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PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, November 11

Panel - Implementation, Evaluation, and Formulation of Career Pathways Programs (Employment and Training Programs)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

Organizer: **Daniel Litwok**, Abt Associates

[Patterns of Training in a National Career Pathways Program](#)

Authors: Jacob Alex Klerman, **Daniel Litwok**, Tori Morris, Abt Associates

[Examining Career Pathways, Trajectories, and Occupational Transitions in the Real-World Labor Market](#)

Authors: **Andrew Clarkwest**, Austin Nichols, Tresa Kappil, Julie Strawn, Deena Schwartz, Abt Associates

Panel - Improving the Homeownership Investment for Vulnerable Populations: The Role of Policy (Housing, Community Development, and Urban Policy)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 15

Organizer: **Shawn Moulton**, Abt Associates

[The Short-Term Impacts from First-Time Homebuyer Education and Counseling Demonstration](#)

Authors: Laura Peck, **Shawn Moulton**, Debbie Gruenstein Bocian, Donna DeMarco, Nichole Fiore, Abt Associates

Panel - Improving the Trajectory of Young Adults with Barriers to Employment (Employment and Training Programs)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

[Assessing the Implementation Fidelity and Impact of Roca's CBT Curriculum on Program Engagement, Employment Attainment, and Recidivism for High Risk Young Men](#)

Authors: **Walter Campbell**, Holly Swan, Yvonne Christy, Claudia Masters, Elyse Yarmosky, Abt Associates

Panel - Institutional and Policy Strategies for Postsecondary Student Success (Education)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 8

[From Start to Finish: Effects from a Longitudinal Evaluation of College Coaching](#)

Authors: **Tamara Linkow**, Erin Bumgarner, Kelly Lack, Tori Morris, Austin Nichols, Abt Associates

Thursday, November 12

Panel - Syntheses of Evidence on Job Training Strategies' Effectiveness (Employment and Training Programs)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

Organizer: **Randall Juras**, Abt Associates

[Lessons from the PACE and HPOG 1.0 Evaluations: Synthesis of Three-Year Impact Findings](#)

Authors: **Randall Juras**, Larry Buron, Abt Associates

[Enhancing Evidence-Based Program Design: Preliminary Evidence from a Meta-Analysis of 45 Career Pathways Programs](#)

Authors: Laura Peck, **Christopher C. Weiss**, Randall Juras, Siobhan Mills, Tori Morris, Nathan Greenstein, Deena Schwartz, Abt Associates

Panel - Advancing the Use of "Core Components" Approaches to Evidence-Based Practice in Youth Programs (Family and Child Policy)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET | Room 12

Organizer: **Christopher Weiss**, Abt Associates

[Core Components of Effective Prevention Programs for at-Risk Youth](#)

Authors: **Sandra Wilson**, Abt Associates

Panel - Does Health Care Consolidation Matter? Assessing the Effects and Examining Emerging Models (Health)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET | Room 30

[The Effect of the Shared Savings Program on Medicare Part D Drug Spending: Evidence from the ACO Investment Model](#)

Authors: **Chao Zhou**, Matthew Trombley, Betty Fout, Lauren M. Scarpati, Abt Associates

Panel - Text-As-Data in Education Policy Research: Learning More from What We Already Have (Methods and Tools of Analysis)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 18

[Using New Research Methods to Identify Implementation Lessons: Machine Learning in Career Pathways Research](#)

Authors: **Siobhan Mills**, Nathan Greenstein, Deena Schwartz, Abt Associates

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Panel - Current Research in Career Education and Training (Employment and Training Programs)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

Organizer: **Sarah Prenovitz**, Abt Associates

[Short-Term Impacts of a Recent Round of Federal Grants to Support Local Healthcare Training Programs](#)

Authors: **Jacob Alex Klerman**, **David Judkins** and Sarah Prenovitz, Abt Associates

[Job Training Is Not Pixie Dust](#)

Authors: **Jacob Alex Klerman**, Daniel Litwok, Abt Associates

Panel - Regression Discontinuity Designs for Evaluating Policy Impacts: Visual Inference, Machine Learning, RCTs, and Cross-Site Variation (Methods and Tools of Analysis)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 2

Discussant: **Laura Peck**, Abt Associates

Panel - Integration and Coordination of the Workforce Development System: Policies and Practices from Three Workforce Programs (Employment and Training Programs)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

Organizer: **Zachary Epstein**, Abt Associates

[Advancing Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment \(RESEA\) Program Evidence: Implementation Study Findings](#)

Authors: Zachary Epstein, **Andrew Clarkwest**, Abt Associates; John Trutko, Alex Trutko, Capital Research Corporation; Demetra Nightingale, Urban Institute

[SNAP Employment and Training: Opportunities for Alignment with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#)

Authors: **David Kaz**, Seattle Jobs Initiative; Julie Strawn, Abt Associates

Panel - Analyses of COVID-19 Impacts: Methodological Challenges and Opportunities (Methods and Tools of Analysis)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 18

Discussant: **Daniel Litwok**, Abt Associates

Panel - Provider Financing: Challenges and New Approaches (Health)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 29

[Attribution to Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations \(ACOs\): Observations from the ACO Investment Model](#)

Authors: **Lauren M Scarpati**, Matthew Trombley, Betty Fout, Abt Associates

Panel - To Improve and to Prove: Building Evidence across Generations of a Promising Youth Development Program (Employment and Training Programs)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

Organizer: **David Fein**, Abt Associates

[Still Bridging the Opportunity Divide for Low-Income Youth: Longer-Term Impact Findings for Year up](#)

Author: **David Fein**, Abt Associates

Panel - Evaluating the Implementation of Systems Changes to Advance Policy for Homeless Youth: Baseline Findings from HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (Housing, Community Development, and Urban Policy)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 15

Discussant: **Brooke Spellman**, Abt Associates

Panel - Family and Medical Leave Policy: New Survey Findings on Variation By Income and Gender and the Impact of Paid Leave Laws (Family and Child Policy)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 13

Organizer: **Radha Roy**, Abt Associates

[How Does Family and Medical Leave Use and Need Vary By Gender and Low-Wage Status?: Findings from the 2018 Family and Medical Leave Surveys](#)

Authors: **Scott Brown**, Jane Herr, Radha Roy, Jacob Alex Klerman, Abt Associates

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PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Friday, November 13

Panel - Recent Findings on Interventions and Policies Affecting Labor Market Outcomes (Employment and Training Programs)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 12

[The Implementation and Impact of a Goal-Oriented Coaching Approach for TANF Recipients in Michigan](#)

Authors: **Karen N. Gardiner**, Eleanor L. Harvill and Karin Martinson, Abt Associates

[The Effectiveness of Different Approaches for Moving Cash Assistance Recipients to Work: Findings from the Job Search Assistance Strategies Evaluation](#)

Authors: **Karin Martinson**, Eleanor L. Harvill, Abt Associates

Panel - Site Selection for Improved Generalizability in Impact Evaluations (Methods and Tools of Analysis)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 18

[Selecting Districts and Schools for Impact Studies in Education: A Simulation Study of Different Strategies](#)

Authors: **Daniel Litwok**, Austin Nichols, Abt Associates; Rob Olsen, Westat; Azim Shivji, Abt Associates

Panel - Housing Vulnerable Populations (Housing, Community Development, and Urban Policy)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 15

Discussant: **Scott Brown**, Abt Associates

Panel - Unpacking Mixed and Unexpected Impacts of Workforce Exposure and Development Programs: Evidence from Three Randomized Controlled Trials (Employment and Training Programs)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 11

[Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Long-Term Credentials in the Healthcare Sector](#)

Authors: **Daniel Litwok**, Laura Peck and **Douglas Walton**, Abt Associates

Panel - Cost-Benefit Analyses of Intensive Interventions to Improve Employment Outcomes: Findings and Methods (Employment and Training Programs)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET | Room 12

Organizer: **Samuel Dastrup**, Abt Associates

Discussant: **Eleanor L. Harvill**, Abt Associates

[Cost-Benefit Analysis of Year up's Longer-Term Impacts](#)

Authors: **Samuel Dastrup**, David Fein, Kimberly Burnett, Abt Associates

[The Importance of Covariation in Monte Carlo Analysis: An Illustration from the Bond Benefit-Cost Study](#)

Authors: **Daniel Gubits**, Abt Associates; David H. Greenberg, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Austin Nichols, Abt Associates

Panel - Work and Income Among Older Americans: Findings from Program Evaluation, Surveys, Administrative Data, and Policy Research (Employment and Training Programs)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 12

Organizer and Discussant: **Hannah Betesh**, Abt Associates

Panel - Evaluating the Impact of Marijuana Liberalization Laws and Policies in the United States on the Criminal Justice System (Crime, Justice, and Drugs)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 3

Organizer: **Maggie Martin**, Abt Associates

[Evaluating the Impact of Changing Marijuana Laws and Policies on Criminal Justice System Pursuit of Drug-Related Crime](#)

Authors: **Maggie Martin**, John Thacker, Maryam Salihu, Yvonne Cristy, Abt Associates; Ryan Kling, University of Massachusetts, Boston

[State Marijuana Markets Surrounding Cannabis Legislation](#)

Authors: **Ryan Kling**, Maryam Salihu, John Thacker, Yvonne Cristy, Maggie Martin, Abt Associates

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ROUNDTABLES

Wednesday, November 11

Tiered Evidence Programs in Action: What Have We Learned and Where Should We Go? (Methods and Tools of Analysis)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 18

*Abt Speaker: **Beth Boulay**, Abt Associates*

Thursday, November 12

Roundtable - The Potential of Employment Services to Improve the Well-Being of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (Employment and Training Programs)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET | Room 12

*Abt Speaker: **Karin Martinson**, Abt Associates*

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Wednesday, November 11

The Pra Neighborhood Housing Option for Very Low Income People with Disabilities: Perspectives on Tenancy Supports from Private Landlords, Service Providers, and Property Residents

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET | Room 33

*Authors: **Katharine Witgert**, Melissa Vandawalker, Abt Associates*

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