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# WIOA PARTNERS' MEETING



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**September 21-23, 2021**

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AGENDA DAY ONE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

9:00 AM—9:05 AM	Welcome	<b>Eddie Thomas</b> Assistant Director, Office of Employment Assistance, ADWS
9:05 AM--9:15 AM	Introduction of Programs Under WIOA	<b>Chad Brown</b> Arkansas Workforce Development Board Director, ADWS
9:15 AM—9:30 AM	<b>Title I: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Program</b>	<b>Shenaye Johns</b> Business Services/Discretionary Grants Manager, ADWS
9:30 AM—9:40 AM	Q & A Session	
9:40 AM—9:55 AM	<b>Title II: Adult Education</b>	<b>Bridget Criner</b> Associate Director, Adult Education Section, ADWS
9:55 AM—10:05 AM	Q & A Session	
10:05 AM—10:20 AM	<b>Title III: Wagner-Peyser Employment Services</b>	<b>Stephanie Robinson</b> Wagner-Peyser Program Manager, ADWS
10:20 AM—10:30 AM	Q & A Session	
10:30 AM—10:45 AM	<b>Title IV: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services</b>	<b>Christy Lamas</b> Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, ADWS
10:45 AM--10:55 AM	Q & A Session	
10:55 AM—11:10 AM	<b>Title IV: Division of Services for the Blind</b>	<b>Dr. Megan Lamb</b> Field Services Administrator, Division of Services for the Blind, ADWS
11:10 AM—11:20 AM	Q & A Session	
11:20 AM—11:35 AM	<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</b>	<b>Franklin Holbrook</b> Division Manager, ADWS
11:35 AM—11:45 AM	Q & A Session	
11:45 AM—12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<b>Dr. Trenia Miles</b> Director, Adult Education Section, ADWS

AGENDA DAY TWO  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

9:00 AM—9:08 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<b>Dr. Charisse Childers</b> Director, Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS)
9:08 AM—9:10 AM	Message from the Governor	<b>Governor Asa Hutchison</b>
9:10 AM—9:30 AM	Opening Remarks	<b>Frank Stluka</b> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4, US Dept. of Labor-ETA
9:30 AM—10:00 AM	Motivational Speaker “Staying Motivated”	<b>Ronald J. Neal, M.Ed.</b> Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, ADWS
10:00 AM—10:50 AM	WIOA Partnership Collaborations across the State	<b>Rodney Chandler</b> Director of Business Engagement, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, ADWS
10:50 AM—10:55 AM	Q & A Session	<b>Panel Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Angela Morales</b>, Resource Facilitator, W. Central PDD</li> <li>• <b>Patty Methvin</b>, Workforce Administrative Director, NWA EDD</li> <li>• <b>Nancy Caillouet</b>, Program Manager, Western (PDD)</li> </ul>
10:55 AM—11:45 AM	Business Engagement with WIOA Partners	<b>Shawntel Robinson</b> Business Service Coordinator, Central Arkansas WDA
11:45 AM—11:50 PM	Q & A Session	<b>Panel Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Will LaRue</b>, HR Manager, Tru-Fab Company</li> <li>• <b>Jamie Stires</b>, HR Manager, Structurlam Mass Timber</li> <li>• <b>Marisa Hiatt</b>, Disability Inclusion Operations; HR, Mercy Healthcare System</li> <li>• <b>Jon Taylor</b>, Executive Director, ADFA Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities</li> </ul>
11:50 pm—12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<b>Jay Bassett</b> Deputy Director-External Operations, ADWS

AGENDA DAY THREE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

9:00 AM—9:05 AM	Welcome & Introduction	<b>Courtney Traylor</b> Deputy Director- Internal Operations, ADWS
9:05 AM—9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	<b>Secretary Mike Preston</b> Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Commerce
9:15 AM—9:45 AM	How the <i>Ready for Life</i> Initiative Enhances the Workforce	<b>Rick Neal</b> Director of Education, Workforce, and Data Transformation, Office of Governor Hutchinson
9:45 AM—9:50 AM	Q & A Session	
9:50 AM - 10:20 AM	Work-Based Learning in Arkansas	<b>Rachel Hirsch</b> Policy Analyst, National Governors Association
10:20 AM—10:25 AM	Q & A Session	

**WIOA: Focusing on Individuals with Barriers to Employment**

**Dr. Trenia Miles**, Director, Adult Education Section, ADWS

Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
10:35 AM-11:10 AM		
<b>Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities</b>  <b>Dr. Deandriea Bass-Carrigan</b> Deputy Chief of Field Services <b>Betsy Barnes</b> Assistant Director, DSB, ADWS	<b>Ex-Offenders: Reentering the Workforce</b>  <b>Rebecca Baxter</b> Assistant Area Manager-Re-Entry, Arkansas Community Corrections	<b>Aging out of the Foster Care System: Helping Youth Transition</b>  <b>Crystal Jones</b> DHS Transitional Youth Services Specialist, Division of Children and Family Services

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