

**AEL Director's Pre-Conference**  
**Texas Workforce Commission**  
**FINAL AGENDA**  
September 14, 2020  
**Registration is in the PD Portal**

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**Agenda Details:**

- I. 8:15am-8:30am      Room Opens      Train PD hosts**
  
- II. 8:30am- 8:45am      Opening Remarks**  
**Mahalia Baldini, AEL State Director**
  
- III. 8:45am-10:00am      Internationally Trained Professionals and**  
**AEL**  
**Liz Moya, Lead for TRAIN PD**

**Services to Internationally Trained Professionals with Guests from World Education Services and Upwardly Global**

AEL services for skilled immigrants have brought great opportunities under WIOA and Texas career pathways. Research shows that this highly skilled population is growing and bring needed skills to communities across the state. In Texas, AEL can assist this population to revision a career and receive intensive services. This session is Part 2 of an on-going series of workshops to provide professional development and resources to Program Directors and their staff on serving Internationally Trained Professional English Language Learners. Guests from World Education Services/ Global Talent Bridge include: Katherine Gebremedhi, Director, State and Local Initiatives, Senay Gebremedhi, Program Manager and Hilary Gardner, Project Consultant

- IV. 10:00-10:30      Break**

- V. 10:30am- 12:00**

**Services to Internationally Trained Professionals (continued)**

What does a new model for service delivery look like for the internationally trained professionals from intake to exit? How can modifications in the comprehensive assessment process achieve greater success for participants who enter AEL with academic strengths in their native language? This session is Part 2 of an on-going series in collaboration with TRAIN PD.

**VI. 12:00pm -1:00pm Lunch On your own!**

**VII. 1:00pm – 2:00pm Corrections 101 Veronica Moore, AEL PSS**

Veronica Moore, AEL Program Specialist, introduces Program Directors and staff to effective models for serving individuals inside correctional institutions. This session will provide the technical assistance necessary to define and design program delivery strategies and models for effectively collaborating to deliver services. This is part of an on-going series of technical assistance for serving justice involved individuals from Corrections to Re-Entry. Today's session focuses on services to those behind bars in Texas.

**VIII. 2:00pm – 2:15pm Break**

**IX. 2:15pm – 4:00pm AEL and Vocational Rehabilitation Integration Maria Morrow, AEL Program**

In this session, you will take a journey through the Vocation Rehabilitation (VR) process and learn how VR can help AEL participants achieve success! AEL Program Specialist, Maria Morrow, will present an overview of the VR process and some of the services an eligible customer could receive. Joining her will be Douglas Mudd of Community Action, Inc., Mechelle Marler of Austin Community College and Michael Marler of Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation, North Austin Field Office. Doug, Mechelle and Michael will describe the process of referrals put in place within their respective Board Areas and how connections can be made to support cross referrals. Q&A to follow.