute,
Convener of the Rhode Island Workforce Alliance
Chaer Robert, Family Economic Security Program Manager, Colorado Center
on Law and Policy, Convener of the Skills2Compete - Colorado Coalition
Moderator: Loh-Sze Leung, Principal, Leung Consulting

Engaging Employers in Advocacy *Williamsburg/Yorktown*

The employer voice carries significant weight with lawmakers, but how do we tap into that to move our work forward and take advantage of the moment? This session will explore what employers want and stand to gain by engaging in advocacy; barriers to employer engagement and how to remove them; using employers to recruit employees; and how Business Leaders United for Workforce Partnerships—an initiative of National Skills Coalition, National Fund for Workforce Solutions, and Skills for America's Future—can be a part of your advocacy strategy.

Speakers:

Elisabeth Buck, Senior Vice President – Community Impact,
United Way of Central Iowa

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Alma Salazar, Vice President of Education and Workforce Development,
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Liza Smitherman, Vice President Professional Development, Justin
Construction Inc. and Brewster Pumping, LLC, NSC Board of Directors

Moderator: Scott Ellsworth, Director, Business Leaders United for Workforce
Partnerships, National Skills Coalition

Scale the Summit:

Crystal Ballroom

Hill Boot Camp for First Timers

This session is an opportunity for new Skills Summit attendees to get a “nuts and bolts” course on what to expect during their Hill visits and how to build long-term relationships with their elected representatives. Experienced Summit attendees from different states will share their advice and guidance on how to best prepare for and make the most of the day on the Hill.

Speakers:

Ed Gilman, Communications Director, National Skills Coalition

Angela Hanks, Senior Federal Policy Analyst, National Skills Coalition

Margaret Hulbert, Vice President, Strategic Resources & Public Policy,
United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Melinda Mack, Executive Director, The New York Association of
Training & Employment Professionals

Rich Pearson, Senior Consultant, Connecticut Employment and
Training Commission

Ashley Shaw, Field Coordinator, National Skills Coalition

Moderator: Anne Bacon, Director of Strategic Innovations,
North Carolina Community College System

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Plenary: Taking it to the Hill**

Adams/Madison

Speakers:

Ed Gilman, Communications Director, National Skills Coalition

Jessie Hogg Leslie, National Field Director, National Skills Coalition

Ashley Shaw, Field Coordinator, National Skills Coalition

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **State Delegation Meetings**

Adams/Madison

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Awards Reception**

Crystal Ballroom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 **Breakfast, Final Hill Prep**

Adams/Madison

9:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Hill Meetings**

4:00 p.m. **Closing Reception**

Relish (Hilton Crystal City)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Tom Perez

Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

Nominated by President Barack Obama and sworn in on July 23, 2013, Thomas E. Perez is the nation's 26th secretary of labor. He has committed to making good on the promise of opportunity for all, giving every working family a chance to get ahead, and putting a middle-class life within reach of everyone willing to work for

it. To accomplish this, Perez's priorities for the department include ensuring a fair day's pay for a fair day's work; connecting ready-to-work Americans with ready-to-be-filled jobs, through skills programs like Registered Apprenticeship and on-the-job training; promoting gender equality in the workplace; ensuring that people with disabilities and veterans have access to equal employment opportunity; and insisting on a safe and level playing field for all American workers.

Perez's maternal grandfather was the ambassador to the United States from the Dominican Republic in the 1930s until he spoke out against his home country's brutal dictator and was declared non grata. His Dominican-born parents eventually settled in Buffalo, N.Y., where Perez was born and raised. His father served in the U.S. Army and worked for many years in at the VA hospital in Buffalo, instilling in his son a dedication to public service, where the younger Perez has spent his entire career.

Most recently, Perez was assistant attorney general for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Justice, leading the same division where he worked for a decade as a career federal employee beginning in the late 1980s. From 2002 until 2006, he was a member of the Montgomery County Council. He was later appointed secretary of Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. He was a law professor for six years at the University of Maryland School of Law and was a part-time professor at the George Washington School of Public Health. He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1983. In 1987 he received both a master's of public policy and a law degree from Harvard University. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Ann Marie Staudenmaier, and their three children.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Johan E. Uvin

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

Johan E. Uvin joined the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) in December 2009 as senior policy advisor to Assistant Secretary Brenda Dann-Messier. In 2011, Uvin was appointed to the position of deputy assistant secretary for policy and strategic initiatives. In that capacity, he coordinates all policy and strategy development for OCTAE. This office is responsible for the Department's adult education portfolio, including corrections and reentry education, secondary, postsecondary and adult career and technical education, and community colleges.

In 2012, Uvin assumed additional responsibilities as the acting director of the Policy Research and Evaluation Services Division of OCTAE and the co-chair of the Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, a multi-agency federal collaboration to improve the outcomes of disconnected youths. Since 2010, he has also been a member of the steering committee of the Domestic Policy Council's New Americans Citizenship and Integration Initiative, which developed a framework for federal efforts on immigrant integration. Uvin further leads the Department's Pay for Success work and coordinates the Department's responsibilities related to the implementation of the Presidential Memorandum on Job-Driven Training. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan named Uvin acting assistant secretary for OCTAE.

Prior to his appointments at the Department, Uvin led the Rhode Island state office that oversees adult education, career and technical education, and GED testing. He also held several leadership positions in education and workforce development in both the public and private sectors.

Uvin holds a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy and a master's degree in international education from Harvard University. He also holds a Master of Arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) from the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vt.

SKILLS SUMMIT AWARDS RECEPTION

2015 SKILLS CHAMPION AWARD | JESSICA FRASER

National Skills Coalition's annual Skills Champion Award recognizes a Coalition member whose exceptional organizing and advocacy efforts have moved the skills agenda forward in their state or in Washington, DC, over the past year. This member embodies the Coalition's mission to seek an America that grows its economy by investing in its people, so that every worker and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper.



Jessica Fraser, Program Manager at the Indiana Institute for Working Families (IIWF)—an initiative of the Indiana Community Action Association—receives the 2015 Skills Champion Award for her outstanding work to advance the skills agenda in Indiana and nationwide over the past year. Jessica has been with the IIWF since 2008, serves as the co-chair of the Indiana Skills2Compete Coalition and sits on the National Skills Coalition's Leadership Council.

Through her leadership of IIWF, she has worked to position the Indiana Community Action Association as both a credible information resource on low-wage workers in Indiana and as the go-to resource for policymakers and the media to understand the impact of policy decisions on those same workers. In 2011 she worked with NSC to launch the Indiana Skills2Compete Coalition, and recruited state Senator Dennis Kruse, chair of the Senate Education Committee, as co-chair of the coalition. With Jessica at the helm, the Skills2Compete Coalition has accomplished legislative wins in nearly every legislative session, ranging from a statewide cross-agency assessment of industry-recognized standards for middle-skill credentials (2011), to cross-agency measurement of those credentials (2013), to a mandated increase of state financial aid for adult learners seeking high-demand credentials (2014).

Jessica is always “all-in” when it comes to cross-state collaboration and leveraging her state-based expertise to move forward a national agenda. In September 2014, Jessica hosted NSC's first standalone State Advocates Meeting, bringing leading state workforce advocates and coalitions from across the country to Indiana for a full day of peer-to-peer learning. In October 2014, Jessica also worked with Business Leaders United, a joint project of NSC, to assist in the organizing of local employers in her region. She has been an active partner with NSC in the pursuit of “good data, used well” through her active engagement with both the State Workforce and Education Alignment Project and the Workforce Data Quality Campaign (WDQC). Jessica has advocated for WDQC's vision of strong state data systems as part of Indiana's research advisory committee and was a featured presenter on a WDQC webinar, describing how other workforce professionals can use WDQC materials to promote data-driven policy in their states.

Jessica does not stop at personal engagement. She works tirelessly to ensure all necessary partners from Indiana are at the table—in both state and national conversations ranging from data to sector strategies—and that these partners are both sharing what they know and

applying their learning to efforts in their state. She is a star advocate on behalf of those in her state and throughout the country, and for that we are proud to be able to award her our 2015 Skills Champion award.

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