



SNAP Employment and Training: Food Security through Economic Mobility

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Presenter Bios



Rachel Gragg is a senior technical advisor in the SNAP Office of Employment and Training, FNS, USDA, where she administers at the federal level the SNAP E&T program. Before joining FNS, Rachel was the federal policy director at National Skills Coalition, a senior policy analyst at the Center for Community Change and a legislative assistant to the late Senator Paul Wellstone. Rachel has a BA in sociology from the University of Texas and earned her MA and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Washington.



Nick Moore serves as the director of the Governor's Office of Education and Workforce Transformation under the leadership of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey. Moore is focused on aligning Alabama's education and workforce programs, implementing Alabama's state longitudinal database system, establishing Alabama's non-degree credential quality and transparency system, and curating a competency-based education and skills-based hiring system in Alabama. Under Nick's leadership, the GOEWT is working to establish a learning and employment record, a skills-based job description generator, and a human-centered public workforce system designed to assist Alabamians with overcoming benefits cliffs and other barriers to entering the workforce.



Sage Learn joined Portland Community College as director of government relations in December 2021 and leads the government relations team. She is responsible for providing strategy and implementation of PCC's policy and advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels. PCC's policy portfolio includes core issues around education, equity, workforce readiness, business protections, health and well-being. She has 17 years of government relations experience prior to PCC, including government, corporate, association and nonprofit knowledge. She worked most recently as the national director of government relations for Boys & Girls Clubs of America and previously as the government affairs manager with the National Recreation and Park Association. Sage also worked as a consultant on government relations issues around health and fitness for Nike for six years, and initially moved to Washington, D.C., to work for Senator Ron Wyden. Learn has a Bachelor of Science in political science from Portland State University and is a former college runner.