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cc:	WIOA State Partners
From:	Alice Sweeney, Director
	Department of Career Services
Date:	May 12, 2015
Subject:	National Skills Coalition Announces New WIOA Webinars
Purpose:	To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a series of new WIOA webinars.
Background:	The National Skills Coalition (NSC) announces new WIOA webinars on topics ranging from immigration to planning. Please see the information below for a

WIOA: An Opportunity to Better Serve Immigrant Professionals

Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 p.m. ET

This webinar is for practitioners, policymakers, and philanthropists who want to engage in a discussion about whether the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) allows for a better opportunity to improve services to immigrant professionals. Learn about the federal requirements and local opportunities for innovation under WIOA. Hear examples of promising practices in adult education and workforce training. Find out how to weigh in on WIOA policy discussions in your state. And get your nuts-and-bolts questions answered.

# WIOA's Opportunities and Implications for Literacy Education

Monday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. ET Webinar hosted by Literacy Funders Network featuring Amanda Bergson-Shilcock and Sarah Oldmixon, National Skills Coalition If you are a literacy funder, please contact <u>amandabs@nationalskillscoalition.org</u> to register

This webinar will bring together literacy providers and funders for an interactive session to learn about the implications and opportunities for adult literacy, literacy providers, and low-literate individuals in the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

# **Planning for WIOA in Your State**

Tuesday, May 19, 1:30 p.m. ET

Webinar hosted by National Skills Coalition

With the due date for WIOA state plans less than a year away, many states are getting serious about planning. Along with the webinar, New Jersey's WIOA planning process – highlighted in a new NSC case study — provides an example that should be of interest to other states looking to embark on a skills-focused, inclusive WIOA planning process. Read the case study.

# What does WIOA Mean for Immigrant Inclusion?

Thursday, May 28, 1:00 p.m. ET

Webinar hosted by <u>Welcoming America</u> featuring Amanda Bergson-Shilcock, National Skills Coalition

This webinar is designed for municipal officials who are part of the Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative, and their partner organizations. Get a practical look at what the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) means for serving immigrant constituents in your community.

# <u>Unpacking Proposed WIOA Regulations</u> (previously recorded webinar) Download the slides

On April 2, the Departments of Labor and Education posted five Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs), proposed regulations governing implementation and administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The agencies are currently seeking public comments on the NPRMs. National Skills Coalition hosted a webinar on April 22, 2015 covering key provisions in the NPRMs and what they mean for the workforce and industry. In particular, NSC staff discussed how the regulations address sector partnerships, career pathways, cross-program data and measurement, and job-driven investment.