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Research Across the
Policy Lifecycle:
Formulation to Evaluation
and Back Again
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NASWA Joins Conversations at Prestigious APPAM Fall Research Conference

NASWA Policy Director Yvette Chocolaad highlighted workforce development issues at the fall research-to-policy conference of the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM). Yvette, an APPAM member, chaired the panel *Policy Tools for the Next Recovery: Poverty Measurement, Social Safety Net Participation, and Reemployment after COVID-19*. The session drew on “benefits cliffs and career pathways” research that Federal Reserve staff highlighted at last year’s NASWA Workforce Summit and WLMI Committee meeting. Other researchers on the panel explored how poverty rates will grow with historic increases in unemployment, the downstream impacts on safety net participation, and how participation will vary across household types.

Ms. Chocolaad also presented on a panel with public health researchers focused on COVID-19 and *Evidence-Based Policymaking*. She shared the just-in-time data insights state workforce agencies are developing from UI claims data and the *Unemployment to Reemployment* dashboard developed by the multi-state Midwest Data Collaborative. She emphasized the importance of continuing to support the important state-driven and locally-relevant data work that builds off state workforce agency LMI and research shop assets. She pointed to [workforce legislation introduced](#) earlier this year that would support this data work and the workforce and human development systems overall.

The APPAM fall research conference brings together academic economists, policy researchers, and policy makers from across the country and focuses on a broad range of priority policy topics. The theme for 2020 was *Research Across the Policy Lifecycle: Formulation to Evaluation and Back Again*.