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WIOA Partners' Meeting

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"RESET"

Reimagining & Elevating Service
Effectiveness Together



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Opening Remarks

Eddie Thomas

Assistant Director

Office of Employment Assistance, ADWS





Welcome

Dr. Charisse Childers
Director

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services





“Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility”

Abtin Mehdizadegan, Esq.
Director

Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C. (CGWG)



Q&A Session





Networking





“The Great Reset” - A Conversation with Workforce Leaders from Missouri and Tennessee

Elroy Willoughby
Moderator

Retired Division Chief of Programs
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services





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Dr. Mardy Leathers
Director

Missouri Office of Workforce Development

Commissioner Deniece Thomas
Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce
Development



Q&A Session





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Break-out Sessions

(Morning)



**“Ready For Life - A
Common Front Door for
Workforce Service
Delivery”**

Room: Little Rock A-B

Rick Neal

**Governor’s Director of
Education, Workforce and
Data Transformation**

Lucas Levine

Head of Customer Service
Future Fit AI

Taylor Stockton
Chief Operating Officer
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**“Serving Youth in Rural
Communities”**

Room: Little Rock C

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Manager Southwest
Arkansas Planning &
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**“Mental Health & the
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Room: Arkansas (1st Level)

Kerri Williams,
School Improvement
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Director- Watson Chapel
School District





Keynote Speakers/Luncheon

Kimberly Clayborn, MPA, MRC
Moderator
Deputy of Field Operations
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services





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Abigail Wells

Participant

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Brandon Austin

Participant

Adult Education

Gustavo Manzanales

Participant

Division of Services for the Blind



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Partnership/Collaboration Showcases – Western LWDA



**Dennis Williamson - Director of Workforce Development, Western Arkansas
Planning & Development District/ Western Arkansas**

**Tom Bonkofsky - Fort Smith Workforce Center Manager,
Workforce Development Board, Arkansas Division of Workforce Services**

Dr. Debbie Faubus - Director, Crawford County Adult Ed Center

Dana Byrum - Rehab Area Manager Region 4, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

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Fireside Chats (Serving Targeted Populations): “Veterans”

Michael Tippin
JVSG/ES Program Operations Manager
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services





Fireside Chats (Serving Targeted Populations): “Immigrants”

Mireya Reith
Founding Executive Director
Arkansas United



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Closing Remarks

Jay Bassett

Deputy Director

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

