

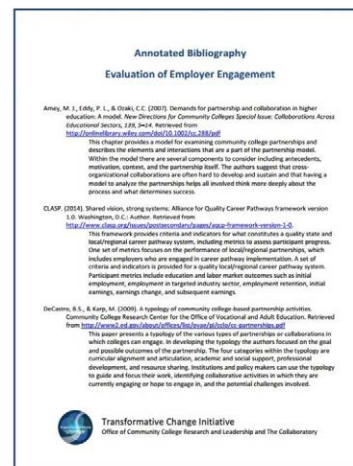


Evaluation of Employer Engagement

The Transformative Change Initiative (TCI) and Skills for America's Future at the Aspen Institute hosted an event focused on the evaluation of employer engagement under TAACCCT. The meeting was held September 16th and 17th in Washington, DC. Attendees included third-party evaluators for Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3 TAACCCT grants who shared information on the nature, extent, and challenges of employer engagement evaluation...

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To learn more about this topic, download the [annotated bibliography](#) created by TCI for this event.



New Brief in the Strategies for Transformative Change Series

The OCCRL team has put together brief summaries of the scaling strategies employed by four TAACCCT consortia. The documents describe the strategy and include any available evidence of its success. The newest brief, [Business & Industry Leadership Teams](#), focuses on the National Information, Security, and Geospatial Technology Consortium (NISGTC). This seven member national consortium is collaborating to prepare students for employment in four information technology (IT) specialty areas: programming, networking and convergence technology, cybersecurity, and geospatial technologies. Building on the model provided by the National Science Foundation Convergence Technology Center, the consortium has developed a Business & Industry Leadership Team (BILT) for each specialty area.

[Read the brief.](#)

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Pre-Meeting at AEA for Evaluators

TCI will sponsor a pre-meeting for evaluators attending AEA at the Community College of Denver (CCD) Confluence Building, 800 Curtis Street, Denver, CO. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 am to noon, which precedes the start of the AEA conference the afternoon of October 15th. The agenda will provide time for evaluators to share their practices, and also hear from two speakers:



Donna Mertens, Professor, Gallaudet University and 1998 AEA president. Donna is the author of multiple books on program evaluation, including *Transformative Research and Evaluation*, and she is the current editor of the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. (Donna's bio: http://www.gallaudet.edu/faculty-staff/education/mertens_donna.html)

Hallie Preskill, Managing Director, FSG - Social Impact Consulting and 2007 AEA president. Hallie is the author of numerous books and publications, including *Guide to Evaluating Collective Impact* (2014) and *Evaluating Social Innovation* (2012). (Hallie's bio: <http://www.fsg.org/AboutUs/OurPeople/HalliePreskill.aspx>)

If you are an evaluator interested in attending, please contact [Marianne Peacock](#).



Upcoming Events and Presentations

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