

SPRING CONFERENCE 2025

Tentative Preliminary Agenda

Holiday Inn Resort Lumina | 1706 N. Lumina Ave Wrightsville Beach | North Carolina 28480

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

11:00 AM REGISTRATION | EXHIBITOR | SPONSOR SET-UP

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Moderator Training

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



OPENING SESSION

GREETINGS | LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Navigating the Sea of Change
"I Got Receipts"

KEYNOTE | SOLOMON MCAULEY

NEXTGEN Services Leader

Centralina Workforce Development Board

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

Series 1

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

WHAT'S NEW WITH
CAREER
EXPLORATION

JAMIE VAUGHN

CULTIVATING
CONNECTIONS:
COLLABORATIVE
NETWORK
STRATEGIES

ALEXIS FRANKS

TRUE
UNMASKING

SOLOMON
MCAULEY

DISABILITY
AWARENESS:
THE STORY

KRISTY BRINSON
DEANNA JONES

Series 2

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

UNTAPPED TALENT
POOL & VALUE IN
THE WORKPLACE

KRISTY BRINSON
DEANNA JONES

JUST TEXT ME

JENNIE BOWEN
CALLIE NORTHERN-
HERRING

PROMISING
PRACTICES FOR
SERVING VETERANS

GERARD BALL
GARY JACOBS

STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS FOR
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

ROSEMARY GUENDNER

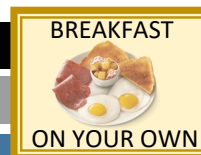
REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS | NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

EASTERN REGION

PIEDMONT REGION | WESTERN REGION

DINNER ON YOUR OWN



8:00 AM REGISTRATION | EXHIBITOR | SPONSOR SET-UP

Series 3 → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	BRIDGING THE GAPS: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY BUILDING TOOLS ERIC ROWLES FRED BAKER	NCWORKS ONLINE MICHAEL HOSKINS	WORKFORCE AND REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS SCOTT PANAGROSSA JOYCE RICE	IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS EMILY NICHOLSON
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10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **BREAK**

Series 4 → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	PLAYING WITH FIRE ERIC ROWLES FRED BAKER	THE DIRT ON AG JOBS SHAE WHITEMAN Cammie ALBERT	LEVERAGING MY FUTURENC DR. AMY PULLIUM TONI BLOUNT	LEVERAGING AI TO ELEVATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIENT OUTCOMES DR. LANE FREEMAN
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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **LUNCH | GENERAL SESSION**



**WIOA Reauthorization
or Something Very Different?**

KEYNOTE | BOB KNIGHT

Director of Workforce Policy and Government Relations
Equus Workforce Solutions

Series 5 → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM	ALL ABOUT MY WORK FLIP FLOPS ERIC ROWLES FRED BAKER	HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE CHART A NEW COURSE ABIGAIL HOLDSCLAW DR. ALECIA MATTHEWS	NAVIGATING THE REENTRY SPACE AND PROCESS DENNIS GADDY	Analytics.NCCommerce.com YOUR PLACE FOR ALL THE DATA YOU WANT BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND JAMIE VAUGHN
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2:45 PM - 3:00 PM **BREAK**

Series 6 → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	YOUTH ENGAGEMENT THE UNTOLD STORY SOLOMON MCAULEY	COMPASSION FATIGUE SONJA GODSEY SUSAN ONEY	TRAILBLAZERS – DEVELOPING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS (REGARDLESS OF YOUR ROLE). DEANNA JONES	HOW TO ENGAGE IN SECTOR STRATEGIES JIM FLOCK GINGER BRICK
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6:00 PM



NAUTICAL VIBES

(DINNER & DANCE) w/DJ Dreadz

Come dressed in your best nautical attire



FRIDAY, APRIL 11

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

Series 7



CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

STRATEGIES FOR WORKING WITH RETURNING CITIZENS

ERIC HADDOCK
DONNA FARRAR

ADVISSSSS'IT LIKE IT'S HOT

FELICIA GILMORE
APRIL RAINES

THE WIOA VERSUS BATTLE

ZACK LEDWELL
WILETTA CUMMINGS

MISSION NEXT: NAVIGATING YOUR TRANSITION TO THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE

PAIGE CRAFTON

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

CLOSING SESSION



The Multigenerational Workforce
Navigating an Era of Demographic Change

KEYNOTE | JONATHAN GUARINE, Economist

North Carolina Department of Commerce Labor & Economic Analysis Division (LEAD)

12:00 PM

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