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Lynda Parven

Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
2021-2022 NASWA E&T Committee Chair

“Being a part of the NASWA Employment & Training Committee has been beyond valuable to me as a workforce leader. The opportunity to share common experiences and be exposed to new and innovative ways to serve is just one of the many benefits of joining a NASWA committee.”

Deniece Thomas

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
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EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING COMMITTEE

The NASWA Employment and Training (E&T) Committee serves as a forum for state workforce agency administrators, workforce development program directors, and other workforce agency leaders to share information and solutions on emerging issues related to the major workforce development programs. The committee also supports all states as they improve the quality of their career, supportive, and training services, and their outreach and access activities.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Recommend and Respond to Policy Proposals. Provide comments and recommendations on policy proposals and host action-oriented policy and practice discussions on workforce programs, especially WIOA Partner and post-secondary programs.

Advise and Communicate with NASWA Board of Directors. Provide input to the NASWA Board of Directors on changes in policy or operations that impact the states.

Share Promising Practices. Through meetings, webinars, and calls, participate in structured discussions around employment and training issues and learn about promising solutions implemented by other state workforce agencies and partners

Strengthen Relationships with Federal and State Partners. Exchange information with and inform the action steps and research efforts of federal policymakers, researchers, and partners.

Collaborate with NASWA Committees. Promote awareness of employment and training issues and needs with other NASWA entities, especially policy committees and Workforce IT Support Center.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA E&T Committee generally holds three in-person meetings each Association Year. In addition, state leaders appointed to the Committee may contribute to the projects and discussions of the Committee’s Workgroups: Apprenticeship, Continuous Improvement (WIOA & RESEA), Performance Measurement and Data Insights (with the WLMI Committee), Cross-Sector E&T (with APHSA and SHEEO).

MEMBER RESOURCES

Resources available to the committee through the [E&T Committee](#) pages on naswa.org include presentations from prior meetings on state practices, member contact list, information from quarterly calls, and more. You can access these with a member account login.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to nominate staff to NASWA committees. Email nominations to the NASWA E&T Committee at naswa@naswa.org. Please include the contact information for the nominee(s) and specify the NASWA E&T Committee.