



## ***CT Learns and Works* Symposiums Offer Opportunities to Explore Local Workforce Issues**

WETHERSFIELD, March 22, 2019 – The popular *CT Learns and Works* symposiums geared for educators, counselors, employment and training specialists and business people interested in career and workforce development issues, returns this spring with events offered in Hartford and Norwich.

The April 26 symposium will be held at Hartford’s Capital Community College, 950 Main Street, while a May 17 symposium will be held at Three Rivers’ Community College in Norwich, 574 New London Turnpike. Both events are free of charge and take place from 8 to 11:45 a.m. Networking and continental breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

“Our *CT Learns and Works* symposiums have been bringing educators and employers together to share their knowledge about current needs and offerings in order to successfully develop a well-trained and educated workforce, and to foster opportunities within a local area or region,” explains *CT Learns and Works* chair, Stephen Dombrowski. “In addition to promoting dialogue at a local level, the events feature panel discussions with industry representatives and employers that explore occupational needs from a skill set point, soft skill application, and career pathways being offered in technical education.”

Panel discussion topics include Digital Badging, Fast Track Certificates, Industry Recognized Credentials, Labor Market Information, Transformational Workforce, Emerging Trends in Industry, and Women in STEM. Patrick Flaherty, Assistant Director of Research at the Connecticut Department of Labor, guest speaker at both symposiums, will provide an overview of state and national labor market information.

The *CT Learns and Works* symposium series is sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut Department of Education, Connecticut Career Network, Connecticut State University System, Connecticut State Board of Regents and Eversource.

For additional information or to register for the symposiums, please visit [www.CTLearnsandWorks.com](http://www.CTLearnsandWorks.com). Those with questions can contact Dombrowski at [stephen.dombrowski@ct.gov](mailto:stephen.dombrowski@ct.gov) or 860.263.6051.

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