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A Case Study of Utah and
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RESEARCH REPORT



National Commission for Employment Policy

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8-18-93

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SUBJECT: REPORT ENTITLED "EVALUATING JTPA PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMICALLY
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THE PRESIDENT
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Commission for Employment Policy, I am pleased to be sending you a copy of a report, Evaluating JTPA Programs for Economically Disadvantaged Adults: A Case Study of Utah and General Findings, which was co-sponsored by the Commission and the State of Utah.

As you may be aware the Commission is an independent federal agency authorized under Title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act. It is mandated to provide advice to the President and the Congress on employment and training issues facing the Nation.

This report has two purposes. One is to demonstrate that states now have the tools to evaluate their own training programs funded under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). The report shows in a step-by-step fashion how this evaluation can be accomplished. While the study is of only one state's JTPA Title II programs, the technique can be used by any state since the required data are routinely collected at the state level.

Specifically, the report compares the long-term employment and earnings outcomes of adult participants in JTPA programs with a similar group of adults who were registrants at the Utah Employment Security (ES). Unemployment Insurance wage-record data for both groups was the source of information on their employment and earnings.

The second purpose of the report is to assess the effectiveness of JTPA Title II programs for adults in the State of Utah. Findings indicate that participants who completed and were placed in unsubsidized jobs had a significantly higher likelihood of being employed two years after their original enrollment, compared to their counterparts who had registered with the ES. In addition, for those JTPA participants who were employed, their annual earnings was more than \$1,000 higher than their ES counterparts.

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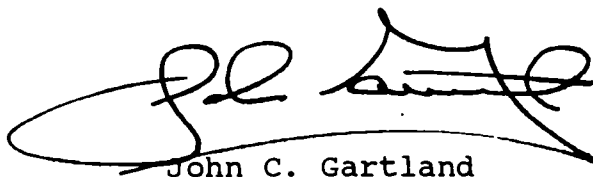
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I must also note that the report critiques the National JTPA Experiment, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. It documents the problems the experiment encountered as it was being implemented. As a result of the implementation difficulties, the findings of the National JTPA Experiment should not be considered definitive for the system as a whole.

This critique of the National JTPA Experiment has two equally important implications. First, it shows that the National Experiment has not fully answered the why, how, and for whom JTPA works. Second, the critique gives added impetus to the need for states to evaluate their own JTPA programs.

We hope that you find this study useful. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Gartland", with a large, sweeping underline that extends across the signature.

John C. Gartland