Inclusive Work-Based Learning:

On the Job Training, Apprenticeships, and Beyond

March 14-15, 2018

Dallas, TX

Agenda

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 Welcome & introductions/Housekeeping/Ice breaker

Facilitator: Cecilia Gandolfo, Project Co-Director, Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts

8:45 Inclusive Work-Based Learning: The State of the Art in Vocational Rehabilitation

Presenters:

David Hoff, Project Director, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts

Tom Hooper, Associate Vice President, Jobs for the Future

Jeanne Miller, Project Consultant, University of Arkansas, CURRENTS

9:30 Leadership in Developing Work-Based Learning Programs

Cheryl Fuller, Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Texas Workforce Commission

Julian Alvarez III, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission

10:15 Break

10:30 Partnerships for Apprenticeships: National and State Level

Facilitator: Eric Seleznow, Senior Advisor, Jobs for the Future

Steve Wooderson, Executive Director, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

Patrick Reardon, Executive Director, Apprentice Ohio, Office of Workforce Development

President, National Association of State and Territories Apprenticeship Directors

Ralph Roach, Division Chief, Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Eric Ramsay, Director, Workforce Development Office of Apprenticeships, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Pre-Apprenticeship Programs and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centers

Arkansas:

Jonathan Bibb, Director, Arkansas Career Training Institute

Karen Breashears, Director, National Apprenticeship Training Foundation

Virginia:

Rick Sizemore, Director, Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center

Debby Hopkins, Chief Workforce Officer and Program Manager,

Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board

Chris Hall, Manufacturing Technician, Hershey Chocolate

2:30 Break

2:45 Work Based Learning Promising Practices at State and Local Level

Ruth Allison, Senior Research Associate, National Technical Assistance Center on Transition, TransCen

Caroline Magee, Senior Research Assistant/TA Provider, National Technical Assistance Center on Transition, University of Oregon

Brenda Simmons, Senior Research Associate, Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center, the George Washington University

3:30 Poster Sessions and Peer Consultation Sessions

**Peer Consultation Sessions**:

* + - Arkansas Career Training Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Program Q & A, Jonathan Bibb, Director, ACTI, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
    - Vermont’s Progressive Employment Model, Hugh Bradshaw, Employment Services Manager, VocRehab Vermont
    - The Roles of Community Rehabilitation Programs in WBL, Janet Cunningham, Nassau Works Consultant, The Arc Nassau, Yulee, Florida
    - Engaging Businesses through Upskilling/Backfill in Advanced Manufacturing Careers, Janet Drudik, Project Director, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
    - Initiating State Level Partnerships, Jennifer Scilacci, Manager, Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
    - State Level Partnerships in Texas, Melinda Paninski, State Specialist for Workforce Alliances & Project SEARCH, Texas Workforce Commission
    - Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, Mark Martinez, Pierce County, Washington

**Poster Sessions:**

* + JDVRTAC Toolkit: Julisa Cully, Project C-Director, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts
  + WINTAC: Brenda Simmons, Senior Research Associate, the George Washington University
  + NTACT: Ruth Allison, Senior Research Associate, TransCen and Caroline MaGee, Senior Research Assistant/TA Provider, University of Oregon
  + NASTAD: Patrick Reardon, President, National Association of State and Territories Apprenticeship Directors
  + Model Demonstration Projects:
    - Maine: Liz Nitzel, Transition Work Based Learning Grant Manager, Maine DVR
    - Massachusetts: Jennifer Stewart, Statewide Transition Director, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
    - Vermont: Brian Guy, Assistant Director, Linking Learning to Careers, VocRehab Vermont
  + VR Workforce Studio: Rick Sizemore, Director, Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center and Chris Hall, Manufacturing Technician, Hershey Chocolate
  + YTAC: Randall Loss, Senior TA Liaison, Institute for Educational Leadership
  + Work Based Learning Overview: Eric Seleznow, Senior Advisor, Jobs for the Future

4:45 Adjourn

Thursday, March 15

8:45 Welcome Back; Reflections on Day One

David Hoff, Project Director, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts

9:00 CVS Health and NET - Working Beyond the Job: Empowering the Partnership

Yani Hurst, Workforce Initiatives Manager, CVS Health

Kathleen Burris, Workforce Initiatives Manager and Lead for Abilities in Abundance, CVS Health

Kathy West-Evans, Director of Business Relations, the NET @ CSAVR

9:45 Break

10:00 Introduction of Step-by-Step Model and Self-Assessment:

DeBrittany Mitchell, Knowledge Translation Specialist, Institute for Community Inclusion,

University of Massachusetts

10:30 Mentoring Roundtables:

* Define Your Apprenticeship Program; Tom Hooper, facilitator
* Assess Current Labor Market Trends, David Hoff, facilitator
* Build a Team, Julisa Cully, facilitator
* Evaluate the System’s Current State, Jeanne Miller, facilitator
* Strategy Development, Peggy Hale, facilitator
* Program Implementation, Cecilia Gandolfo, facilitator
* Evaluate Progress and Measure Results, DeBrittany Mitchell, facilitator

11:45 Wrap up and Evaluation

12:00 Adjourn