

2019  
**CENTRAL TEXAS  
 EXPANDING  
 OPPORTUNITY  
 SUMMIT**



October 25, 2019  
 Embassy Suites San Marcos Conference Center

Expanding Opportunity, a Central Texas Regional Summit, brings together leaders from across the five county Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Area to explore how we can do a better job of improving access to economic opportunity for individuals and families in the region.

**SUMMIT PRESENTERS**

**Welcome**

Raul Alvarez, CAN Executive Director  
 Jane Hughson, San Marcos Mayor

**Understanding Regional Workforce Needs**

Paul Fletcher, Workforce Solutions—Rural Capital Area  
 Tamara Atkinson, Workforce Solutions—Capital Area

**Private Sector Perspective #1 —CFAN**

Angel Contreras, David Crain, Thomas Koreniewski,  
 Lourdes Holguin

**Private Sector Perspective #2—IBM**

Sandy Dochen, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager

**Career and Technical Education Program Panel**

Tashara Angelle, Del Valle ISD CTE Coordinator  
 Camille Clay, Leander ISD Director of Career and College Transition Programs  
 Michael Doyle, San Marcos CISD Director of CTE and Federal Programs

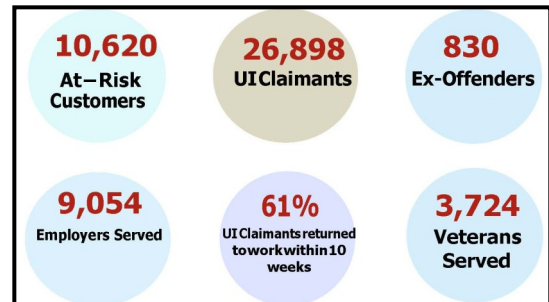


Michael Doyle (San Marcos CISD CTE Director), Camille Clay (Leander ISD CTE Director), and Tashara Angelle (Del Valle ISD CTE Coordinator).

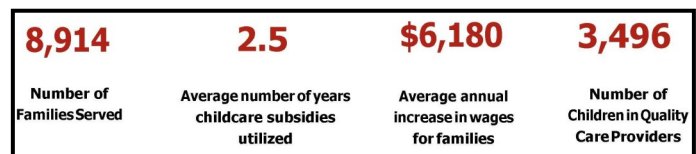


Tamara Atkinson—Workforce Solutions Capital Area CEO  
 Paul Fletcher—Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area CEO.

**REGIONAL WORKFORCE SERVICES OVERVIEW**  
 Oct. 2018—Sept. 2019  
**Job Seeker & Employer Services**  
 ( UI - Unemployment Insurance)



**Effectiveness of Child Care Services**



**Effectiveness of Training Services**

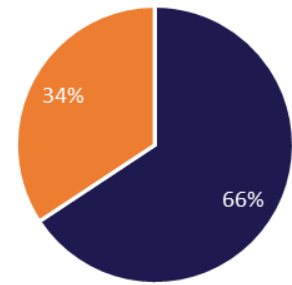




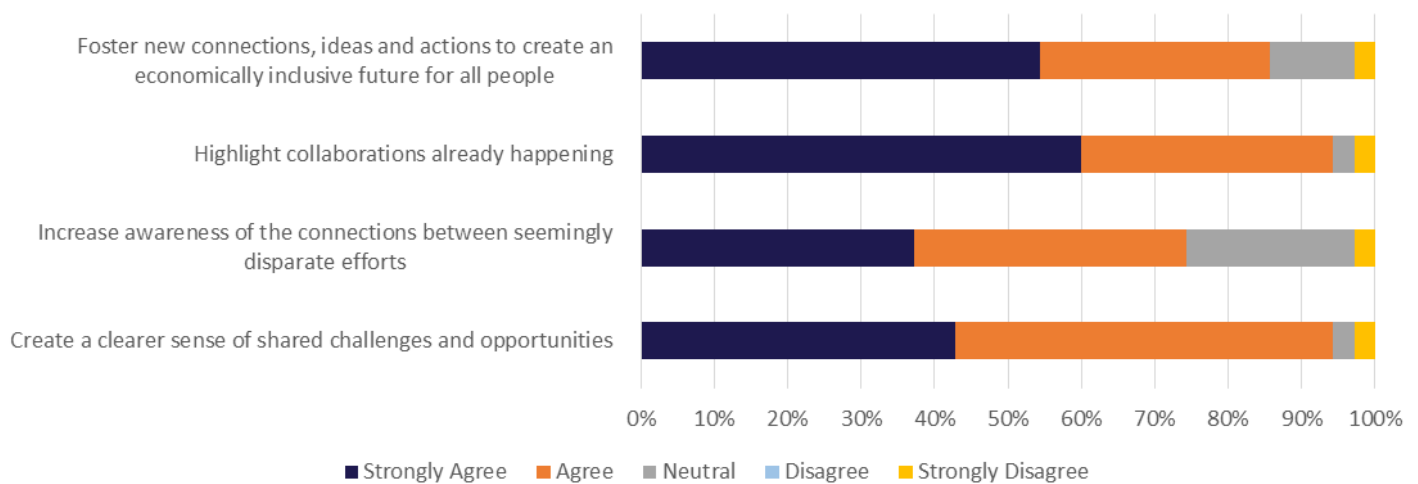
Attendees participated in table conversations discussing opportunities for partnership and collaboration to address regional workforce needs.

## Overall Satisfaction with the Regional Summit

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied



## Did the Regional Summit Achieve Specified Outcomes?



### MAJOR THEMES THAT EMERGED

#### ABOUT REGIONAL WORKFORCE NEEDS & PROGRAMS

- Kudos on regional collaboration by workforce boards.
- Child care and transportation services are very important for accessing training & should be increased.
- Pursue partnerships with ride share companies.
- Upskilling should be as much of a priority as training in health care and technology.
- Increase focus on opportunities for job seekers who are 55+ years of age. Regional collaboration is needed.
- Communication of workforce opportunities should be improved. Better use libraries, community centers and churches to disseminate information.
- Need to identify gaps in training resources in key industry sectors.

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#### ABOUT PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES

CFAN representatives highlighted the importance of job seekers having strong math/communication skills and of knowing/adopting the company's organizational culture. They stressed the importance of companies having strong relationships with educational institutions and supporting employees interested in further training & education.

#### ABOUT CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- CTE Coordinators stressed the importance of getting industry input to build successful programs of study.
- P-TECH model requires an industry partner thus ensuring: good program design; and apprenticeship, mentorship & employment opportunities for students.
- Increase parent awareness of these opportunities.
- Ensure transportation is not a barrier to access for students.