Strengthening the Safety Net: Challenges and New Perspectives in Promoting Employment and Income Stability

August 23-26, 2015

The Westin Buckhead Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia
Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the National Association For Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) Board of Directors it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 55th Annual Workshop, "Strengthening the safety net: Challenges and new perspectives in promoting employment and income stability." And I’d like to extend a special welcome to first-time NAWRS attendees. I think you’ll find that this year’s workshop provides a dynamic discussion of the welfare research community's recent work on the social safety net. Since the late 1950’s, NAWRS has served as a unique forum for government policy makers and researchers to engage in a relaxed setting, exchange ideas and experiences, and build and strengthen our research community. My work in Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, one of the largest human service agencies of its kind, has been enriched through NAWRS workshops and I hope your work will too.

It’s so much easier to work with people you know. If I get a call from research staff at Mathematica, MDRC, Abt Associates, Urban Institute, RAND or academic partners about a new study, I’m eager to call them back because chances are I had lunch or dinner with them at NAWRS. Take Mary Farrell for example. Mary and I have known each other for years through NAWRS. We were working together on the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (BIAS) study last year when I invited her to join Karin Martinson (Abt Associates) as a Program Chair for NAWRS 2015. Our roster of outstanding plenary speakers is due to the tenacity of Mary, Karin and Program Committee members Mike Fishman (MEF Associates), Heather Hahn (Urban Institute), George Falco (New York), Kinsey Dinan (New York City), Zana Devitto (California) and Tony Ong (Public Consulting Group).

I think you’ll find our long-standing tradition of hospitality invigorating and Atlanta’s Southern charm refreshing. Don’t hesitate to ask me or other workshop staff for assistance to make NAWRS 2015 a good experience.

Best Wishes,

Michael Bono
NAWRS President
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4th Floor

General Sessions will be in Ballroom B

Breakout Sessions will be in Ballrooms C, D, E, East Paces and Tuxedo

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We're looking for a few people to join our team. If you’ve attended previous NAWRS Workshops, get what we’re about and want to become involved in planning our future, then talk to a NAWRS Board Member. Look for the Board Member ribbon attached to the ID badge.

P.S. You must be a state or county employee working in a human services agency.
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SPECIAL EVENT TUESDAY NIGHT

Depart Hotel at 6:30 pm

This event is limited to the first 100 people who responded to the RSVP earlier this month.
PROGRAM AGENDA

Monday, August 24

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
Ballroom A

7:45 a.m. Welcome
Michel Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, NAWRS President

Key Note Address

8:00–8:45 a.m.
Ballroom B
4th Floor

Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Concurrent Sessions

9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom C

Understanding What Works in Providing Job Search Assistance
Moderator: Peti Booth, Public Consulting Group

Evaluation of Job Search Strategies for UI Claimants
Amy Minzner, Abt Associates

Job Search Assistance Strategies for TANF Recipients: Learning About What Works,
Karin Martinson, Abt Associates

Developing Alternative Job Search Strategies for Cash Assistance Applicants
Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration

9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom D

Improving Child Support Outcomes for the Whole Family
Moderator: Nadine Dechausey, MDRC

TCSEPP and CSEPP: Promising Practices for Serving Participants and Payment Outcomes for Two Child Support Employment and Parenting Projects in East Tennessee
Amy Hardy, University of Tennessee

Getting Child Support for Families Leaving Welfare: Challenges and Successes
Lauren Hall, University of Maryland

Enhancing Paternity Establishment: Results and Implications from a 2011-2015 University Partnership Project
Dong Zhang, Iowa State University

9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom E

Supporting At-Risk Families During Times of Stress: Predicting Reunification Failures and Improving TANF Child Welfare Assessments
Moderator: Amelia Popham, Administration for Children and Families, HHS

The Impact of Foster Care Reentry on Future Child Serving System Involvement
Terry Shaw, University of Maryland
Monday, August 24

Detection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for TANF Families
*Tom Rosser, Garrett County, MD*

*Family Finding Evaluations: A Summary of Recent Findings*
*Karin Malm, Child Trends*

**9:00–10:15 a.m.**
East Paces

**Research Academy Session I: Using Administrative Data to Support Program Evaluation**
Moderator: *Mike Fishman, MEF Associates*

Breaking Down Silos to Protect and Serve: The Future of Analytics and Predictive Modeling in Human Services
*Carole Hussey, Public Consulting Group*

State Data Needs Around Family Self-Sufficiency from the Family Self-Sufficiency Data Center
*Emily Wiegand, Chapin Hall*

**10:15–10:30 a.m.**
Ballroom A & B

**BREAK/REFRESH**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**
Ballroom C

**Improving the Odds for Disadvantaged Young Adults**
Moderator: *Zohre Salehezadeh, Oklahoma Department of Human Services*

Easing the Transition to Adulthood: One-Year Impact Findings from the Youth Villages Transitional Living Evaluation
*Melanie Skemer, MDRC*

Promoting Self-Sufficiency: How Project Rise Reconnects Disconnected Young People to Education and Employment
*Michelle Manno, MDRC*

Youth Development, Toxic Stress, and Economic Self-Sufficiency: What Relationship Education Has to Say
*Robyn Cenizal, National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families*

**10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**
Ballroom D

**The Promise of Two-Generation Strategies: A Roundtable Discussion on Lessons from the Field**
Moderator: *Cindy Guy, Annie E. Casey Foundation*

*Molly Scott, Urban Institute*
*Grace Tipton, James Bell*
*Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute*
Monday, August 24

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Ballroom E  
Food Insecurity in the U.S.: Identifying At-Risk Children and Additional Supports  
Moderator: Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

- Food Insecurity in US Households that Include Children with Disabilities  
  Susan Parish, Brandeis University

- Understanding How Households Combine SNAP and Pantry Assistance  
  Alison Jacknowitz, American University

- The Summer EBT for Children Demo: Impacts  
  Anne Wolf, Abt Associates

- Delivering Summer Electronic Benefits for Children through SNAP and WIC Cards  
  Anne Gordon, Mathematica Policy Research

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  East Paces  
Roundtable Discussion on Social Service Delivery for the 21st Century  
Moderator: Emily Schmitt, Administration for Children and Families

- Yumiko Aratani, Columbia University
- Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research
- Colleen Heflin, University of Missouri
- Sook Jin Ong, The Learning Network

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Tuxedo  
Targeted Education and Training: Preparing TANF and Low-Income Families for Today’s Workforce  
Moderator: Tony Ong, Public Consulting Group

- Promising Occupations Achievable through Short-Term Training for TANF Recipients and Other Low-income Families  
  Annalisa Mastri, Mathematica Policy Research

- Resources for Connecting TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Families to Good Jobs  
  Kristen Joyce, Mathematica Policy Research

- Who Returns? Postsecondary School Attendance Among Disadvantage Mothers  
  Melissa Radey, Florida State University

- Contextualized Literacy in the Context of Cash Assistance: Comparing Implementation Findings Across Program Models in NYC  
  Irene Dominquez, New York City Human Resources Administration

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LUNCH
Monday August 24

Lunch Plenary: Poverty, Inequality, and the Media: What Gets Covered, Where, and Why

12:15–1:30 p.m.  
Moderator: Taifa Butler, Executive Director, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
Jay Bookman, Columnist and blogger, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
John Hutchins, Chief Communications Officer, MDRC
Greg Kaufmann, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; Editor, TalkPoverty.org

Ballroom B  
4th Floor

Concurrent Sessions

1:45–3:00 p.m.  
Training the Next Generation of Skilled Workers: Evidence from Cross-System Collaborations, Sectoral Training, and Community College Initiatives
Moderator: Karen Gardiner, Abt Associates

Ballroom C

Accelerating Connections to Employment: Improving the Effectiveness of Career Pathway Programs for Low Income Adults
Yvette Lamb, ICF International

WorkAdvance: A Sectorial Training and Advancement Program
Richard Hendra, MDRC

Findings from the Evaluation of Accelerating Opportunity, A Community College Program for Low Skill Adults
Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute

Ballroom D

Insights from Executive Function and Early Brain Development for Improving Human Services Delivery
Moderator: LaDonna Pavetti, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

The Psychology of Poverty: How Understanding Executive Function can Improve Public Assistance Programs
Deborah Joffe, Public Consulting Group

Coaching And Executive Skills/Lifelong Learning Initiative
Yekaterina Probert Fagundes, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Developing Tools to Enhance Executive Functioning in TANF Programs
Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research

Ballroom E

Using Behavioral Economics to Engage Participants
Moderator: Emily Schmitt, Administration for Children and Families, HHS

Improving Engagement of Non-Custodial Parents
Edith Kealey, New York City Human Resources Administration

Using Behavioral Strategies to Increase Reengagement into Los Angeles’ Welfare-to-Work Program
Mary Farrell, MEF Associates
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The Power of Prompts: Using Behavioral Insights to Encourage People to Show up
Nadine Dechausey, MDRC

1:45–3:00 p.m.  East Paces

The Impact of Worker Protection Efforts
Moderator: Annalisa Mastri, Mathematica Policy Research

Evaluations of Worksite Safety Policies and Practices Using Administrative Data Collected by the Occupational Safety And Health Administration
Ed Dieterle, Summit Consulting

Ripple Effects of Wage and Hour Investigations
Scott Davis, IMPAQ International

OSHA’s High Rate Letter and Requests for Consultations
Randall Juras, Abt Associates

3:15–3:50 p.m.  Ballroom A&B

BREAK/REFRESH  Sponsored by Abt Associates

Concurrent Sessions

3:15–4:30 p.m.  Ballroom C

Moderator: Karin Martinson, Abt Associates

New Jersey Paid Family Leave: The Effect of State Public Policy on Mothers’ Labor Outcomes
Vanessa D. Wells, Columbia University

Maternity-Leave Job Quitting by Less-Educated Mothers: What is the Role of the Safety Net and Maternity Leave Policies?
Marci Ybarra, University of Chicago

Work-Family Supports for Low-Income Families: Key Research Findings and Policy Trends
Pamela Winston, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS

3:15–4:30 p.m.  Ballroom D

Benefits and Challenges of Permanent Supportive Housing: A Wide and a Narrow Lens
Moderator: Daniel Gubits, Abt Associates

Housing First, What Second?
Kevin Corinth, American Enterprise Institute

Permanent Supportive Housing as Anti-Poverty Policy for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: A Case Study
Andrea Hetling, Rutgers University
Monday, August 24

Subsidized Rental Housing: A Platform for Improved Health for Vulnerable Populations
Gretchen Locke, Abt Associates

3:15–4:30 p.m.
Ballroom E
Keep It Short and Sweet: Interpreting Research Evidence for Non-Researchers
Moderator LaDonna Pavetti, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities
Employment Strategies For Low-Income Adults Evidence Review
Emily Sama-Miller, Mathematica Policy Research
Department of Labor’s Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research
Sara Wissel, Mathematica Policy Research
Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness
Annalisa Mastri, Mathematica Policy Research

3:15–4:30 p.m.
East Paces
Promoting Employment Stability through Career Pathways in Community Colleges: Experience for 3 TAACCCT Consortium Grants
Moderator: Christin Durham, Urban Institute
ACT-On (Alaska, California, Texas, and Oregon) TAACCCT Consortium
Karen Armstrong, IMPAQ International
South Carolina Adult College Completion
Nicholas Bill, IMPAQ International
Arizona Sun Corridor Get Into the Energy Consortium
Raquel Sanchez, IMPAQ International

Plenary: Developing Partnerships Between WIOA and TANF: Opportunities and Challenges

4:45-6 p.m.
Ballroom B
Moderator: Neil Ridley, Director of State Initiatives, Georgetown University
Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families
Demetra Nightingale, Chief Evaluation Officer, Department of Labor
Tracy Wareing Evans, Executive Director, American Public Human Services Association
Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast  Sponsored by MDRC
Ballroom A

**Breakfast Plenary: Integrating Evidence into Program Management and Continuous Improvement**

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<td><a href="#">Early Results from NYC Social Impact Bond Project at Rikers Island</a></td>
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Findings from the WSS Evaluation of Business Process Improvement Efforts
Heather Hahn, Urban Institute

One State’s Experience with Business Process Improvement
Rachel Goldstein, Public Consulting Group

How Does BPR Affect Clients? Results from Client Experience Surveys
Michael Katz, Urban Institute

9:30–10:45 a.m.  Tuxedo  Research Academy Session II: Using RCTs to Identify What Works at the State and Local Level  Moderator: Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research

Opportunistic Experiments: A Toolkit for Learning What Works and Case Studies
Jonathan McCay, Mathematica Policy Research

Improving Integrity And Efficiency of Online SNAP Submissions
Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resource Administration

10:45–11:00 a.m.  Ballroom A&B  BREAK/REFRESH

Concurrent Sessions

Ballroom C  11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Strategies in TANF Rules, Administration, and Employment Services  Moderator: Heather Hahn, Urban Institute

TANF Reauthorization: A ‘Cré de Coeur’
Michael Wiseman, George Washington University

County vs. State Administered TANF Programs: A Descriptive Study
David Kassabian, Urban Institute

Families Achieving Success Today Two (FAST2), TANF Racial Disparity Reduction and IPS Study
Larry Timmerman, Ramsey County, MN

Ballroom D  11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Serving Refugees: Strategies for TANF Programs  Moderator: Zana Devitto, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services

Comparison Between Outcomes of Refugees Receiving TANF or Refugee Cash Assistance in Maryland
Vince Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Resources

Leveraging Funding to Serve Refugees and Immigrants in Washington State
Sarah Peterson, Washington Department of Social and Human Services

Intersection Between TANF and Refugee Cash Assistance
Mary Farrell, MEF Associates
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11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Ballroom E

Family Options Study: Study Design, Program Participation and Short-term Impacts after 20 Months of Follow-up  
Moderator: Anne Fletcher, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Summary of Design of Family Options Study and Findings From Interim Report  
Daniel Gubits, Abt Associates

Extent To Which Families Experiencing Homelessness Have Access To Benefits  
Jill Khadduri, Abt Associates

Short-Term Impacts Of Interventions  
Steve Bell, Abt Associates

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  East Paces

Boosting the EITC: Effects of Earnings Supplements on Long-term Earnings  
Moderator: Bret Barden, MDRC

The Effect of the EITC in the District of Columbia on Poverty and Income Dynamics  
Rhucha Samudra, American University

Paycheck Plus: Early Lessons from Testing an Earnings Supplement for Single Adults  
Caroline Schultz, MDRC

EITC in Colorado  
Sarah Leopold, Colorado Department of Human Services

Lunch Plenary: Policies and Programs to Promote Responsible Fatherhood

12:30–1:45 p.m.  Ballroom B

Moderator: Pamela Holcomb (Senior Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research)  
Guy Bowling, Workforce Development Manager, Goodwill-Easter Seals FATHER Project  
Tanguler Gray, Director, Georgia Division of Child Support Service  
Ron Mincy, Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, Columbia University  
Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement, HHS

Concurrent Sessions

2:00–3:30 p.m.  Ballroom C

Before and After SNAP: Eligibility Limitations and Employment Outcomes  
Moderator: Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute

The SNAP/UI Safety Net and Work Status  
Daniel Schroeder, University of Texas, Austin

Effects of Eliminating the SNAP Interview on Client and Worker Outcomes  
Gretchen Rowe, Mathematica Policy Research

George Xu, Washington Department of Social and Human Services
Tuesday, August 25

2:00–3:30 p.m.  Ballroom D
Consequences of the Fraying Safety Net for Youth in Low Income Families: Youth’s Growing Role in Making Ends Meet
Moderator Margaret Simms, Urban Institute

Dropping Out and Clocking In
Molly Scott, Urban Institute

Roles Youth Play To Address Hunger In Their Families: Lessons From 6 Communities
Abigail Baum, Urban Institute

Helping Young People Stay In School: Lessons From The Field
Susana Martinez, Latin American Youth Association

Building Place-Based Programs With and For Youth
Sade Adeeyo, Urban Institute

2:00–3:30 p.m.  Ballroom E
Making Child Care Assistance Relevant for Low-Income Workers: Understanding Trends in Job Type, Provider Participation, and State Program Rules
Moderator: Deborah Joffe, Public Consulting Group

The Disconnect between Child Care Assistance and Working Unmarried Mothers
Angela Rachidi, American Enterprise Institute

Who Accepts Child Care Subsidies?: An Empirical Analysis of Provider participation in the Massachusetts Child Care Subsidy System
Kate Giapponi, Brandeis University

Reauthorization of the Block Grant for Child Care Subsidies: How Will State Policies for Access and Quality Have to Change
Sarah Minton, Urban Institute

Enrollment Effects of CCDF 12 Month Eligibility: Maryland’s Analysis
John Spears, RESI of Towson University

2:00–3:30 p.m.  East Paces
Early Insights from ACF-Funded Career Pathways Research Studies
Moderator: Hilary Forster, Administration for Children and Families, HHS

Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education (PACE)
Karen Gardiner, Abt Associates

Tribal Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Project
Michael Meit, NORC

Interim Outcomes from the Health Profession Opportunity Grant National Evaluation
Pamela Loprest, Urban Institute

TANF Recipients in the Health Profession Opportunity Grant Program
Gretchen Locke, Abt Associates
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3:30-4:00 p.m.  BREAK/REFRESH
Ballroom A&B
Flow Through

Concurrent Sessions

4:00–5:15 p.m.  Improving Employment Outcomes and Pay for Disadvantaged Workers
Ballroom C
Moderator: Heather Hahn, Urban Institute

A Review of Barriers and Strategies Aimed at Increasing Employment Among Minorities
Carolyn Corea, IMPAQ International

Women Veterans: What Explains their Employment and Earnings Gap?
Neha Nanda, IMPAQ International

Improving Employment-Related Outcomes for Disadvantaged Population through Chronic Disease Self-Management Expansion
Shawn Kneipp, University of North Carolina

4:00–5:15 p.m.  Connecting the Dots: Linking Across Data and Programs to Get an In-Depth Picture of How Families Utilize the Safety Net
Ballroom D
Moderator: Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

How Can Record Linkage Between Administrative Records and Surveys help us Better Understand Program Participation, Eligibility, and the Social Safety Net?
Sonya Rastogi, U.S. Census Bureau

Using Web-Based Tools to Analyze and Compare State Income and Work Supports
Curtis Skinner, National Center for Children in Poverty

Patterns and Costs of County Department Service Utilization among CalWORKs Parents
Jennifer B. Zogg, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

4:00–5:15 p.m.  Low-Income Fathers of Color in Responsible Fatherhood Programs: Lessons from the Parents and Children Together Evaluation
Ballroom E
Moderator: Robin Register, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Design and Implementation of Four Responsible Fatherhood Programs
Heather Zaveri, Mathematica Policy Research

Role of Culture in Design and Implementation of Programs Serving Hispanic Fathers
Scott Baumgartner, Mathematica Policy Research

Listening to Low-Income Fathers
Pam Holcomb, Mathematica Policy Research
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4:00–5:15 p.m.  TANF at the State Level: Effects of Changes in Eligibility Rules, Time Limits, and Performance Measures
East Paces
Moderator: Mary Beth Vogel Ferguson, University of Utah

Simplifying and Streamlining TANF in Colorado: A First Look at the Effects of Exempting Resources for Program Eligibility
Candace Cadena, Colorado Department of Human Services

Capturing the Consequences of Ongoing Welfare Reform: The Case of California’s CalWORKs
Johannes Bos, American Institutes for Research

Survey of TANF Frontline Workers in Minnesota
Jeanne McGovern-Acuna, Minnesota Department of Human Services

6:30 p.m.  Promptly Depart From Lobby for Atlanta History Center
## Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Ballroom A

**Breakfast Plenary: The Safety Net Today: How Well is it Working? Where Do We Go From Here?**

8:30–10:00 a.m.  
Ballroom B  
Moderator: LaDonna Pavetti (Vice President, Family Income Support, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)

*Danilo Trisi, Senior Research Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*  
*Luke Shafer, Associate Professor, University of Michigan*

10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Ballroom A&B  
BREAK/REFRESH

**Concurrent Sessions**

### 10:30–11:45 a.m.  
**Ballroom C**  
**TANF Innovations: Current Approaches and Future Possibilities Under TANF Reauthorization**  
Moderator: Swati Desai, Rockefeller Institute

*Gale Harris, U.S. Government Accountability Office*  
*LaDonna Pavetti, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*  
*Deborah Schlick, Minnesota Department of Human Services*  
*Sarah Leopold, Colorado Department of Human Services*

### 10:30–11:45 a.m.  
**Ballroom D**  
**Reconsidering Low-income Men: What Do We Know About Their Neighborhoods, Health, Well-being, and Job Prospects?**  
Moderator: Kevin Henson, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services

*Contextual Factors which Characterize Low-Income Men’s Environment, the Factors Limiting their Opportunities, and Geographical Distribution by state and MSA*  
*Gilbert Crouse, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS*  
*Research, Service, and Policy Change Efforts to Support Low-Income Father’s Health and Well-Being*  
*Latrice Rollins, Morehouse School of Medicine*  
*Promising Practices for Workforce Development Programming for TANF Eligible Fathers and Families*  
*Penny Tinsman, ICF International*

### 10:30–11:45 a.m.  
**Ballroom E**  
**Helping Disconnected Teens Get Connected to a Career Path: Innovative Approaches**  
Moderator: Yekaterina Probert Fagundes, Ramsey County, Minnesota

*The Impacts of Urban Alliance*  
*Devin Hanson, Urban Institute*
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Reconnecting Disconnected Young Adults: Preliminary Findings From Linking Innovation, Knowledge, and Employment (@LIKE) Program
Sonam Gupta, IMPAQ International

Support for High Risk Youth: An Evaluation of the Promotor Pathway Program
Sara Edelstein, Urban Institute

10:30–11:45 a.m. Research Academy Session III: Getting Inside the Black Box
East Paces
Moderator: Mike Fishman, MEF Associates

Addressing the ‘Black Box’ Mystery through 3-Way Random Assignment: Short-Run Results from BOND’s Stage 2 Experiment
Steve Bell, Abt Associates

Inter-Site Variation in Program Features and Youth Build’s Impact
Michelle Manno, MDRC

How Does Job Search Assistance Work in the Unemployment Insurance Program: A Multi-Arm Random Assignment Design
Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

Noon Box Lunch

12:00-1:00 p.m. Awards/Closing
Ballroom B
Michel Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, NAWRS President

3:30 pm NAWRS Board Meeting

Have a safe trip home.
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