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**Webinar--Sector Strategies and Career Pathways**

**Thursday, January 23, CLASP and NNSP to Host Webinar on Sector Strategies and Career Pathways from 2 to 3:30 PM EST**

As the U.S. economy continues its slow recovery from the Great Recession, stagnant employment growth has resulted in ongoing high unemployment, leaving millions without jobs. Those with the lowest levels of educational attainment are hardest hit, experiencing the highest levels of unemployment. At the same time, businesses report having difficulty finding employees with the skills they need, and many job-postings go unfilled. How can education and workforce development systems be best configured so workers can attain the skills they need for good jobs and employers can satisfy their workforce needs?

In this webinar co-sponsored by the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Network of Sector Partners (NNSP), participants will learn about two successful and complementary approaches that states and communities have adopted to help individuals attain skills and credentials, help meet employers' workforce needs, and strengthen the economic vitality of communities. Sector initiatives (regional industry-focused workforce partnerships) customize solutions for multiple employers and increase access to good jobs for low-income individuals. Career pathways connect progressive levels of basic skills and postsecondary education, training, and supportive services to optimize the progress and success of individuals. Webinar participants will learn about the characteristic strengths of each approach and how they can be combined for the benefit of both workers and their potential employers. Participants will also hear from one sector initiative, Instituto del Progreso Latino, about how it has implemented a sector-based career pathways approach to help workers get jobs and advance in healthcare and manufacturing.

**Panelists:**

- Vickie Choitz, Director, Alliance for Quality Career Pathways, CLASP
- Tom DuBois, Director of New Initiatives, Instituto del Progreso Latino
- Jim Torrens, Program Manager, National Network of Sector Partnership Insight Center for Community Economic Development

**To register:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7968613021426795010>

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