

**Wednesday July 25**

**Sahara A**

**8:00 – 8:50            Google Forms for Counselors**

Jenn Sullivan, School Counselor  
Central High School, Springfield (formerly Wheaton High School)

Facilitator: Lora Warner

Google Forms are a great way to track data, evaluate patterns, maintain documentation, and advocate for your program. Google Forms also help with accessibility for multi-level counselors.

**10:00 – 10:50            Registered Apprentices; How to get Employer Involvement**

Suzanne Richards, Office of Registered Apprentices

Facilitator: Anessa Garner

Essentials of how to start an apprenticeship program in your building; focusing on working with employers. Details on how to start the process, what the benefits are to employers, students and schools to have more students work ready in today's world.

**11:00 – 11:50            Viking Ready**

Lora Warner, Employment Services Specialist  
Jefferson College

Facilitator: Jenn Sullivan

Jefferson College is undertaking a campus wide initiative to develop and engage career competency development among students. This session will outline the inspiration for this program and our development process.

**Mohave**

**8:00 – 8:50                    The Path to Paperless; Implementing Online Applications**

Cassie Keeney, Career Counselor  
Lake Career and Technical Center

Facilitator: Travis Plume

This session will explore the benefits and challenges of transitioning to an online application for career center classes.

**9:00 – 9:50                    MACS Business Meeting**

**10:00 – 10:50                Tips and Timelines for College Admission**

Jon Emery, Regional Admissions Representative  
University of Missouri

Facilitator: Laurie Woolfolk

Help your students make the most of the resources available and avoid common missteps on their way to college. From understanding admission criteria to navigating websites, from touring campus to completing an application, from financial aid to housing, bring back successful practices and cautionary tales to the future graduates at your school.

**11:00 – 11:50                My Successful Partnership with the Job Center**

Alison Sheets, Director of Career Services  
Mineral Area College

Facilitator: Anessa Brown

Mineral Area College has developed a successful collaboration with their local Job Center to host a Manufacturing Hiring Event on their campus. This session will explain the steps needed to develop an event for your campus to help students with resume development, avoiding application mistakes and more. Their partnership is a WIN WIN for all involved!

**1:40 – 2:30                    Helping Close the Skills Gap with Guidance and ACTE**

Jan Bell, Career Specialist, ACTE Vice President, Guidance and Career Services

Tulsa Tech, Tulsa, OK

Facilitator: Laurie Woolfolk

According to labor statistics there are 6.6 million jobs unfilled across the US. The Skills Gap is a complex issue, with lots of disagreement about causes and solutions. One solution is to systematically figure out how to bridge student achievement to the training gap. This session will focus on informing members of the trends, policies and current activities in ACTE and the Guidance and Career Development Division, and how these may assist career development personnel with today's students need for gaining career ready skills.

**2:40 – 3:30            Roundtable Discussion with Jan Bell**

Facilitator: Laurie Woolfolk

Join us for a discussion and Q & A time with Jan Bell. Topics will include CTE enrollment, student recruitment, ACTE membership benefits, and much more.

**Kalahari**

**8:00 – 8:50            The Importance of General Classes in Tech Schools**

Katie Stanley-Dietzman, Adult Education Literacy  
State Fair Community College

Facilitator: Stacie Wild

Student's today are faced with more class choices than ever before. This session will discuss the importance of general classes in the technical fields. How you can help your students make the best decisions for their future in all aspects of their class choices.

**10:00 – 10:50            Vocational Rehabilitation – Transitions and Pre-ETS**

Shelly Stewart, Counselor  
Vocational Rehabilitation, Joplin Office

Facilitator: Eric Lark

With the recent passing of the WIOA legislation, Missouri vocational rehabilitation chose to take a different approach in transitioning students with

special needs. Learn how the implementation of Pre-ETS can be beneficial for your special needs students.

**11:00 - 11-50      Expanding Career & Technical Education Opportunities  
in Your School**

Lynn Knoch, School Counselor  
Lawson High School

Facilitator: Cassie Keeney

This workshop will detail how Career & Tech Ed opportunities were expanded for Lawson High School students by campaigning for more funding for Career Center placements and through a "college fair" that was adapted to a Career & Tech Ed format. The importance of opening up Career & Tech Ed as a possibility to students who many times do not know about the opportunities that exist will also be discussed.

**Coco Ball Room**

**12:00 – 1:30      MACS Luncheon  
Guest Speaker; Jan Bell, ACTE Vice-President of  
Guidance and Career Development**

Jan Bennett Bell has been employed at Tulsa Tech since 2008 as a Career Specialist. Prior to coming to Tulsa Tech, Jan worked at the state and regional levels for Wyoming and Idaho as a School-to-Work Consultant. She also spent two years at Indian Capital Technology Center as a Tech Prep Specialist. Jan has been a member of ACTE for over two decades. In her current position at Tulsa Tech, she works with adults, high school and middle school students in providing career and technical training advisement. Jan received a Master's degree in School Administration from Northeastern State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming. Jan was honored to have served as ACTE Vice-President of the Guidance and Career Development Division for the past three years. She has also served in a variety of state and local positions in OKACTE. Jan is currently serving on the Middle School Advisory Group at the national level as well as consulting for various initiatives.

**Thursday July 26**

## **Sahara A**

### **8:00 – 8:50                    Employers Want High EQ, Not IQ**

Jason Smith, Embedded Communication Arts Instructor  
Scott Regional Technology Center

Facilitator: Travis Plume

Employers want applicants with emotional intelligence. What is emotional intelligence? Why is EQ becoming more important than IQ? Your students will want to know this information before they hit the workforce.

### **9:00 – 9:50                    Employability – It's An Everyday Affair**

Anessa Garner, Career Services Coordinator  
Scott Regional Technology Center

Facilitator: Jason Smith

Every career center counselor strives to set a strong foundation to a rewarding career for every student we serve. Learn how this career center, coordinates, and organizes their annual Employability Fair.

### **10:00 – 10:50                Career Advisors and Pathway Consultants – What Can They Do For You?**

Dr. Marci Dowdy, Career Advisor/Pathway Consultant  
DESE

Facilitator: Stacie Wild

This presentation will focus on the role of the DESE Career Advisors & Regional Pathway Consultants. Their scope of work will be discussed including information on the new ICAP (Individual Career & Academic Plan), Mo Connections, Non-Traditional Career Programs, & Pathways for Teachers Externship grants.

## **Mohave**

### **8:00 – 8:50                    Using Advisory for College and Career Readiness**

Jeff Brown, Career Services Coordinator

Franklin Technology Center/Joplin High School

Facilitator: Marci Dowdy

Transitions is an advisory program designed to help students build learning skills and soft skills needed for post-secondary. This would include study skills, goal setting, communication, and self-regulating skills. The teacher is an advisor to help students connect and guide them through the skills and decisions needed to start their post-secondary journey.

**9:00 – 9:50 DESE: Perkins IV Accountability Data Reporting**

Mike Griggs, Supervisor  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Facilitator: Cassie Keeney

This session will provide information on proper data reporting for the Federal Perkins IV Grant.

**Kalahari**

**8:00 – 8:50 K-12 Career Education – ICAP/Post-Secondary Options**

Dr. Rene' Yoesel, Director of School Counseling  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Facilitator: Laurie Woolfolk

ICAP is the vehicle by which Missouri students explore their post-secondary options and is a tool to help them graduate success ready. When school leaders and educators are engaged and informed in the ICAP process, students are motivated to attend school and make course plans to pursue their career and life goals. This session will include best practices for a K-12 career education program and explain the new DESE ICAP and its alignment to state law.

**9:00 – 9:50 DESE Roundtable**

Dr. Rene' Yoesel, Director of School Counseling  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Facilitator: DESE

Join this open discussion session to ask DESE questions on what you need to know for your building. The session will be driven by your questions on ICAP, CTE, any new changes in course requirements, or other topics you would like to have more information about.

**10:00-10:50            Post-Secondary Roundtable**

Lora Warner, Employment Specialist  
Jefferson College

Facilitator: Lora Warner

This session will allow post secondary staff to discuss best practices, challenges, technology, trends, and other issues.

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**11:00 – 11:50**

**Closing Session**