



TN Workforce Development Academy
UT Conference Center
February 18-20, 2025

Tuesday, February 18 (Eastern Time)

9:00-9:30	Registration	Conference Room 406
9:30-10:00	Welcome & Introductions	Paul Jennings, PhD Autumn Derrick, TCEcD <i>UT CIS</i>
10:00-11:00	Trends and Challenges in a Changing Economy	Rue Ramsey <i>Tulsa Regional Chamber</i>
11:00-12:00	Overview of the Workforce Development Ecosystem	Rue Ramsey <i>Tulsa Regional Chamber</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch/Networking	Dining Hall, Room 404A
1:00-2:00	Linkages Between Economic and Workforce Development <i>Tennessee workforce trends, state data and resources</i>	Doug Lawyer, CEcD <i>Knoxville Chamber</i>
		Jessica Belitz <i>Blount Partnership</i>
		Andy Wallace, TCEcD <i>Anderson County EDA</i>
2:00-3:00	Alignment Strategies for Economic and Workforce Development	Rue Ramsey <i>Tulsa Regional Chamber</i>
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:30	Serving Business and Industry <i>Tennessee workforce needs</i>	Teresa Duncan <i>Roane State CC</i>
		Jamie Choate <i>Tennessee Valley Authority</i>
		Kelli Chaney <i>TCAT Knoxville</i>
		Blake Markham <i>Nokian Tyres</i>
4:30-6:00	Networking Reception	Conference Center Atrium



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Wednesday, February 19 (Eastern Time)

7:45-8:30	Full Breakfast Buffet	Dining Hall, Room 404A
8:30-8:45	Day 1 Recap & Announcements	Autumn Derrick, TCEcD Rue Ramsey <i>Tulsa Regional Chamber</i>
8:45-9:45	Addressing Barriers to Education and Employment	Patty Weaver, EdD <i>Pellissippi State CC</i>
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:30	Labor Market Intelligence	Martha Wettemann, PhD Kshitiz Rastogi <i>TN Department of Labor</i>
11:30-12:30	Lunch/Networking	Dining Hall, Room 404A
12:30-2:00	Public Workforce System Framework	Marla Rye <i>Workforce Essentials</i>
2:00-3:15	Potential Solutions to Impact Labor Force Participation	Rue Ramsey Course Participants
3:15-3:30	Break	
3:30-5:00	Promising Practices and Useful Resources	Carri Smith <i>Valmont Industries</i> Shannon Jackson <i>Knox County Schools</i> Jeremy Kourvelas, MPH <i>UT IPS SMART Initiative</i> Tim Waldo <i>UT CIS</i>
5:00-5:15	Wrap-up & Adjourn	Autumn Derrick, TCEcD
6:15	Optional Dinner Gathering	



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Thursday, February 20 (Eastern Time)

7:30-8:15	Full Breakfast Buffet	Dining Hall, Room 404A
8:15-9:45	Strengthening Partnerships in the Workforce Ecosystem <i>Effective Communication</i> <i>Conflict Management</i> <i>Agility</i>	Macel Ely, PhD <i>UT IPS Naifeh Center for</i> <i>Effective Leadership</i>
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:00	Generational Harmony <i>Orchestrating Success Across Five Generations</i>	Kelly Drummond, PhD <i>My Soul in Bloom</i>
11:00-11:30	Telling Your Workforce Story (Breakout Session)	Rue Ramsey <i>Tulsa Regional Chamber</i>
11:30-12:15	Team Report Out	Course Participants
12:15-12:45	Servant Leadership	Herb Byrd, III, PhD <i>UT Institute for Public Service</i>
12:45-1:00	Break (Graduation Setup)	
1:00-2:00	Graduation/Box Lunches	Conference Room 406