
SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Kairie Pierce is the lead workforce development director for the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC), AFL-CIO.

In 2020, Kairie was promoted to her current position with the goal of creating a team of workforce development directors capable of assisting WSLC's union affiliates with direct support and being a resource to the larger workforce system. Kairie has worked with all the community and technical colleges in the Washington State area recruiting labor members to serve on the CTC advisory committees. Her current position blends all her working passions of registered apprenticeship and workforce education.

Throughout her 33-year career with WSLC, Kairie has held several positions including helping to manage the workers' compensation program. She was promoted to the position of community and technical college labor liaison in 2005 and in 2010 promoted to the position of K-12 apprenticeship director, a federally funded program that focused on promoting apprenticeship opportunities and preparing the counselors, teachers, students and parents within Washington State's K-12 system.

Kairie has served on numerous leadership committees including the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy Advisory Board, Washington Integrated Sector Employment (WISE), TAACCCT Executive Board, U.S. Department of Energy Smart Grid ARRA Grant Governance Board and Educational Taskforce, and Washington HB2227 Evergreen Jobs leadership team. She is currently a board member of Washington State Workforce and Training Board

Kairie and her husband Kevin reside in Olympia, Washington.