

Integrating Systems for Family Self-Sufficiency
Conference Agenda
Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza
February 5-6, 2002

Day 1: 10:00am-5:15pm

8:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Welcome** *Sauganash East*

Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator, Region V, USDOL/ETA
Joyce A. Thomas, Midwest Hub Director, USDHHS/ACF

10:15 **Keynote Address** *Sauganash East*

Economic Uncertainty and Job Insecurity: What's Happening to the Working and Nonworking Poor?

Ron Haskins, Fellow, The Brookings Institute
Steve Savner, Senior Staff Attorney, The Center for Law and Social Policy

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Panel of Partners** *Sauganash East*

Where's the Beef: A Candid Conversation among Partners

This interactive panel discussion features Federal representatives from five key programs involved in service provision to the working poor and the recently unemployed. Panelists will discuss what their respective programs offer in terms of services to this group. Ultimately, the discussion will highlight the programs' common goals and the challenges to service integration. Come share your examples of what's working and ask your tough questions.

Moderator: *Ron Haskins*, Fellow, The Brookings Institute

Dennis Lieberman, WtW and Adult Services Director, USDOL/ETA
Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator, Region V, USDOL/ETA
Andrew Bush, Special Assistant to the Secretary (TANF), USDHHS/ACF (invited)
Sherri Heller, Ph.D., Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement, USDHHS/ACF (invited)
Art Foley, Director, Program Development Division, USDA/FNS
Barbara Despenza, Director, Unemployment Insurance, Region V, USDOL/ETA

- 12:30 **Lunch On Your Own**
- 2:00 **Workshop Sessions -- Round I**
- Community Audits: Identifying and Maximizing Resources *Wolf Point Ballroom*
 - Collaborative Efforts to Serve NCPs and their Families in Ohio and Minnesota *Sauganash East*
 - Working Together to Build the System *Pre-Function Area*
- 3:30 **Break**
- 3:45 **Workshop Sessions – Round II**
- Issues in TANF Reauthorization *Sauganash East*
 - The Employment Outlook: Opportunities for Low-Wage Workers *Sauganash West*
 - The Nuts and Bolts of Building a First Class Workforce Development System *Pre-Function Area*
- 5:15 **End**
- 5:30-6:30 **Reception!** *Wolf Point Ballroom*

Day 2: 7:30am-1:00pm

- 7:30 **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Workshop Sessions – Round III**
- Collaborative Efforts to Serve NCPs and their Families in Kansas and Missouri *Sauganash East*
 - Helping Families Reach Self-Sufficiency *Pre-Function Area*
 - One-Stop Career Centers -- Models of Integration *Wolf Point Ballroom*
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:15 **State and Local Break-Outs**
- IA, KS and WI *Sauganash East*
 - IL, IN, MI, MN and OH *Sauganash West*
 - MO and NE *Western Stage*
- 11:45 **Luncheon** *Wolf Point Ballroom*
- Discussion of Break-Outs

Moderator: *Dennis Lieberman*, WtW and Adult Services Director,
USDOL/ETA

- Closing Remarks

Emily DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, USDOL/ETA

1:00

Next Steps and Adjourn

Wolf Point Ballroom