Taking the Next Step with PIAAC: A Research-to-Action Conference
Key Bridge Marriott Hotel
Arlington, VA
December 11-12, 2014

December 11th [at Capital View Ballroom]
8:15 AM – 5:30 PM

8:15 - 8:45  Breakfast and networking

8:45 - 9:00  Table introductions

9:00 - 9:20  Introductory Remarks:
Peggy Carr, Acting Commissioner, NCES
Denine Torr, Director, Community Initiatives, Dollar General

9:25 - 9:50  Keynote Speaker:
Johan Uvin, Acting Assistant Secretary, OCTAE,
U.S. Department of Education

Keynote will be followed by 4 Panel Presentations. Each panel will focus on a key policy area explored in the PIAAC commissioned papers. Each Presenter will focus on 3 questions:

1. Key findings of the research
2. Future directions for research based on results
3. What are the implications of the findings for policy & practice?

Discussants will also address these 3 issues.

10:00 – 12:05  Labor/Workforce Issues

Moderator: Demetra Smith Nightingale, Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Dept. of Labor

Presenters:

- Harry Holzer and Bob Lerman: Skills Proficiency and Job Market Outcomes in the United States: Evidence from PIAAC
- Anita Alves Pena: Revisiting the effects of skills on inequality: Within-and cross-country comparisons using PIAAC
- Danielle Lindemann: Gender and Numerical Skill Use: Cross national revelations from PIAAC

Discussant: Evelyn Ganzglass, Senior Fellow, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Q and A / Whole Group Discussion
11:50 -12:05  Small group discussion at each table: implications & next steps.
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12:15 – 1:15  Lunch

1:15 – 4:00  Literacy and Learning

Moderator: Laura Salganik, Senior Vice President, AIR

Presenters:
- Margaret Patterson and Usha Paulson: Adult Transitions to Learning in the USA: What Do PIAAC Survey Results Tell Us?
- Steve Reder: Digital Inclusion and Digital Literacy in the United States: A Portrait from PIAAC
- Phyllis Cummins, Ryan Walker, and Suzanne Kunkel: An Analysis of Adult Education and Training of Older Age Adults: National Results and Cross-national Comparisons Using PIAAC Data

Discussant: Donald Leu, Professor of Education, University of Connecticut

Q and A / Whole Group Discussion
3:45 – 4:00   Small group discussion at each table: implications/next steps.

4:00 - 5:30  Skills of US immigrants

Moderator: Michael Jones, Division Chief, Division of Citizen Education and Training

Presenters:
- Michael Fix and Jeanne Batalova: What Do PIAAC Data Tell Us About Immigrants in the United States?
- William Smith and Frank Fernandez: A Comparative Study of Immigrant and Native Employees in the United States and Canada

Discussant: Surabhi Jain, Associate Director, Workforce Development, National Council of La Raza (NCLR)

Q and A / Whole Group Discussion
5:15 – 5:30   Small group discussion at each table: implications/next steps.
December 12th [at Potomac Ballroom]
8:30 AM -12:30 PM

8:30 - 9:00  Breakfast and networking

9:00 - 9:30  Reflections and Summary of Day 1 Results

Speaker: Ellen Scully–Russ, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, George Washington University

9:45 - 11:30  Health Literacy

Moderator: TBD

Presenters:
- Iris Feinberg, Jan C. Frijters, and Daphne Greenberg: Cognitive and non-cognitive factors that affect how people seek health information
- Shannon Monnat, Esther Prins, Carol Clymer and Blaire Toso: Literacy, numeracy, ICT skills, post-initial education, and health status

Discussant: TBD

Q and A / Whole Group Discussion
11:15 – 11:30  Small group discussion at each table: implications/ next steps.

11:30 - 12:30  Next Steps

Speakers:
- Future Directions in Research: Eugene Owen/ Dan McGrath, National Center for Education Statistics, ED
- Implications for Policy and Practice: Gail Spangenberg (CAAL) and Heidi Silver-Pacuilla (OCTAE, ED)

Discussion at Tables on Next Steps

Evaluation

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