Abt Associates at the 2020 APPAM Fall Research Conference

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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

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 - 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

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

**POSTER**

**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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