



**Adult Promise November 2019 Convening
November 4-5, 2019
Kimpton Hotel Born
1600 Wewatta Street
Denver, CO 80202**

AGENDA

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Monday, November 4, 2019

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration and Lunch Available
Copper Ballroom

12 – 12:20 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview
Aspen Ballroom

12:20 – 12:40 p.m.

Quick Overviews from New States
Aspen Ballroom

Three new states (Arizona, Rhode Island, and Texas) will provide quick overviews.

12:40 – 1:40 p.m.

Key Takeaways from Landscape Analysis and Focus Groups in California

Aspen Ballroom

Jodi Lewis, director of strategic initiatives, Foundation for California Community Colleges Success Center

Nancy Pryor, director of communications, Foundation for California Community Colleges

Michael Quiaoit, dean-educational services and support, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

As part of their Adult Promise project, California conducted a thorough landscape analysis to assess where current barriers exist that limit opportunities for adult learners in the state. The Foundation for California Community Colleges used the findings from this analysis to guide focus groups conducted this fall. Presenters will share the key findings and takeaways from these analyses.

1:40 – 2:30 p.m.

Leveraging Recognition of Learning and Competency-Based Education to Open Pathways for Adults

Aspen Ballroom

Zainab Okolo, strategy officer for competency-based learning, Lumina Foundation

Kate Shaw, executive director, Research for Action

Creating opportunities for adult learners to gain quality credentials can require innovative approaches to recognizing the learning they already have as well as offering personalized pathways using competency-based education. This session will discuss the importance of state-level approaches to supporting and incentivizing higher education institutions to implement these approaches and increase completion of adults and learners of color.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Cross-State Time

Aspen and Copper Ballrooms

States will be paired up to discuss current implementation challenges and explore other issue areas not covered throughout the meeting.

3:45 – 4 p.m.

Break

4 – 4:45 p.m.

Round Robin Discussion

Aspen Ballroom

States will have the opportunity to share examples of policy and programmatic “wins” that have come about due to the focus on adult learners through the Adult Promise program.

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn

6 p.m.

Dinner Event for Attendees

Copper Ballroom

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast
Copper Ballroom

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Engaging Institutions, Lessons from the Pilot Approach
Aspen Ballroom
Shelly Aldrich, MN Reconnect program manager, Minnesota State
Meredith Fergus, manager, research/SLEDS, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Brett Visger, associate vice chancellor, institutional collaboration and completion, Ohio Department of Higher Education
Melissa Young, director of grants and special projects, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Kentucky, Minnesota, and Ohio each chose to work with a small number of pilot institutions for their Adult Promise work. Presenters will share why they chose this approach and how it has enabled effective engagement with institutional leadership, faculty, and staff.

9:45 – 10 a.m.

Break

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sustainability Sessions
Aspen and Copper Ballrooms

10 – 10:30 a.m.

Framing Sustainability and Case Studies from the Last Decade
Kristin Hultquist, partner, HCM Strategists
Terri Taylor, strategy director for postsecondary finance, Lumina Foundation

10:30 – 11:20 a.m.

Team Time
State teams discuss their own sustainability challenges and opportunities using a diagnostic tool (provided) to help guide conversations.

11:20 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Facilitated Discussion
State teams come back together for facilitated conversation and discussion of next steps.

12 – 1 p.m.

Lunch
Copper Ballroom

1 – 3:30 p.m.

Equity Sessions

Aspen and Copper Ballrooms

1 – 2 p.m.

The Challenge of Operationalizing Equity Goals:

Lessons from the TIE Work in Oregon and Colorado

Katherine Wheatle, strategy officer for finance and federal policy, Lumina Foundation

Lindsay Sandoval, communications and social media strategist, Colorado Department of Higher Education

Patrick Crane, director, Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission

2 – 2:15 p.m.

Individual reflection/transition to breakout rooms

Revisit your plan to reach your equity population(s). Take stock of where you are in your work as it specifically relates to your equity populations.

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Team Time

Use your individual reflections to check in with your team members as it specifically relates to your equity population(s).

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Report Out Time

As a team, what's your next move toward improving outcomes for your equity population(s)? What wins can you celebrate?

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Close and Adjourn

Aspen Ballroom