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INNOVATE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

IMPLEMENTING WIOA IN ARKANSAS

July 21-22, 2015

DoubleTree Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas

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DAY ONE

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Networking
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome
Daryl Bassett, Director
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
- 10:10 a.m. Message from the Governor
The Honorable Asa Hutchinson (via video)
Governor of Arkansas
- 10:15 a.m. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act:
What's New & How This Impacts You
Rick Maher, President & CEO
Maher & Maher
- 11:15 a.m. Questions and Answers
Maher & Maher
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Presentation
Panel Discussion: Workforce Development Efforts in Arkansas

Daryl Bassett, Director, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
Dr. Brett Powell, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Dr. Charisse Childers, Director, Arkansas Department of Career Education
Kyla Waters, Director, Arkansas Community Colleges Center for Workforce
Steve Sparks, Division Director of Existing Business Resources, Arkansas Economic
Development Commission
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction to Breakout Sessions
Rick Maher, President & CEO
Maher & Maher
- 1:45 p.m. Facilitated Session 1: Self Assessment of Planning Area
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Session 1 Touchpoint
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

DAY TWO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Debrief and Prep for the Day
Rick Maher, President & CEO
Maher & Maher
- 8:45 a.m. Facilitated Session 2: Key WIOA Elements/Changes
Session 2 will dive deeper into the first half of the WIOA elements included in the self-assessment. Planning areas will explore their strengths and opportunities in each area.
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Facilitated Session 3: Key WIOA Elements/Changes
In Session 3 participants will discuss the last three WIOA elements, brainstorming strengths, opportunities, and strategic directions.
- 11:00 a.m. Session 2 & 3 Report Out
- 12:00 p.m. Sessions 2 & 3 Wrap Up
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch by WIOA Topic
Topics will be assigned to each table and participants can select a table at which to sit/eat based on the topic they are interested in learning more about or discussing.
- 1:15 p.m. Facilitated Session 4: Create "Plan to Plan"
Each planning area will determine next steps, needed partners, and areas of technical assistance for the six WIOA themes.
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Session 4 Report Out
- 3:45 p.m. Conclusion and Next Steps
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn