

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Welcome And Opening: Lenita Jacobs-Simmons And John R. Beverly, III

Plenary: WIA Reauthorization Listening Session (opening)

To gather input from workforce system professionals for the pending reauthorization process of the Workforce Investment Act, ETA will conduct a special listening session to hear ideas and suggestions by audience members for consideration in shaping new WIA legislation.

Moderator: Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Labor

Plenary: Performance Accountability Reporting for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (opening)

This session will review ETA's guidelines for reporting performance accountability information under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 including the Workforce Investment Act Title IB, the Wagner-Peyser Act, Reemployment Services programs, and National Emergency Grants.

Presenters: Karen Staha, Michael Qualter & Evan Rosenberg

Plenary: Performance Accountability for the Future (closing)

A plenary discussion focusing on the current and future needs of performance accountability system under ARRA and the workforce investment system. A look at what data is collected and how that data is used for performance and program management.

Moderator: Douglas F. Small, Deputy Assistant. Secretary, ETA & Lenita Jacobs-Simmons

<p>Track One: Understanding ETA Program Reporting Requirements</p>	<p>Track Two: Understanding Changes in Reporting for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009</p>	<p>Track Three: Understanding ETA Programs</p>
<p><i>Back to Basics - Program Performance Reporting:</i> Whether you're new to workforce development or simply need a refresher, this session will provide attendees with an overview of accountability and related requirements with a focus on the <i>program performance reporting cycle</i> that includes data collection, data processing and reporting results, including expected outcomes. Irrespective of the type of federal grant, each of these key components will be described and discussed from the perspective of requirements as well as suggested approaches and opportunities for strategic program management.</p> <p>Speaker: Keith Rowe</p> <p><i>Services 101 - Getting Credit for the Work You Do!</i> You should be getting the credit you deserve, and it all starts with Services! In this session, we will look at the various aspects of reportable services and their impact on Participation, Exits, Follow-Up, and Outcomes. We will explore these through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as well as the WIA and Wagner-Peyser programs.</p> <p>Speakers: O'Shell Howell Denise Dombek Christina Eckenroth</p>	<p><i>TAA Reporting Under the Recovery Act:</i> The newly enacted Trade & Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 contains provisions mandating new data collections, modified performance measures, and increased standards and control measures designed to ensure that TAA participation data is valid, reliable, and provided in a timely fashion. This presentation is designed to provide states with the opportunity to review and discuss the general approach and specific elements of the new reporting system that has been designed to comply with the new statutory provisions which will be finalized and published no later than August 17, 2009 for implementation in FY 2010.</p> <p>Speaker: Susan Worden</p> <p><i>Recipient Reporting Requirements for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:</i> This workshop will cover the ETA requirements for reporting ARRA financial activity on the ETA 9130, tracking and reporting requirements and an overview of the proposed OMB reporting requirements under Section 1512 of the Act. We will also discuss common errors and have plenty of time available to answer your questions.</p> <p>Speaker: Judi Fisher</p>	<p><i>Intro to ETA Programs:</i> ETA operates several programs with the goal of assisting American workers and finding and keeping employment. This session will discuss the various programs that are funded via formula, as well as programs that are available competitively.</p> <p>Speaker: Leo Miller</p> <p><i>This is Trade:</i> As part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Trade & Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 was enacted. This Act significantly enhances the Trade Act of 2002. It assists the American worker return to work by providing services when displacement results from foreign trade. It extends benefits to service workers and public agencies, extends enrollment deadlines and expands cash assistance. The goal of the program is to return the workers affected by trade back to work in a life sustaining position. Come join us to learn more about this program.</p> <p>Speaker: Eileen Barone</p>

Reporting and Data Validation Updates:

Annual reporting deadlines come quickly. During this workshop, you'll learn about the resources and tools that are needed to complete the WIA Annual and Quarterly reports, and the Wagner-Peyser quarterly reports. The discussion will include information about the latest Data Reporting and Validation Software (DRVS) version 7.2. Additional topics will include submitting the WIASRD file and related issues, and other performance related topics.

Speakers: Wes Day
Greg Wilson

Veterans Priority of Service:

Listen to an overview of priority of service for Veterans, including highlights of forthcoming policy guidance on implementation. The session will also include a discussion of the robust technical assistance and training strategy that is planned and which will include state and local models.

Speakers: Michael Qualter
Ed Davin

NEG Services:

ETA issued TEGL 19-08 to describe policies for NEGs funded under ARRA. This session will give an overview of the TEGL and will outline the various types of NEGs that are available to the publicly funded workforce system. The session will describe eligibility for NEGs and will also discuss the new Regional Impact NEGs outlined in the TEGL.

Speaker: Beth Brinly

The WIA Youth Program:

Engage in a comprehensive discussion about service strategies and performance reporting for the WIA Youth program, including the summer youth component of the Recovery Act. Learn more about the reporting for the WIA Youth portion of the Recovery Act, including how to measure work readiness and summer youth completion. Discuss how Recovery Act funding may be utilized for disconnected youth programs aimed at reconnecting them to education and training opportunities necessary to enter and advance in the workforce.

Speaker: Evan Rosenberg

The Power of Data: Improving Performance through the Use of Data & Data Tools:

In a rapidly changing landscape of information, continuous improvement of performance and development of innovative workforce strategies require sound data analysis and good judgment. During this workshop, you'll learn about what resources and tools are available to assist with strategic performance decisions for service delivery, job placement, and targeting high growth jobs even during a recession. We'll even show you examples of how to link the client data you already have with the information you need to make crucial day-to-day performance decisions.

Speakers: Eirik Anderson
Lane Kelly

National Emergency Grant Reporting Basics:

This workshop will provide an overview of National Emergency Grant (NEG) performance reporting. Learn what data elements are required for NEG-specific forms and fields on the WIA Quarterly Report, WIASRD entries, ARRA reports, and the NEG Quarterly Progress Report. The training is targeted to help grantees avoid common pitfalls in report submission

Speakers: Kimberly Powell
Kate Dunham

Simple Ways to Improve Your Reporting: During this workshop, you'll learn what the national performance accountability data tell us about the WIA Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth Programs. Furthermore, this workshop will help you focus on how to report the data elements that will help make your state's performance stand out.

Speaker: Greg Wilson

Are You Recovery Ready?

This session provides an outline of the major programmatic investments in the ETA Workforce System. The session will give an overview of funding for WIA, Wagner- Peyser, Trade Act, as well as the summer component of the WIA Youth program. Additionally, using lessons learned from WIA transition and Welfare to Work Implementation, the session will offer six critical items that each local area should focus on to ensure that the changes are implemented and spent wisely.

Speaker: Leo Miller

*Setting and Adjusting Performance
Goal Targets:*

The session will provide an overview of the regression model used to adjust national GPRA performance targets as outlined Training and Employment Letter No. 09-08, Change 1 (adjustment).

Speakers: Stephen Wandner,
Gloria Salas-Kos
Randall Eberts,