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REIMAGINING & ELEVATING SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS TOGETHER

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Charisse Childers Director, Arkansas Division of Workforce Services



# LAUNCHING Arkansas' Workforce Through Data & Technology

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**ARData Team** 

Department of Transformation and Shared Services



## **LAUNCH** Partnerships

- Research Improving People's Lives (RIPL)
  - DOORS—Data for Opportunity in Occupation Reskilling Solution
  - LAUNCH Platform
- Google.org
  - CiviForm
  - Erin Hattersley, Manager
- Credential Engine
  - Credential Registry
  - Jared Diener, State Partnerships Manager





## What is LAUNCH?

- Platform to discover careers, jobs, and training opportunities that leverage individuals' skills in Arkansas' industries.
- Explore new careers
  - Leverage your skills to explore new career paths in Arkansas
- Find in-demand jobs
  - Link your skills to current opportunities in Arkansas' industries
- Train for your future
  - Find training opportunities to get the skills to prepare for your future in Arkansas





## What is LAUNCH?

- Netflix for Jobs for job seekers meets Match.com for Employers trying to find employees
  - Moving the focus to one based more on skills
  - Artificial Intelligence Engine uses advanced algorithms to calculate how much of a match the skills a person has are with a job that needs filled
  - Allows UI claimants to log their weekly work search activities automatically while discovering and applying for jobs





## What is Launch

- Ready Hire for Employers
  - Allows employers to see how much of a match a person may be for a job, without the employer knowing who the person is
  - Employer reaches out to the individuals they are interested in based on their skills
  - The individual controls whether or not the employer can see additional information about them









#### Use your skills to unlock opportunity

Discover careers, jobs, and training that leverage your skills in the industries of Arkansas' future.

Launch your career today ≫

**Explore New Careers** 

**Find In-Demand Jobs** 

**Train For The Future** 

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### **Skills and Experience**

• Upload a resume or manually enter your education and work history

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Add or update your resume	Update your education
Save some typing time	Highest Education Level* Doctoral or professional degree
Drag your resume here to upload and we'll fill in your work and education.	School Name Mississippi State University
We can read .doc, .pdf, .txt files.	Field of Study Workforce Development
Last Updated: 10-13-2023	Add or update additional education or training

## **Skills & Experience**

#### Your skills 🔥

These skills were added when you signed up for Arkansas LAUNCH. Remove skills that no longer apply to you or add new ones using the search box.

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#### **Career Paths**

- Filter Career Paths based on what you are looking to accomplish
  - Boost your income
  - Use existing skills
  - Find paths with multiple job options

Explore new careers recommended especially for you	Q Search by Keyword	Filter Careers	•
This may be a good career path for you based on your experience and skills. ()		Boost My Income	
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#### **Career Paths**

#### • See how much your skills match with suggested career paths

Explore new careers recommended especially for you	Q, Search by Keyword	Filter Careers
This may be a good career path for you based on your experience and skills. ①		
Training and Development Manager ✓ ♡→ ♡→ 76% match		19 JOBS →
Additional careers to consider. ()		
Training and Development Specialist ✓ ♡→ ♡→ 73% match		8 JOBS →
Career/Technical Education Instructor (Postsecondary) ✓ ♡ ♡ ○ 67% match		4 JOBS →



#### Jobs

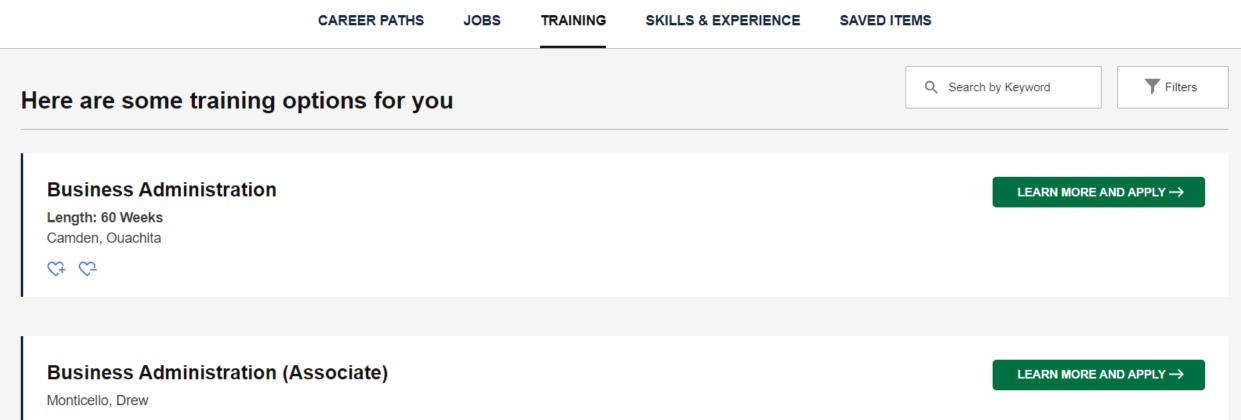
 Explore job recommendations based on skills as well as education and work history

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Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Unknown	Estimated Pay Rang \$89K / y
Manager Trainee - Operations	LEARN MORE AND APPLY $ ightarrow$
Unknown	Estimated Pay Rang \$51K - \$57K / y



## Training

#### • Recommends training based on your goals



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## **Save Your Favorites for Later**

• Find a Career Pathway, Job Opportunity, or Training you want to check out later, simply click the Caricon

Training and Development Manager ✓ ♀ ♀ 76% match

- Decide you are no longer interested, or don't want to see an option displayed again, simply click the  $\bigcirc$  icon
- You can find your likes under Saved Items
- If you accidentally dislike something there is a history in your profile that will let you change it





### **Connection to Additional Resources**

AUNCH		ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
		ARKANSAS.GOV 🗗
Welcome to Arkansas LAUNCH, Jacob!		PROGRAM OUTCOMES DASHBOARD 🗹
		EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS MAP
EDIT SKILLS & EXPERIENCE		WORKFORCE OVERVIEW DASHBOARD
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# **Google CiviForm**





## **Credential Engine**

• Credential Engine is a non-profit whose mission is to map the

credential landscape with clear and consistent information,

fueling the creation of resources that empower people to find

the pathways that are best for them.





#### **Credential Engine**

<u>Credential Engine Slide Deck Link</u>





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# NETWORKING BREAK

### THE TEXAS MODEL: A DISCUSSION WITH LEADERS FROM THE TEXAS WORKFORCE SYSTEM-- COLLABORATION ON ALL LEVELS

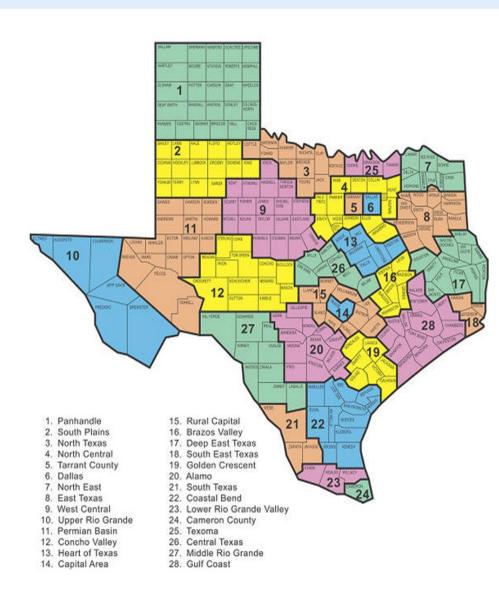
**MODERATOR:** Miles Crawford

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**Equus Workforce Solutions (One-Stop Operator/Service Provider)** 

Tera Nunn, Project Director





# WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

#### A Local and Statewide Network

Texas Workforce Investment Council

Texas Workforce Commission

28 Local Workforce Development Boards

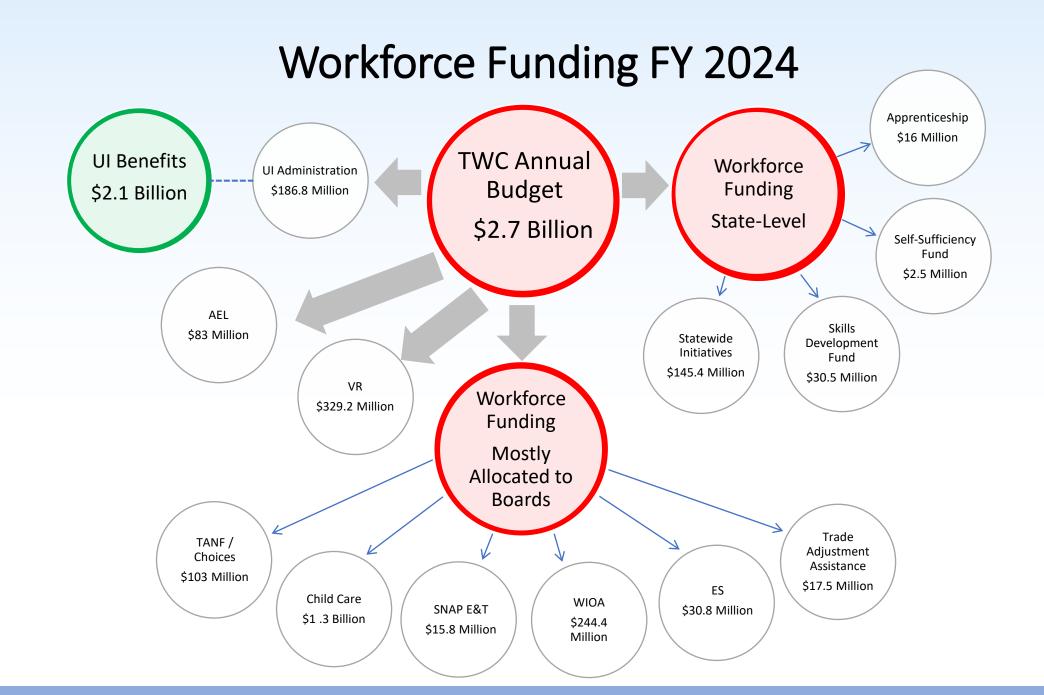
175 Local Workforce Development Offices

Child Care & Early Learning

Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Persons with Disabilities

Adult Education and Literacy

Apprenticeship



## **Success Factors**

Collaborative nature, Mission focused Recognizing benefits of colocation and integration of services

Locally administered with consistency of offerings in mind

Relationships & Trust developed over time

#### Workforce Ambassador

- **Convenor**
- □ Aggregator
- **Connector to Business**
- Partner in Eco Dev
- Innovator
- **Broker**
- **Reviewer/Monitor**
- Planner/Procurer/Contract Administrator/ Lease Holder
- Accountable to funders



#### Mission

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas exists to ensure competitive solutions FOR EMPLOYERS through quality people, and FOR PEOPLE through quality jobs.



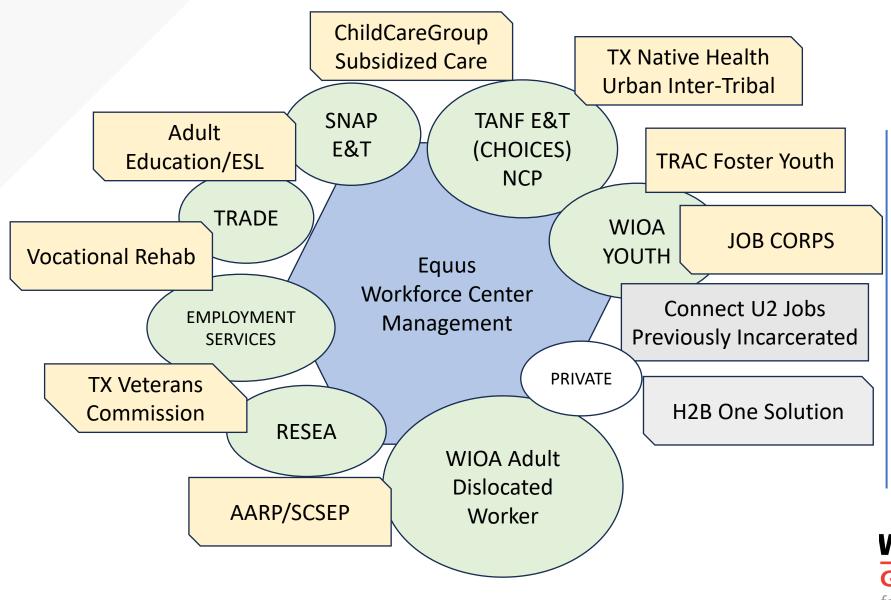
#### **Guiding Principles**

At Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas we practice transparency, integrity, and win-win negotiations. We thrive on innovation and continuous improvement to benefit our customers. We value diversity, experience and partnerships in a family-friendly workplace.

#### **Procurement**

- **Evaluate Options**
- Negotiation
- Contract Execution
- **Contract Administration and Oversight**
- Professional Development/Training
- Partnerships
- Innovation
- Leveraging Resources and Inclusion





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Thank You Arkansas for YOUR Commitment to Workforce!



# NETWORKING BREAK

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Morning)

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Option D: Room 203/204 Business Services & Engaging Employers: Practical Application A.M. FACILITATORS: LaJuana Delph, Adult Education Section Stephen Partridge, Division of Services for the Blind



# **TRANSITION TO LUNCHEON**



#### LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ARKANSAS' WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Mike Rogers, Chief Workforce Officer, State of Arkansas, Office of Governor Sarah Sanders



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Nathan Winters, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Mark Manus, Office of Skills Development



# NETWORKING BREAK

#### THINK OUTSIDE THE CYLINDER

Candice Lawrence, Vice President, Programs & Partnerships Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/AIA Executive Director, AR Economic Developers & Chamber Executives Arkansas Workforce Development Board Member





How to use the uniqueness of **you** to better serve **them**.





Here's the first thing you need to write down:

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### Do you know what works faster than a Ouija board to conjure up a haunting from me after l've passed?

### Print a typo in my obituary.

## Lovely.

I AM SILENTLY CORRECTING YOUR GRAMMAR.

### RECOVERING Perfectionist.

### Write this down, too.

# Perfectionism Prevents

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Perfectionism will hold you back by masquerading as "excellence"

when you'd be better served by moving forward imperfectly.

## Perfect Patty



#### **Labor Force Participation Rate**

• End of September:



### Labor Force Participation Rate

24,088 **Arkansans** to increase the LFPR by





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#### Per Capita Personal Income by State (2021)

52,074

51,379

51,148

50,699

49,320

48,608

47,817

45,438

96,873

63,444

6.63%

6.58%

7.63%

7.74%

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6.57%

7.49%

8.34%

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44 Idaho

45 Arkansas

48 Alabama

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46 Kentucky 47 New Mexico

49 WestVirginia

50 Mississippi District of Columbia

United States

43 South Carolina

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#### COMPETITIVENESS **REDBOOK 2023**

#### The difference?





- Family of 2: \$24,592
- Family of 3: \$36,888
- Family of 4: \$49,184
- Family of 5: \$61,480
- Family of 6: \$73,776
- Family of 7: \$86,072
- Family of 8: \$98,368



### Solutions.

### Remember:

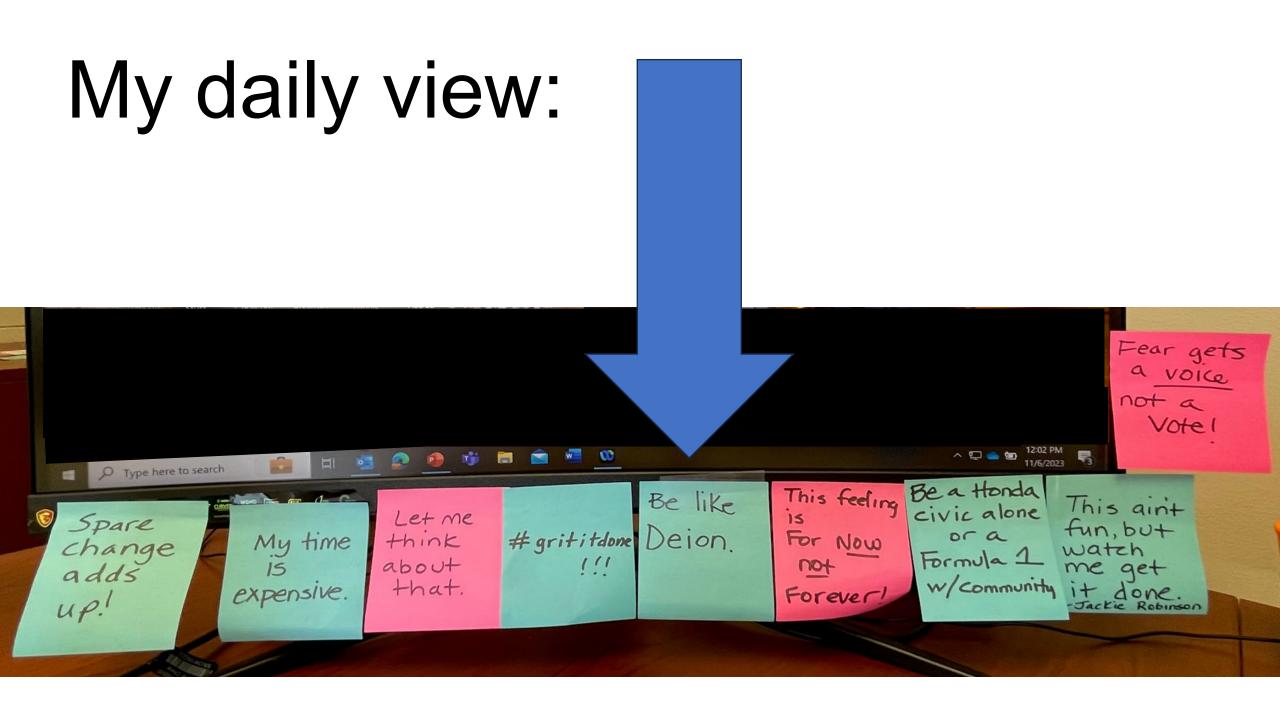
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#### What if...

 You made certain that your team met every week—and although the meeting was consistent, the content always included an element of surprise.

#### **Contest ideas:**

- Who can talk to the most new people about employment opportunities or the services you offer
- Fastest one to talk to 10 people outside the office
- Free coffee or pass-around trophy for the week

### Marketing ideas:

• Wear a button. Ask for a photo. Post it.

I am a matchmaker!

I connect employees to awesome careers.

Ask me how I do it!!

#### **Button/sticker-wearing contest ideas:**

- Capture how many different conversations you have with people.
- Capture how many people will take a photo with you wearing the button.

### **#GamesWork!**

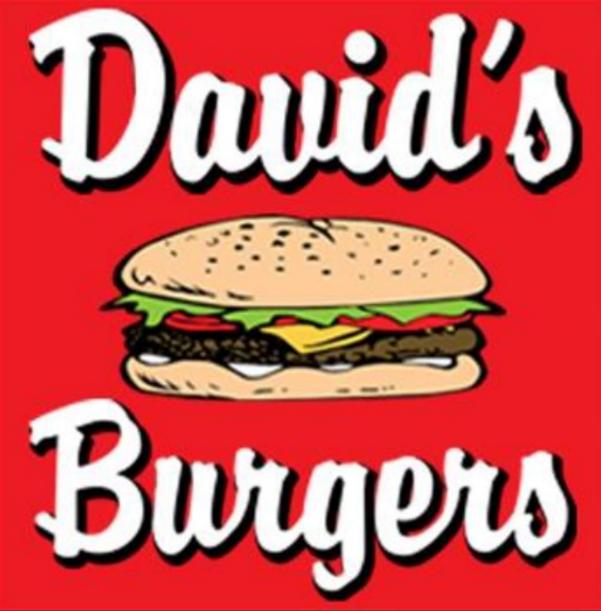
### **Team Challenge:**

- During your weekly meeting, team challenges are assigned.
  - Sally-compliment
  - Jorge-talk about job outside your typical environment.
  - Bracket

### **#GamesWork!**



### Be weird.



When you give people what they want, they will want to do business with you.

#### Innovative strategies:

- Check out the exterior of your building
- Mystery shop
- Guest speaker at your staff meeting

### Motivated Teams Produce Results.

### Make it fun for your employees to come to work.

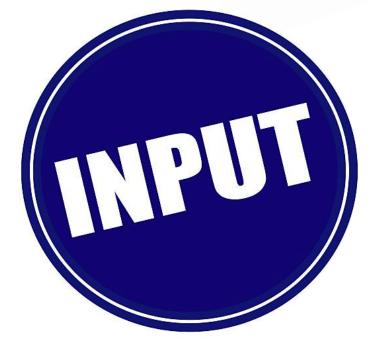
#### What if...

 You had a guest speaker at your staff meeting once per month that provided motivation or taught a leadership topic?

### To change the



# You have to change the PUT



#### Innovative strategies...

- T-shirt decorating
- Leadership podcast
- Wear them on Workforce Wednesday

#### Innovative strategies...

•Workforce caroling:

•We're your workhorse for workforce. Post your jobs with us! We have the best choices, and we'll lift our voices. Our great service is a plus! The change starts within each of you and will radiate out to your team.





# Your hidden team member:

### Chat GPT: openai.com

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Research ~ API ~ ChatGPT ~ Safety Company ~



Regardless of which strategies you deploy, to tackle our workforce issue, each of us must do this:

BONUS

SEE RACK FOR PLAY II

HIV

GAME

GAM

PRIME

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PRIFAS



**Candice Lawrence:** 501.650.0038 Candice@aedce.org

Reach out for:

- Team motivation
  - recommendations
- recommendations
- brainstorming
- Sharing ideas!



### NAVIGATING THE PATH TO WORK-BASED LEARNING (THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED)

Cora Easterday, Business Engagement Coordinator West Central Arkansas Planning & Development District

Maria Brady, Multi-State Navigator/WIOA SME USDOL-Office of Apprenticeship



# THE ROAD TO WORK-BASED LEARNING

### "The Road Less Traveled"





#### **Employers Want OJT**

In the context of hiring and workforce development, it becomes evident that employers highly value and actively seek out candidates who have undergone on-the-job training, recognizing its pivotal role in ensuring that individuals possess the practical skills and real-world experience essential for success in the workplace.

#### We Currently Focus on Institutional Training

We have traditionally prioritized institutional training, and while we will maintain our commitment to it, we are now looking to enhance our approach by integrating workbased learning as a complementary component.

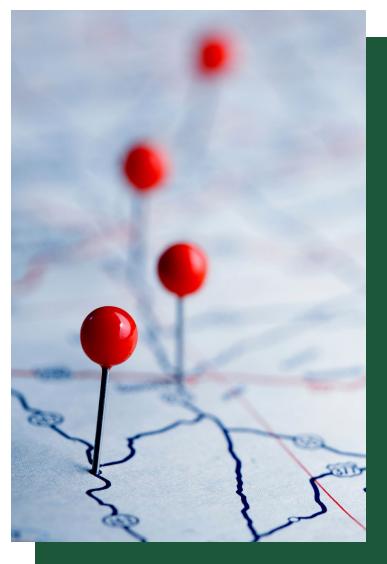
#### Work-Based Learning Must be Offered

The inclusion of work-based learning is necessary to fully utilize our awarded funding amount.



### Guided Tour of Our Journey

- 01 Identified Need
- 02 New [OA] Leadership
- 03 Introduction to OA MSN
- 04 Review of Existing OJT Policy
- 05 The Game Changer
- 06 Collaborative Process
- 07 Eureka! (almost)



Collaboratively, we initiated the policy development process, with active participation from our onestop operator who offered valuable feedback.

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Maria offered her support to revamp our OJT Policy, aligning it with our broader efforts to enhance Work-Based Learning programs.

Cynthia McLain's appointment as the new State Director for the Office of Apprenticeship sparked our renewed exploration of registered apprenticeship programs. After six revisions, we have crafted something that instills a sense of pride within us.

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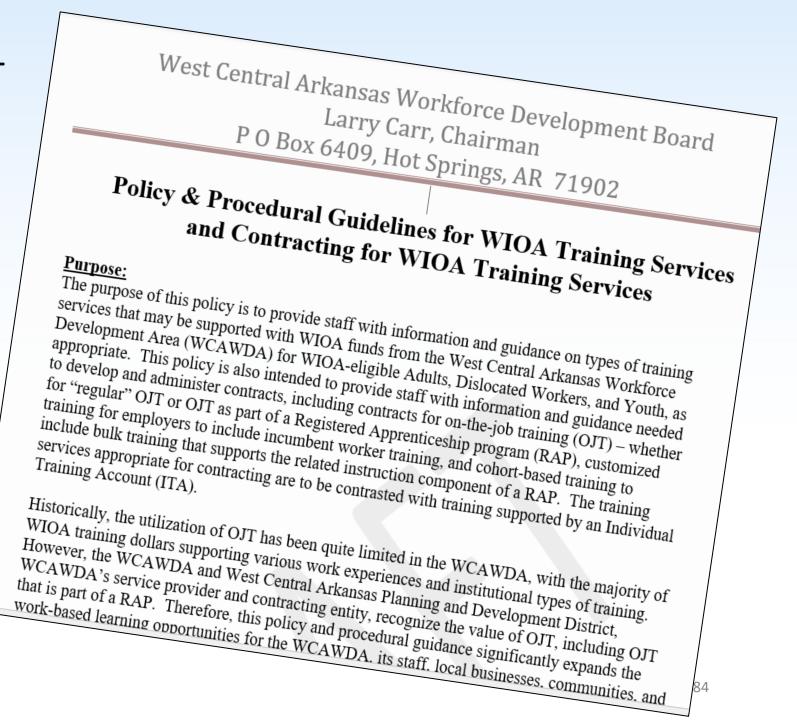
There's a notable distinction between "regular OJT" as a standalone activity and OJT integrated into a RAP - a true game-changer.

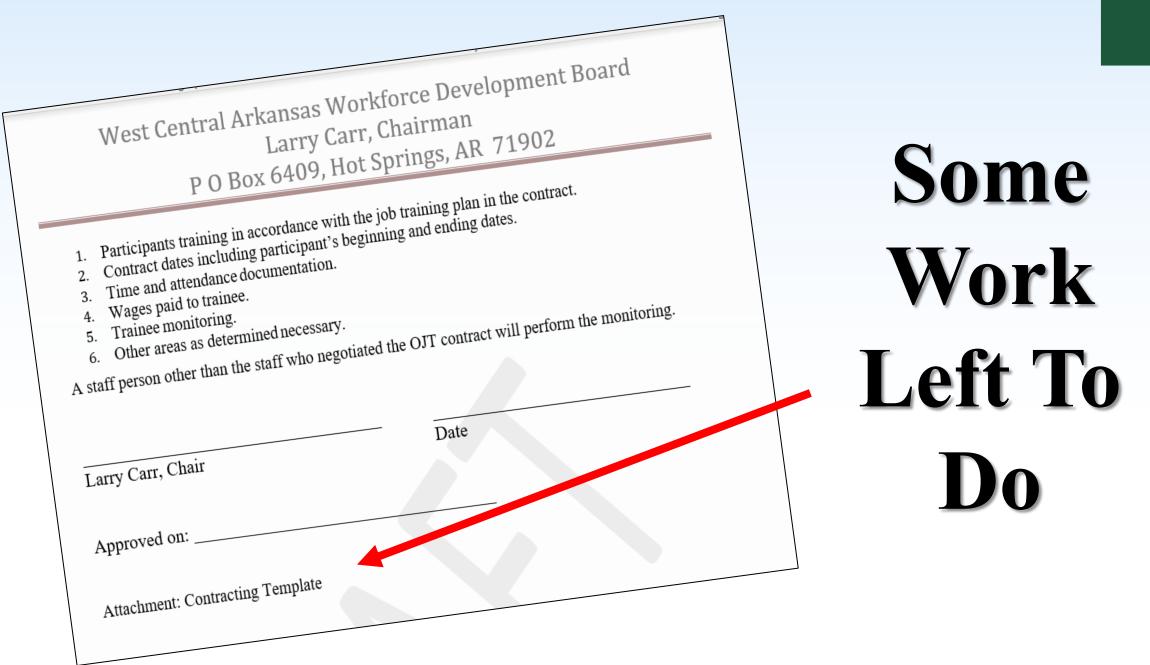
Shortly thereafter, our One-Stop Operator informed us that "Maria Brady" had expressed a willingness to address any inquiries or concerns we might have regarding the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).

This initiative started with recognizing the need for workbased learning, driven by employer feedback and reduced funding. 83

- Regular or standalone OJT
- OJT as part of a RAP
- Customized Training
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Cohort-Based Training
- Bulk Contracting







## Looking Ahead



### 01

Conclude the development of the Work-Based Learning Policy template with a focus on meticulous attention to detail, thorough content validation, and a commitment to aligning it seamlessly with organizational standards, ensuring its readiness as a comprehensive and professional resource.

### 02

Executing the policy by identifying candidates for employers interested in starting a Registered Apprenticeship program (RAP) or initiating a standalone On-the-Job Training (OJT) program.

#### 03

Repeat the process with our Work Experience Policy.

### **QUESTIONS?**



### **THANK YOU!**

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### **CLOSING REMARKS**

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