**From Conception to Scale: Challenges in Federal Policymaking**

This panel will compare two federally-funded initiatives, their development and evolution, as lessons have been learned through multiple funding cycles and program implementation. The panelists will discuss how political support was generated and sustained, and the challenges confronted and opportunities created as programs mature and evidence about effectiveness emerges.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that: (a) may be completed in two years or less, (b) are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the TAA for Workers program, and (c) prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.

The Department of Labor is implementing the TAACCCT program in partnership with the Department of Education and recently completed the grant application cycle for the fourth round of funding.

The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that serves low-income women pregnant with their first child. Expectant mothers are partnered with registered nurses and receive ongoing nurse home visits. NFP has been replicated in diverse communities and populations. Research by the RAND Corporation has demonstrated that for each $1 investment in NFP, the return may exceed $5.70.