

Executive Summary

H-1B TechHire Grants Webinar: From Training to Working: Strategies to Support Employment Placement for TechHire Participants

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Moderators: Megan Baird & Ingrid Schonfield

Speakers: Cindy Anderson, Tori Strickland, Ray Barbosa, Sarah Conte Wessel, & Macia Batista

As TechHire (TH) grants move beyond the mid-point, grantees are increasingly focused on meeting planned goals by connecting TH program participants to employment. TH program managers from a local board and college and a national non-profit's service provider team share their secrets to successfully transitioning TH participants beyond training and into H-1B jobs including:

- Developing and leveraging partnerships
- Implementing robust outreach and intake processes
- Continuously refining training strategies
- Creating robust supports for participants via professional job developers, career coaches, peers, and program graduates to ensure successful training completion, job search, employment, and advancement
- Developing work-based learning, internships, and connecting TH participants to apprenticeship opportunities

The speakers also address webinar attendee questions and webinar participants offer their own best practices for helping participants to enter employment.

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