

FSA Training Conference

Speaker Bio

Session(s): BO15. Third-Party Debt Relief: Implementing the *STOP Act*

Tamy Abernathy

Management and Program Analyst, Policy Coordination Group, Office of Postsecondary Education

Tamy has worked for the U.S. Department of Education since 2013. In September 2020, she was promoted to Management and Program Analyst for the Policy Coordination Group (PCG) in the Office of Postsecondary Education. Prior to coming to the PCG, she worked as a Program Specialist for the Policy Liaison and Implementation team in Federal Student Aid. While she has experience working with the various aspects of the student financial aid process, she is a subject matter expert on the federal loan programs and Campus-Based programs.

She has worked in the federal student aid industry for more than 30 years. She began her career working at a private college in Tennessee in 1986 as a work-study student and was hired to work in the Financial Aid Office full-time upon graduation in 1990. After moving to South Carolina in 1996, she began working at the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation as a Loan Specialist. She also worked at the University of South Carolina as the Senior Assistant Director of Processing, and later worked as a Relationship Manager for TG, one of the largest national Federal Student Loan Guaranty Agencies, until leaving to join the Department.

She holds a Master of Science degree in Management from Southern Wesleyan University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Lee (College) University.

