

TEXAS SNAP E&T

CONVENING

Strengthening Workforce &
Community College Partnerships



Registration

9:00 am - 10:00am

Welcome & Introductions

- Tamara D. Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Solutions Capital Area
- Matt Waltz, SVP, Partnerships, CAEL
- Steve Jurch, Associate Vice President, Center for Policy and Practice, Association for Community College Trustees
- Mala Thakur, Senior Director, Programs, National Association of Workforce Boards

10:00 am - 10:15 am

Opening Remarks

- John Briscoe, Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Joel Mullins, Director of Workforce Program Policy, Texas Workforce Commission

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Plenary: SNAP E&T – Expanding Opportunities in Texas

A deep dive into how SNAP E&T works in Texas, and the role workforce boards and community colleges play. Best practices for community colleges and workforce boards, as well as examples of scale from other states, will be shared.

- John Briscoe, Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Joel Mullins, Director of Workforce Program Policy, Texas Workforce Commission
- Patricia Martinez, Director, Texas Workforce Commission
- Kate Kinder, Executive Director, National Council for Workforce Education
- Kathi Medcalf, Senior Consultant, Seattle Jobs Initiatives

10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Lunch & Networking

Sponsored by Greater Texas Foundation

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

- Sue McMillan, President and CEO, Greater Texas Foundation

Student Voices

Moderator:

- Andrea Thurston, Senior Higher Education Analyst, EdTrust in Texas

Speakers:

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

- Breisha Burleson, Austin Community College
- Andrea Hamilton, Austin Community College
- Victoria Jackson, Lee College
- Reyna Sosa, Austin Community College

Reflections from Student Panel

- Kate Kinder, Executive Director, NCWE

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Facilitated Table Talks

Workforce board and community college representatives will engage in facilitated table discussions and share-outs.

2:00pm - 2:45 pm

- Linda Rhoads, Senior Policy Associate, ACCT

Afternoon Coffee Break

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitated Action Planning: From Ideas to Implementation

Local workforce boards and their community colleges meet to action plan based on the day's conversations. Attendees will have assigned tables.

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Closing Reflections & Next Steps

- Rachel Hirsch, VP - Public Partnerships, CAEL

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Networking Reception

Arlo Grey Restaurant in the LINE Hotel, 111 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701, sponsored by **EdTrust in Texas**

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Complimentary shuttle service from ACC's Campus to/from The LINE Austin Hotel.