

INNOVATE ARKANSAS' WORKFORCE

Implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in Arkansas

PREPARING TODAY'S WORKFORCE
FOR TOMORROW'S CAREERS

PREPARE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014 and most provisions of the law go into effect on July 1, 2015. Passage of the WIOA is a pivotal event in workforce development. Concepts and practices like sector strategies, career pathways, industry partnerships, regional planning, work-based learning, unified services to employers, team-based case management, and braided funding are among the core change elements of the WIOA.

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services is sponsoring a two-day training and strategy session on implementing WIOA in Arkansas. This interactive session will highlight the key changes of WIOA, and the impact that it will have on workforce development in Arkansas. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. on July 21 and ends at 4:00 p.m. on July 22, 2015.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Employers
- Education Leaders
- Economic Development Professionals
- Community Development Professionals
- Elected Officials
- Workforce Board Members
- Workforce Board Staff
- Workforce Development Professionals
- Two- and Four-Year Colleges
- Workforce and Education Agencies
- Community-Based Organizations
- Registered Apprenticeship
- Arkansas Workforce Center Staff
- Training Providers
- Anyone invested in workforce development in Arkansas

July 21-22, 2015

**DoubleTree Hotel
424 W Markham Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**

Registration is Free. Register Online:
www.dws.arkansas.gov/wioa.htm

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STRENGTHEN THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM THROUGH INNOVATION, ALIGNMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION.

TRAINER/FACILITATOR

MAHER & MAHER

Maher & Maher is a specialized change management and workforce development consulting firm that delivers tailored solutions to public sector organizations and commercial clientele. Now in their 30th year, the firm is known for innovative organizational development solutions that focus on managing change, fostering collaboration, process improvement, specialized training, message customization, e-Learning strategy and design, and executive and work group facilitation. Their work features key, cutting-edge projects at all levels of the workforce development system and it is the combination of their practices at the Federal, State, regional and local levels (combined with a vibrant private sector-based practice) that has kept them at the cutting edge of managing change throughout these arenas.

Maher & Maher is currently ETA's Technical Assistance provider for WIOA Implementation, Sector Strategy Development, Apprenticeship, and several other key WIOA-related activities. A great source of Maher's strength lies in their emphasis and capacity to integrate lessons learned from their Federal practice projects and apply them to engagements at the state and regional level, which they have most recently done in Kentucky, Atlanta, Illinois, Louisiana and now in South Carolina. This advantage is multiplied in that the great majority of their projects also involve key players in economic development, education and the private sector.

The "Implementing WIOA" conference on July 21-22 is our first opportunity to bring everyone together statewide to explore the legislative changes, exchange ideas and learn about cutting-edge concepts and statewide policy discussions, and begin to plan for what local workforce development areas need to do to "get ready" to implement WIOA.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

DAY ONE: Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WIOA: What's New and How This Impact's You
Update on Arkansas' Implementation of WIOA
Self Assessment of Planning Regions

DAY TWO: Wednesday, July 22

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Key WIOA Elements and Changes

- Sector Strategies
- Career Pathways
- Work-Based Learning
- Enhanced Partnerships
- Youth Education and Employment
- Unified Employer Services
- Team-Based Case Management

"Plan to Plan" Strategy Session

- Project Plan
- Charter
- Timeline

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Group lodging information is available online.