# Taxpayer Opportunity Network Presents: VITA Training for You!

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### Welcome



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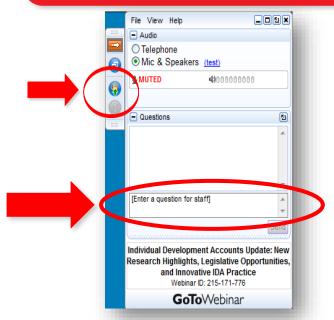


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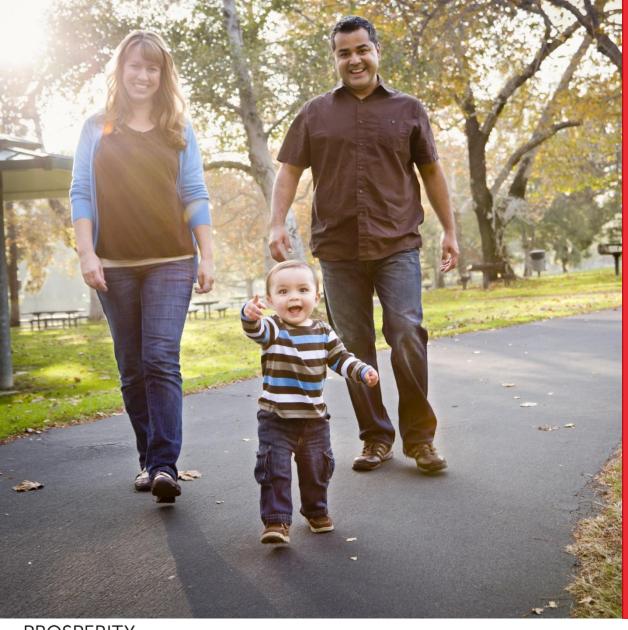
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# Keys to Success on Today's Webinar

- Join from a quiet space
- Grab a coffee or snack and settle in
- **Engage!** Share your **comments** with us!
- Create a watch party with your team to debrief and discuss together





#### **Who We Are**

Prosperity Now's mission is to ensure everyone in our country has a clear path to financial stability, wealth and prosperity.





#### TAXPAYER OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

To **connect**, **strengthen** and **inspire** community tax programs so that they can ...

- ✓ More effectively & efficiently deliver critical tax assistance
- Couple that assistance with other financial capability services
- ✓ Advocate for fairer tax policy

#### **Taxpayer Opportunity Network Members...**

- Participate in learning and advocacy opportunities
- Learn about the latest developments in the field
- Access valuable resources for volunteers, program managers and site coordinators
- Get discounts to Prosperity Now and Taxpayer Opportunity Network events

To join or learn more, go to: prosperitynow.org/get-involved/taxpayer-opportunity-network



# What's in store for today?

- Welcome from Capital One
- Welcome from TON
- Building the Platform
- Practitioner Involvement and Process
- Training Demo
- Close

# **Today's Speakers**



Kim Allman
Senior Director of Community
Development Banking
Capital One



Rebecca Thompson

Program Director

Taxpayer Opportunity Network

# **Today's Speakers**



Barbara DelBene

Consultant

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Pennie Clayton

VITA Coordinator,

Community Investment

United Way of

Tarrant County



Justin Chu
Senior Program Associate,
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# Welcome from TON



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Special Thanks to the Volunteer Management Working Group



**United Way** of Tarrant County























# Special Thanks to the Volunteer Management Working Group

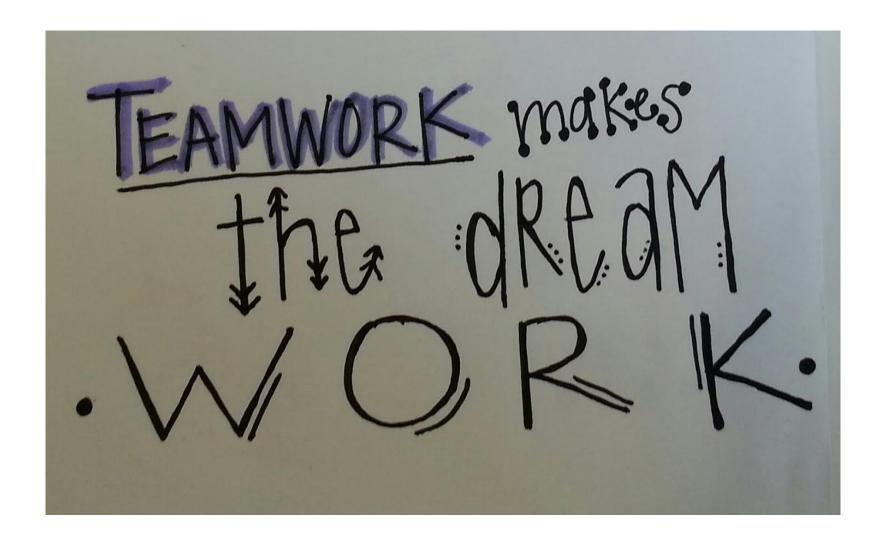
Member Name	Member Organization
Amanda Hanson	Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
Brad Martin	United Way of Southwest Alabama
Emily Vyhnanek	United Way of King County
Gwen Moore	Foundation Communities
Jonathan Barnes	Campaign for Working Families
Kelly Quicksell	Prepare + Prosper
Pennie Clayton	United Way of Tarrant County
Sharon Knowles	We Speak Tax!
Jennifer Lambert	Go Ladder Up
Liz Brooks-Zak	Center for Economic Progress
Keith Gehring	United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Paj Kane	Jefferson Economic Development Institute
Shatomi Luster	University of Missouri Extension



#### Thanks a TON

- Brad Martin, United Way of Southwest Alabama
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- Jennifer Wilson, Texas Tech University
  - Class Project





# **Developing the Training**



**Barbara DelBene** 

Consultant, Taxpayer Opportunity Network Prosperity Now

#### **Developing the Training**

- Experience with VITA
- Experience with online training:
  - CEP
  - TON
- Online training is not a substitute for personal interaction

# **Working Group Involvement**



Pennie Clayton
VITA Coordinator Communit

VITA Coordinator, Community Investment United Way of Tarrant County

#### **Volunteer Management Working Group**

- Year-Long Project
- Monthly Meetings
- Input on Criteria
- Input on Training Modules
- Volunteers developed curriculum
- Reviewed Curriculum

#### **Decision Criteria – Online Platform**

- Embeddable (3 votes)
- Portable (2 votes)
- Video capability (3 votes)
- No separate username/password (2 votes)
- Tracking & reporting capabilities (4 votes)
- Accessible by largest # of users (3 votes)
- Budget-friendly (4 votes)
- Flexibility for content updates/changes (4 votes)
- Allows for Interactive Lessons (3 votes)
- Accessible for persons with disabilities (5 votes)

#### **Decision Criteria - Content**

- Modular (broken down by section/topic) (5 votes)
- Tax law modules for returning volunteers (4 votes)
- Modules for soft-skill development (1 vote)
- Interactive (3 votes)
- Module for trainers (0 votes)
- National perspective focus on federal returns (not software specific) (2 votes)
- Supplemental materials & practice problems (2 votes)

# **Volunteer Project Demo**



Justin Chu
Senior Program Associate, Field Engagement
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#### Twelve Modules to Help You

- Intake, Interview and Quality Review
- Filing status & Dependency
- Income
- Adjustments
- Deductions
- Nonrefundable Credits
- Refundable Credits: EITC
- Education
- Affordable Care Act
- Finishing the Return
- Talking to Taxpayers
- Returning Volunteers



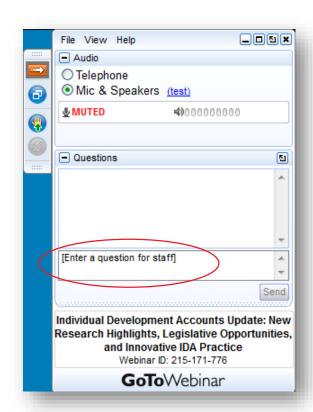






#### What questions do you have?

Share them in the Questions box!



## **Keep The Conversation Going!**

- Join the Tax Roundtable listsery
  - Search "Tax Roundtable listsery"
- Join the Taxpayer Opportunity Network to receive the latest updates from the field
- Email us with any questions, future learning suggestions, and other feedback at <u>taxpayeropportunity@prosperitynow.org</u>
- Remember to vote!

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# Thank you!

