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## **Equipping Refugees with Skills for the Workforce: A Joint Office of Family Assistance/Office of Refugee Resettlement Webinar**

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# OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE

An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

## Equipping Refugees with Skills for the Workforce

September 30, 2015

1-2:30 p.m. ET



# Welcome!

- **Lisa Washington-Thomas, Chief**, Self-Sufficiency/Technical Assistance Branch, Office of Family Assistance
- Ken Tota, **Deputy Director**, Office of Refugee Resettlement

# Presenters

- **Lorel Donaghey**, Program Manager, Higher, a project of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)
- **Sarah K. Peterson**, Chief - State Refugee Coordinator, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) (Washington)
- **Mollie Murphy Dale**, Refugee Contract Analyst, Utah Department of Workforce Services
- **Mark Priddy**, Full Circle Exchange in Boise, Idaho
- **Gina Finley**, Senior Employment Associate, Global Talent Idaho

# Poll Question #1

Are you currently partnering with or working with your State or local workforce development partners? You will answer based on if you are a TANF, refugee, or other social service agency/entity.

- a) TANF agency or partner – Yes
- b) TANF agency or partner – No
- c) Refugee agency, organization, or partner – Yes
- d) Refugee agency, organization, or partner – No
- e) Other social service agency, organization, or partner – Yes
- f) Other social service agency, organization, or partner – No



Q & A

## Poll Question #2

What Federal technical assistance would be most helpful to you in understanding and implementing new strategies to support refugees in entering the workforce?

- Additional webinars
- Success stories/promising program highlights
- Peer exchanges
- Written products
- Targeted and individualized TA

# Closing

Please remember to provide your feedback on this webinar using the survey that will appear in a separate pop-up window when the webinar ends.

Presentation materials, a transcript and recording of this webinar will be available shortly on the PeerTA Network Web site at: <https://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/>. It will also be made available on the ORR Web site.

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