

PROFILE- JACQUI FREEMAN



Jacqui Freeman has over 40 years of experience in Career and Workforce Development. She is the CEO and Founder of Partners4Progress (P4P), whose mission is to help federal, state, local governments and community-based organizations implement and operate effective workforce development initiatives that improve employment outcomes for people and build a stronger and more inclusive workforce. Jacqui served as the Chief of Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for 10 years, retiring in 2020. As such, she designed and managed the Department's reentry initiative, and was responsible for administering an annual federal appropriation of approximately \$93 million. She has facilitated events with national employers to develop strategies to recruit formerly incarcerated individuals to meet their labor needs. As one of the founding members of the Federal Interagency Reentry council, she traveled the country speaking to employers and constituents on how to develop reentry programs to fulfill employment gaps and strengthen their communities. In 2016, Jacqui had the honor of speaking at the Congressional Black Caucus on the Challenges and Solutions for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Returning to their Communities.

She also served as a Senior Workforce Analyst for over 10 years in the Office of Workforce Innovations, DOL, Employment and Training Administration (ETA). While serving in ETA, Jacqui was instrumental in convening state agencies across the country to address the employment issues of at-risk populations and solidifying these teams to continue the work in their states.

As Vice President of Training and Employment for Goodwill Industries (DC, MD & VA), she developed customized training programs to meet the needs employers and became a major training provider for the nation's capital. As an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the National Institutes of Health, she developed their first "career pathways" model designed to bring equity and advancement opportunities for hundreds of workers. Jacqui also served as a Senior Career

Development Specialist, Assistant Director of Career Development and Associate Superintendent of D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) for 15 years. During that time, she designed and managed DCPS first youth entrepreneurial public enterprise... Youth Connection Project.