

RETAIN Virtual Annual Convening

Live Zoom Event; Registration Required

Tuesday, November 2–Thursday, November 4, 2021, 12:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. ET

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 12:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ET

Time	Description	Topic	Audience
12:00 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions	U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Sheehy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, ODEP • Taryn Williams, Assistant Secretary, ODEP 	All attendees
12:20 p.m.	Overview and Objectives	GeMar Neloms, MPA, Director, RETAIN TA Principal Technical Assistance Consultant, American Institutes for Research (AIR)	All attendees
12:25 p.m.	Icebreaker		All attendees

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12:35 p.m.	Plenary Session	<p>The Participant Voice: Highlighting the Voice and Experience of Former SAW/RTW Participants</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William “Bill” Robinson, Director of Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, State of Michigan • Timothy Moore, RETAIN Phase 1 Participant <p>Moderator: Tonia Peterson, MA, LPC, CRC, OTR/L, Program Manager, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Business Network, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity</p>	All attendees
1:20–1:35 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
1:35 p.m.	Plenary Discussion	<p>Cultural Competency and Inclusivity in RETAIN Services</p> <p>Discussion will highlight the key elements, considerations, and best practices for cultural competency and inclusivity in the service delivery and capacity building of programs such as RETAIN.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Hart, JD, MA, Senior Vice President for Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice and Chief Diversity Officer, The New School <p>Moderator: Kirsten Firminger, PhD State Liaison, RETAIN TA, Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research</p>	All attendees

Time	Description	Topic	Audience
2:05 p.m.	Role-Based Discussion Groups	Breakout Sessions (35 minutes for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return-to-Work Coordinators (RTWCs), Nurse Navigators • Workforce Representatives (other than RTWC) • Medical Partners • State Directors • Evaluation Liaisons/Technical Assistance (TA) Liaisons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Teams • ODEP Leadership team • All other attendees will be randomly assigned
2:45 p.m.	Role-Based Discussion Groups—Share Out Themes	Group Reporters Share Out Group Themes and Broad-Level Thoughts	All attendees
3:00–3:15 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
3:15 p.m.	Presentation/Panel Discussion	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI): Considerations for RETAIN Models Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samia Amin, PhD Managing Researcher and Director, Workforce Development, AIR • Larry Mandelkehr, MBA, CPHQ, Executive Director, Hospital Quality and Innovation, University of North Carolina Health Care System Moderator: Mona Kilany, PhD Deputy Director, RETAIN TA	All attendees
4:00 p.m.	Speed Networking	Randomly Assigned Breakout Groups	State Teams
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-Up	GeMar Neloms, Director, RETAIN TA	All attendees

Day 2: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 12:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ET

Time	Description	Topic	Audience
12:00 p.m.	Welcome	Wehmah Jones, PhD, State Liaison, RETAIN TA Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research	All registered attendees
12:10 p.m.	Business Panel	The Business Perspective: Engaging and Sustaining Business/Employer Partnerships for Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Stierle, Director, Human Resources, Sysco Michigan • Jeff Cofield, MA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Manager, Disability Management, Alabama Power Company Moderator: GeMar Neloms, Director, RETAIN TA	All registered attendees
1:10 p.m.		Engagement Track: Breakout Sessions (one of five topics listed below) Topic Room 1: Relationship Building and Sustainability: Health Care Providers —SME: Glenn Pransky, MD, M.Occ. Health, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School; Thomas Wickizer, PhD, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University College of Public Health and the Institute for Work and Health Topic Room 2: Expert Review Panels/Advisory Boards: Composition, Engagement, and Involvement —SME: Lee Thompson, PhD, Senior Researcher, Health Services, AIR	State Teams ODEP Leadership Team

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		<p>Topic Room 3: Communication Needs and Approaches between Employer and Health Care Providers—SME: Trevis Cage, MS, Director of Communications, The Bizzell Group; Eboni Jackson, Communications Specialist, The Bizzell Group</p> <p>Topic Room 4: Relationship Building and Sustainability: Social Determinants of Health Wraparound and Referral Services—SME: Mark Humowiecki, JD, Senior Director, National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers</p>	
2:00–2:15 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
2:15 p.m.	Share Out	Engagement Track Groups Present Their Key Takeaways	All attendees
2:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion	<p>COVID-19 and Long Haulers: Techniques to Address Brain Fog and Promote Return-to-Work</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gitendra Uswatte, PhD, Professor of Psychology and Physical Therapy at University Alabama-Birmingham and Co-Director of the Cognitive Impairment Therapy Research Group 	All attendees

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Taub, PhD, Professor of Psychology at University Alabama at Birmingham and Co-Director of the Cognitive Impairment Therapy Research Group • Kristine Lokken, PhD, Associate Professor, Neuropsychologist, and Director, Psychology Consult Liaison Service, University of Alabama at Birmingham 	
		Moderator: Leslie Dawson, MA, CRC, NCC, State Administrator, Business Relations Program, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services	
3:30–3:15 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
3:45 p.m.	Plenary Session on RTWC	Role of Return-to-Work Coordinators and Interventions Designed to Prevent Workplace Disability Presenter: Glenn Pransky, MD, M.Occ. Health, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School	All attendees
4:20 p.m.	Wrap-Up	Kirsten Firminger, State Liaison, RETAIN TA	All attendees

Day 3: Thursday, November 4, 2021, 12:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ET

Time	Description	Topic	Audience
12:00 p.m.	Welcome	Mona Kilany, PhD, Deputy Director, RETAIN TA	All attendees
12:05 p.m.	State Presentations	State-to-State Exchange: A Deeper Dive Moderator: Derek Shields, MA, PMP, President, ForwardWorks Consulting, Inc.	All attendees
1:45–2:00 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
2:00 p.m.	Peer-to-Peer Round-Robin	State-Led Problem of Practice/Issue of Interest Breakout Session Round 1: States will highlight a “problem of practice” or “issue of interest” of their choosing and lead discussion and thought partnerships for other RETAIN state teams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Teams • ODEP Leadership Team
2:40–2:55 p.m.	<i>Break</i>		
2:55 p.m.	Peer-to-Peer Round-Robin	State-Led Problem of Practice/Issue of Interest Breakout Session Round 2: States will highlight a “problem of practice” or “issue of interest” of their choosing and lead discussion and thought partnerships for other RETAIN state teams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Teams • ODEP Leadership Team
3:35 p.m.	Round-Robin Wrap-Up	Each state team shares one to two key takeaways round-robin style.	All attendees

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3:55 p.m.	Moving Forward: State Team/Participant Reflections	Participants will respond to prompts to debrief, share overall key takeaways, and reflect on potential or anticipated next steps.	All attendees
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Closing	Participant evaluation Thank you for participating!	All attendees