WIOA PARTNERS’ INTERESTING FACTS

FALL WIOA PARTNERS’ MEETING
September 21-23, 2021
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services accepted its first federal funding for the purpose of providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services in 1923.
Wal-Mart, is one of the largest employers in the state of Arkansas. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services has provided services for over 600 Wal-Mart Associates over the past 5 years.
Did You Know:

• The ACTI campus *was constructed in the 1880s* as the nation's first Army/Navy Hospital.

• Arkansas Rehabilitation Services took over operation of the facility in 1960.
The first local adult basic education was started October 3, 1965, as a part-time program at Pine Bluff High School.
Over the past 5 years, Arkansas Rehabilitation has successfully help more than 12,442 individuals with disabilities obtain and maintain employment.
Adult Education has served close to two million Arkansans since 1965.
ADULT EDUCATION

457,718 individuals have passed the GED test and earned their Arkansas High School Diploma since 1966.
Adult education has 37 providers that provide services in all 75 counties.
• Arkansas adult education was started with funding provided by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.
The Employment Service (ES) is one of 19 required partners in the One-Stop delivery system, its central mission—to facilitate the match between individuals seeking work and employers seeking workers—makes it critical to the functioning of the workforce development system under WIOA.

To this end, one of the key functions played by the ES is to deliver many of the "career services" established by WIOA.
• WIOA is not a loan and the programs are free of charge for all eligible participants for all programs.
• There are no fees to you.

• In some cases, if the training or participant is eligible for financial aid, Financial Aid will be applied to training first. WIOA will pay the remainder balance. (subject to change due to funding availability)
DSB was established in 1984 under the Department of Human Services.
Federal workforce development legislation originated with President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal legislation (1933-1938) that established various programs designed to provide employment assistance and create jobs to build the nation’s infrastructure.
Arkansas has the largest family literacy program in the country—a partnership between Northwest Technical Institute Adult Education and Springdale Public Schools.
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• DSB hosts Jump Start, a camp for high school students to gain valuable work experience, every summer.
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- DSB provides support to individuals 55 and older through the Older Individuals who Are Blind program to help to maintain their independence.
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DSB’s Technology Lab provides training and support to individuals around the state to enhance their skillset with technology.
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• The agency was established to ensure services were available to help blind consumers to achieve independence in the home, work, and community environments.
Arkansas Act 100 of 1991 raised AESD to a department-level agency, creating the Arkansas Employment Security Department (AESD).
In 1938, unemployed Arkansans were to receive a payment of $15 per week in Unemployment Insurance benefits.
The enactment of the Wagner-Peyser Act, which was approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 6, 1933, established a national employment service in the United States.
The Wagner-Peyser Program is named for Theodore Albert Peyser, a congressman from New York State and Robert Ferdinand Wagner, a New York State Representative and later a member of the New York State Supreme Court.
THE END!
HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS PRESENTATION!