



PWDA Virtual Annual Conference
October 21-23, 2020

Schedule At-A-Glance

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

10:00 am-11:00 am

Opening Keynote - Rocky Bleier – live

11:00 am–11:45 am

Workshops: Round One

- *Bridging Partnerships to Break Barriers*
- *Registered Apprenticeship Navigator: An Approach to Expanding the Apprenticeship Ecosystem*
- *Breaking Down Barriers: Quality vs Quantity through a Holistic Approach*
- *Dispelling Myths and Removing Barriers - Employing Individuals with Disabilities*
- *Five Trends That Will Change Workforce Development – **Live Session***
- *Workforce System Funding Overview*
- *Telling the Whole Story: How Data and Storytelling Support Effective Workforce Development Solutions*
- *Turning Business Services Table Talk into Positive Employment Outcomes and Partnerships*
- *How to Establish a Committee Focused on Individuals with Disabilities*

11:45 am-12:15 pm

Lunch Break/Networking & Presenter Q&A

12:15 pm-12:45 pm

Governor's Employer Awards

12:45 pm-1:30 pm

Workshops Round Two

- *Virtual Motivation! Motivating Clients Virtually!*
- *PA SLIP - High impact to Regional Strategies*
- *STEM Ecosystems and Workforce Development Partnerships*
- *Rejuvenating Reentry - A look inside PA Corrections and Parole – **Live Session***
- *Middle School Students + "Future You With the Library" = College and Career Readiness Success*
- *Policy Grab Bag: Operator, Planning, Credentialing, Performance, Waivers and MORE*
- *Engaging Youth through Business Education Partnerships*
- *Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities through US DOL Initiatives*
- *Entrepreneurial Program Elevate or Launch*
- *A Preview of the First PA CareerLink® Cross-training Module*

1:30 pm-1:45 pm

Grab a Snack/Wellness Break

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (continued)

1:45 pm-2:30 pm

Workshops Round Three

- *Career Ready PA--Meet the PDE Liaisons and Make Career Ready PA Connections*
- *Let's Talk About Pre-Apprenticeship for Opportunity Youth – **Live Session***
- *Equity Motivation for Workforce Development Organizations*
- *Supporting Workforce: The Need for Child Care Access*
- *The Power & Potential of Near Completers and Comebackers*
- *Overview of PA Unemployment Compensation Benefits Modernization*
- *Telling Your Story – Leveraging Traditional & Digital Media to Influence Your Audience*
- *YCAL in the Drivers Seat*
- *Participant Motivation and Goal Planning Tools*
- *Secondary CTE Administrators: Critical Partners in the Talent Pipeline for the Future of Work*

2:30 pm-3:30 pm

Virtual Showcase (w/Networking & Presenter Q&A)

Thursday, October 22, 2020

10:00 am-10:30 am

Governor's Achievement Awards

10:30 am-11:15 am

Workshops: Round Four

- *Multi-Gen Workforce Program Model – A Focus on Family Success*
- *Career Pathways Model*
- *This Takes a Village Too....*
- *Preparing Youth with Disabilities for the Workforce: A Creative and Collaborative Approach*
- *Investing in Youth 12-24 Years Old Incorporating Evidence-Based Strategies in Workforce Development*
- *Incorporating Evidence Based Strategies in Workforce Development – **Live Session***
- *Avoid the Cliff - Child Care and Other Transitional Benefits for TANF and SNAP Participants*
- *Soft Skills is the Magic Sauce to Your Programs!*
- *Use Your Strategic Plan to Increase Board Engagement and Effectiveness*
- *Innovative Approaches to Out-of-School Youth Engagement*

11:15 am -11:30 am

Grab a Snack/Wellness Break

11:30 am-12:15 pm

Workshops: Round Five

- *How to Implement Trauma-Informed Healing-Centered Programming Within TANF and Workforce Development*
- *PAForward™: Literacy is Power. Libraries Provide the Fuel*
- *SNHU Powered by JEVS: How Competency-Based Postsecondary Education Upskills Talent*
- *Reaching Incarcerated Youth: Creating Partnerships to Serve Justice Involved Participants*
- *Unlocking the Talent of the Hidden Workforce*
- *Partnerships with Higher Education: The Secret Recipe to Sustainable Workforce Development – **Live Session***
- *Business Services: A Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic*
- *Meet Pennie – Pennsylvania's new state-based health insurance exchange*
- *Not Your Grandfather's Strategic Plan Part I*

Thursday, October 22, 2020 (continued)

12:15 pm-12:45 pm

Lunch Break/Networking & Presenter Q&A

12:45 pm-1:30 pm

Workshops: Round Six

- *DHS – CAO Meeting – closed session*
- *Improving Workplace Skills Using the Foundation Skills Framework*
- *Crisis Mitigation: using case management to support customers in crisis*
- *The Impact WIOA's new nondiscrimination rules on Workforce Development funding recipients*
- *Dinosaur vs. Astronaut: Which Will You Be?*
- *Employment First, A Team Effort By DHS Offices, OLTL, ODP and OMHSAS*
- *Legal Literacy: Working with a Criminal Record*
- *Not Your Grandfather's Strategic Plan Part II – Live Session (must view Part I pre-recorded session prior to participating in Part II)*

1:30 pm-2:30 pm

Virtual Showcase (w/Networking & Presenter Q&A)

Friday, October 23, 2020

9:00 am-10:00 am

Pennsylvania Agency Secretary Policy Panel

10:00 am-11:00 am

Closing Keynote – Farai Chideya – live

11:00 am-11:15 am

Closing Remarks – Carrie Amann, PWDA Executive Director