
National Summit on Adult Learning:
Education as a Driver of Economic Success

October 8 – 10, 2009
Washington Court Hotel
Washington, DC



Agenda

Thursday, October 8, 2009

6:30 pm **Opening Reception – Atrium Ballroom**

7:00 pm – 7:05 pm **Welcome**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President
Women In Government

7:05 pm – 7:30pm **Keynote: An Educated Population and the Nation's Economy**

Facilitated by: Mary Brooks Beatty
President
Women In Government

Cheryl Keenan, MEd
Director of Adult Education and Literacy
Office of Vocational and Adult Education
United States Department of Education

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Dinner - Atrium Ballroom**

Friday, October 9, 2009

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast - Executive, Sagamore, Ashlawn Rooms**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **GENERAL SESSION – BALLROOM 2 & 3**

9:00 am – 9:05 am **Welcome**

Mary Brooks Beatty

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9:05 am – 9:45 am **Adult Learning is Key to Workforce and Economic Development**

Facilitated by: Representative Mary Sue McClurkin

Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors

Alabama State Legislature

Pamela Tate, PhD

President and Chief Executive Officer

The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)

This session will focus on how education for adult learners drives economic development in states.

Q & A – 10 minutes

9:45 am – 10:30 am

State Policies to Overcome Barriers for Adult Learners

*Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett
Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors
North Carolina State Legislature*

Bruce Chaloux, PhD

Director, Electronic Campus
Student Access Programs and Services
Southern Regional Education Board

Higher education policy has generally been designed for traditional students attending campus-based programs. Although not by design, many of these policies become barriers for adult learners. What are some of these policy barriers? What can states do to turn the barriers into more supportive pathways for adults? This session will highlight the challenges and policy changes that can help adult learners.

Q & A – 10 minutes

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:15 am

The U.S. Department of Labor's Impact on States: The Federal Leadership Role in Adult Learning

*Facilitated by: Representative Kathy Hawken
Treasurer, Women In Government Board of Directors
North Dakota State Legislature*

Jane Oates, MEd

Assistant Secretary
Employment and Training Administration
United States Department of Labor

How is the Department of Labor taking a leadership role in higher education for adults to meet the demands of a more technical labor market?

Q & A – 10 minutes

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Model of Success: Kentucky**
Facilitated by: Representative Kimberley Rosen
Secretary, Women In Government Board of Directors
Maine State Legislature

Lee Nimocks, MA
Chief of Staff
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Representative Mary Lou Marzian
Kentucky State Legislature

Representative Joni Jenkins
Kentucky State Legislature

Learn about the innovative programs for adult learners that have been implemented in Kentucky.

Q & A – 10 minutes

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Networking Lunch - Executive, Sagamore, Ashlawn Rooms**

1:00 pm – 3:05 pm **GENERAL SESSION – BALLROOM 2 & 3**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Model of Success: Minnesota**
Facilitated by: Senator Nan Orrock
Member at Large, Women In Government Board of Directors
Georgia State Legislature

Linda Lade
System Director for College Transitions
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Representative David Bly

Vice Chair, Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee
Minnesota State Legislature

Learn about the collaborative process in Minnesota to develop affordable and accessible higher education programs for adult learners.

Q & A – 10 minutes

2:00 pm – 3:00pm **Facilitated Workgroup Sessions: Building the Framework for a National Agenda**

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Breakout Groups to Identify Key Components in State Legislation for Adult Education

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Report from Workgroups

3:00 pm – 3:05 pm **Wrap Up**

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6:30 pm **Offsite Dinner - Russell Senate Office Building, SR325 Hearing Room**

Saturday, October 10, 2009

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast - Ballroom 1**

9:00 am – 12:20 pm **GENERAL SESSION – BALLROOM 2 & 3**

9:00 am – 9:05 am **Welcome**

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9:05 am – 9:45 am **Impacts on Adult Education with a Shrinking State Budget**

*Facilitated by: Representative Jo Ann Pottorff
Member at Large, Women In Government Board of Directors
Kansas State Legislature*

Bruce Vandal, PhD

Director, Postsecondary and Workforce Development Institute

Education Commission of the States

This segment will discuss creative programs and policies, which use existing resources and do not require new funding, to advance higher education opportunities for adult learners.

Q & A – 10 minutes

9:45 am – 10:15 am

The Hispanic Population and Adult Education

*Facilitated by: Representative Annie Mobley
Southern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors
North Carolina State Legislature*

Deborah Santiago

Vice President for Policy and Research
Excelencia in Education

This session will discuss the importance of evaluating adult learning models for Latinos that integrate language acquisition and occupational skill development and lessons learned from work that has been done on such models.

Q & A – 10 minutes

10:15 am – 11:00 am

Model of Success: Maine

*Facilitated by: Representative Barbara Marumoto
Western Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors
Hawaii State Legislature*

Melanie Arsenault, MA

Assistant to the Commissioner
Maine Department of Labor

Representative Helen Rankin

Member, Education and Cultural Affairs Committee
Maine State Legislature

Learn about Maine's efforts to collaborate between the state legislature and the state Department of Labor to help educate adult learners.

Q & A – 10 minutes

11:00 am – 12:15 pm **Facilitated Workgroup Sessions: Building the Framework for a National Agenda**

11:00 am – 11:05 am Charge to Workgroups

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11:05 am – 11:10 am Assemble into Workgroups

11:10 am – 11:50 am Facilitated Breakout Session to Build Framework

11:50 am – 12:00 pm Break

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm Report from Workgroups

12:15 pm – 12:20 pm **Wrap Up**

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12:20 pm

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