

January 26, 2017
LRWDB Executive Director's Report
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I. Important Accomplishments and Notices

- *On 12/20/16 LRWDB submitted its WIOA Transitional Local Plan to ADWS.
- On 1/10/17 the AWDB adopted new guidance by DOL that will direct local boards to develop 4-year local plans due to be in place by 7/1/17.

II. Outreach, Training and Attendance

- Enjoined by a federal judge, new regulations on paying overtime and exempt employees were halted, so LRWDB cancelled plans for a workshop on 11/29/16.
- On 12/8-9/16 the LRWDB hosted a Train-the-Trainer workshop for 45 volunteer tax preparers from around the state, in partnership with AARP and CADC.
- On 12/12/16 The LRWDB executive director and Arbor staff attended the MedLinc CNA graduation ceremony at AR Children's Hospital for 5 students.
- On 12/14/17 the LRWDB executive director met with the council representative of the Central South Carpenters Regional Council to establish a partnership.
- *In the 12/26/16 issue of The Book of Lists by Arkansas Business Publishing Group, the LRWDB ran a full-page ad and sponsored the Economy & Employment Section on pages 60-65. A free issue is available for all members.
- On 1/10/17 the LRWDB executive director attended the AWDB quarterly meeting to hear committee reports and recommendations.
- On 1/17/17 Arbor staff conducted the PROMISE Grant Parents Meeting to give participants and families the first explanation of the Work Experience program.
- *Working with the executive directors of the Northwest and Eastern AR LWDBs, the LRWDB executive director organized a two-day workshop on attracting, retaining and successfully integrating Out-of-School youth participants and programs under WIOA rules on 1/23-24/17. Held at the LRWFC and facilitated by Mary Ann Lawrence, 50 staff attended from all parts of AR.
- *Working again with the HRMA to develop and conduct a workshop, LRWDB is sponsoring "Workforce Readiness: Advanced Manufacturing" on 2/2/17 which will focus on the MSSC credentialing used successfully by PACE Industries. Five free seats are available to LRWDB members as the sponsoring organization.
- *On 1/30/17 Mayor Stodola, the LRWDB executive director and EITC Coalition community partners will hold a media event to announce the "Super Saturday" event to take place on 2/4/17 from 9am-3pm at AR State Fairgrounds.

III. Budget and Financials

IV. Next Steps –

- The State Registered Apprenticeship Programs and affiliated organizations will conduct a Central AR/Little Rock Workshop on February 15, 2017.
- The annual state conference of AR United Communities Coalition is 2/28-29/17.
- The next meeting of the LRWDB will be February 23, 2017.