

Amy Landesman New ED at Workforce Professionals Training Institute



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Amy Landesman has been named Executive Director of Workforce Professionals Training Institute (WPTI). She succeeds Louis Miceli, who left WPTI in June to head JobsFirst NYC.

Landesman joined WPTI in 2005 as Director of Training, a role that involved the oversight and development of all trainings and technical assistance products. Under her supervision, WPTI tripled its training staff, created scores of training workshops, and developed customized training and technical assistance packages for organizations within and outside of the New York City metropolitan region. She was promoted to Deputy Executive Director in January 2010.

“I feel fortunate to have been a part of WPTI’s formative years and now have the opportunity to help it grow in new directions to better support the many wonderful organizations that assist low-income job seekers and workers,” says Landesman. “I look forward to maintaining the close relationships we have established with providers over the years, and continuing to provide innovative services to support the field.”

Prior to WPTI, she was the Director of Training & Technical Assistance at NADAP, where she coordinated and implemented the OASAS-funded Technical Assistance Project. While at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA), she developed and conducted trainings for BizLink—a national project that linked employers with social service providers – and co-authored a series of training manuals for employers who have hired individuals in recovery. She has run several housing and employment programs for individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and homelessness for the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, Center for Urban Community Services and Veritas. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from SUNY-Albany and her Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from New York University.

“Amy’s extensive experience shaping WPTI’s training and technical assistance portfolio over the past five years is invaluable to us. But, more importantly, the Board believes strongly that Amy’s vision, outstanding communication skills and winning personality make her the ideal person to lead WPTI over the next several years,” said Mark Elliott, Chairman of WPTI’s Board of Directors.

Since its inception in 2004 as the nation’s only non-profit standalone staff training and technical assistance provider for the workforce development field, Workforce Professionals Training Institute has partnered with over 300 non-profit, for-profit and government entities to restructure programs, enhance efficiency and performance, and better meet job preparation, placement and retention goals to improve the lives of low-income New Yorkers striving to reach self-sufficiency through employment. WPTI has trained thousands of workforce practitioners on a wide range of topics related to workforce development, from initial participant assessment through post-placement retention, assisting individuals with significant barriers to employment, job development best practices, outcomes management, technology integration, and staff management. WPTI has also provided large scale training and technical assistance to the NYC Works Initiative, a \$14 million city council project focused on neighborhoods with the highest unemployment rates; the New York City Workforce1 Career Center System, the city’s official employment services network that places more than 25,000 New Yorkers into employment each year; and to organizations funded by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to help in- and out-of-school young people access the labor market.

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