

Plenary Sessions

Thursday, May 18, 2023

9:00–10:00 Plenary Session: Building a Better Care Economy



Abby Snay is deputy secretary for the Future of Work at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. She has worked to increase economic mobility for immigrants and refugees, to create a new healthcare workforce initiative in partnership with the California Health and Human Service Agency, to expand apprenticeships in California, and to develop training and workforce opportunities through the state’s climate strategies. Previously, she served as CEO of Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in San Francisco for over 35 years. Under her leadership, JVS built training and employment programs to help workers with employment challenges develop competitive skills and earn wages that will sustain their families. JVS programs in health care, water utilities, financial services, and youth employment have received national recognition for their innovation and impact. She recently completed an 11-year term on the board of directors of the National Skills Coalition, during which she served as board chair for 4 years. She holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in counseling from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Abby Snay joined the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency in January 2020 as Deputy Secretary for the Future of Work. She leads workforce strategy for the Labor Agency, driving programs, partnerships and initiatives for high impact, job quality and equity. She has worked to increase economic mobility for immigrants and refugees, to create a new healthcare workforce initiative in partnership with the California Health and Human Service Agency, to expand apprenticeships in California and to develop training and workforce opportunities through the state’s climate strategies.

Before joining the Labor Agency, Snay served as CEO of Jewish Vocational Service in San Francisco for over 35 years, building that organization from a \$300,000 budget to over \$13 million. Under her leadership, JVS built training and employment programs to help workers with barriers to employment build competitive skills and get jobs with family sustaining wages. JVS programs in health care, water utilities, financial services and youth employment have received national recognition for their innovation and impact. Snay also served on the Board of Directors of the National Skills Coalition from 2011-2022, four of those years as Board Chair.



Sandi Vito is the Executive Director of the 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds (TEF). TEF provides training, job placement and quality improvement programs to over 700 healthcare employers and 250,000 workers in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, DC and Florida.

Ms. Vito joined TEF in 2011 as the Director of the 1199SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund (TUF) and the 1199SEIU Greater New York Education Fund (GNY). Jointly governed by labor and training benefits, including foundational skills and healthcare-related certificates and degrees. During her tenure as Director of TUF, Ms. Vito oversaw the realignment of programs and expedited new ones, including the development of Care Management and Care Coordination programs and Bachelor of Science in Nursing initiatives.

Prior to joining TEF, Ms. Vito served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, where she oversaw unemployment compensation, labor law, workers' compensation and workforce development programs. From 2003 to 2008, she served as the department's Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development and led the Governor's Industry Partnership initiative to align education and training to serve the needs of growing economic sectors. She also served on the 2008 Presidential Transition Team for the U.S. Department of Labor. Workforce Development and led the Governor's Industry Partnership initiative to align education and training to serve the needs of growing economic sectors. She also served on the 2008 Presidential Transition Team for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ms. Vito received a Bachelor of Arts from Richard Stockton College and a Master of Arts in Labor Studies at the City University of New York.



Chrishana M. Lloyd, Ph.D., is a Research Scholar in the Early Childhood Development research area at Child Trends. With over twenty-five years of experience in the education and social science fields, Dr. Lloyd is an expert in applied implementation research, racial equity framing in a historical context, innovative data collection methods, and early care and education workforce issues and initiatives.



Zayn Siddique currently serves as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Mobility and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council. In this role, he leads White House policy development on issues including housing, child care, education, workforce, and agriculture. Previously, Siddique served as Senior Advisor to the White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Bruce Reed. He also served as Chief of Staff for the Domestic and Economic Team for the Biden-Harris Transition and as a member of Vice President Harris’s prep team for the 2020 Vice Presidential Debate. Prior to the Administration, Siddique practiced constitutional and appellate law at a firm in New York City. He also served as a law clerk at all three levels of the federal court system, including to Justice Elena Kagan of the U.S. Supreme Court. Originally from Bangladesh and raised in New York, Siddique is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.

10:00–10:20 Closing Session



Pete Buttigieg serves as the 19th Secretary of Transportation, having been sworn in on February 3, 2021.

His focus as Secretary is to deliver the world’s leading transportation system for the American people and economy. He has worked to achieve organizational excellence in the department’s operations, and to focus the department on five policy goals: safety, jobs, equity, climate, and innovation. In his first year at the Department, he prioritized supporting the development and passage of President Biden’s signature Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Since the law’s passage, Secretary Buttigieg and his team have focused on effectively delivering the investments provided by this legislation, enabling the most

significant improvements in U.S. transportation infrastructure in over half a century.

The Secretary has also focused on intervening to support American supply chains dealing with shockwaves from the pandemic, including measures to help cut in half the long-dwelling container congestion at America’s largest ports. Other major initiatives in his early tenure have included a comprehensive national roadway safety strategy to reduce deaths and serious injuries; delivery of emergency COVID-19 relief funds to transit agencies across America; and awards of over \$9.5 billion in discretionary funding to enhance transportation through over 800 projects in communities across America.

The first openly gay person confirmed to serve in a president’s Cabinet, Secretary Buttigieg previously served two terms as mayor of his hometown, South Bend, Indiana, where he worked across the aisle to transform the city’s future. Household income grew, poverty fell, and unemployment was cut in half. His work on transportation as mayor was nationally recognized, including an award for innovative streetscape design from the U.S. Department of Transportation where he now serves.

He also served for seven years as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, taking a leave of absence from the mayor’s office for a deployment to Afghanistan in 2014.

The son of Joseph Buttigieg, who immigrated to the United States from Malta, and Jennifer Anne Montgomery, a fifth-generation Hoosier, Secretary Buttigieg is a graduate of Harvard University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar and completed a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics. He lives with his husband Chasten, their two children, Gus and Penelope, and their two dogs.