

**One Destination, Many Roads: Envisioning Universal Measures of Economic Mobility**  
Annual Poverty Research and Policy Forum Virtual Series

Breakout Group Discussions: Incorporating Stakeholder Perspectives

September 16, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern/12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Central/  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mountain/10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pacific

Guidance for Facilitators

**Objective:** Provide an opportunity for participants to share their perspectives so that their ideas are incorporated into the larger vision for aligning outcome measures across federal programs that promote economic mobility.

**Structure**

- 30 minutes total – 5 min. logistics explanation and group formation (random), 25 minutes for discussion within groups.
- In response to the prompts below, participants will discuss ideal outcome metrics, possible starting points, the purpose(s) of this efforts, and innovative strategies.
- Each group has a designated facilitator and note taker.
- Facilitator may select the order in which they ask the questions. There may not be time to get through all of them in the time allotted – that's okay.

**Discussion Questions**

1. What outcomes related to economic mobility are most important to measure consistently across federal employment and training and human services programs? Why?
2. A primary message from last week's state panel was to not let the quest for perfect data or metrics impede progress towards aligning outcome measures for programs with similar goals. Recognizing that federal programs have to start somewhere, where would you begin?
3. A successful effort starts with a clear, strong vision. What do you see as the primary purpose for moving towards using consistent outcome measures across federal programs that promote economic mobility?
4. What existing innovative strategies for measuring and reporting outcomes across programs might yield lessons to inform federal efforts?