

## **America's Career Kit Training Team**

Listed below are the members of the training team, along with a summary of their work history, and the States where they will conduct ACK training. To contact the training team, send an email to [acktraining@alx.org](mailto:acktraining@alx.org)

### **Cherylynn Brinker**

Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming, and Guam

Cherylynn Brinker has over 10 years experience in social services prior to entering the workforce development arena. Brinker comes from Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon where she was Training and Employment Specialist, managing the One-Stop Career Resource Center. Prior to that, she worked for the local JTPA program as an Employment Consultant, where she placed customers in on-the-job and classroom training programs and helped them find skills to make them more marketable. She began her career as a Job Service Representative with the State of Oregon Employment Department where she worked with employers to place job orders, matched job seekers' skills to jobs available in the computer system, and processed unemployment insurance claims.

### **Margaret Prater**

Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin

Margaret Prater has over 17 years of experience in the operation and administration of local workforce programs through Dyersburg State Community College in Dyersburg, Tennessee. Starting out in management information systems and planning, Prater became known statewide for her expertise in performance standards management, serving on various statewide taskforces and providing workshops for local areas. For the past 12 years, Prater has served as Assistant to the Director, providing technical assistance to staff and contractors in all aspects of workforce development, ranging from fiscal reporting to operation of summer youth programs to developing case management/customer flow systems. She was responsible for development of the One-Stop Career Center grant in her area and served in a technical assistance capacity to the design team as they determined customer needs for facilities and services.

## **Robin Kite**

Alabama, Alaska, New Mexico, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia

Robin Kite has served as Network Consortium's Director of Membership Services, and has had prior experience working with the Department of Labor's Career Kit, and providing hands-on-training in Network's Technical Assistance Training Program for Dislocated Workers.

Robin has served as guest lecturer and as a member of the Board of Advisors for the School of Criminal Justice at Calhoun Community College, Decatur, AL., and under the Job Training Partnership Act, was an instructor in the Alabama Employment Services training program, preparing members of the senior population for employment.

## **Robert Visdos**

California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

Bob Visdos is President and CEO of Network Consortium. He has conducted hundreds of workshops on WIA, workforce planning, welfare to work programs and community college customized training. As a WIA trainer, he has already provided full-day training and technical assistance services related to the Workforce Investment Act to over 25,000 workforce development administrators and practitioners throughout the U.S. Mr. Visdos is currently under contract to the City Colleges of Chicago to prepare the colleges for the implementation of WIA on their campuses. As part of that process he is devising strategies for the college district administration on conducting self-study analyses of the respective college programs prior to their application for inclusion on the WIA State-approved training provider program lists.