

# Arkansas Department of Career Education

## Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

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# Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

- Statewide Priorities
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Accountability Measures
- Pre-employment Transition Services
- Section 511



# Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Priorities

- Increase competitive integrated employment opportunities for the people served by ARS
- Assist Arkansans to return to work and/or stay at work
- Work with employers to seamlessly integrate accommodations



## Collaboration and Partnerships

- WIOA Roundtable
- Direct Input from employers
- Local ARS leaders serving on Local Workforce Development Boards
- State Staff reviewing local workforce development plans
- ARS partnering with Registered Apprenticeship

# Accountability Measures

- Partnership with Arkansas Research Center
- Transition to a new case management system
- Working with core partners through the WIOA roundtable IT Committee to integrate performance reporting



## Pre-Employment Transition Services

- Point of Contact: Director of Transition Services  
Maryanne Caldwell
- Transition Employment Program- ATP and ACTI
- Grant funding for vendors to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services across the State, implemented early 2017



# Pre-Employment Transition Services

- Two committees (WIOA Roundtable Transition Committee and the Transition Committee) combined to participate in Technical Assistance provided through the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT)
- Partnered with the Arkansas School for the Deaf through grant funding and staff on campus to facilitate pre-employment transition services for students that are deaf



## Section 511

- Section 511- Significant Changes- ARS point of contact Dale Turrentine
- ARS Providing detailed training to providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities



# Questions of Follow-up

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