We are Agents of Change! Texas Workforce Solutions, made up of the Texas Workforce Commission, the 28 Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards), and statewide, regional, and community partners, constantly transforms approaches to bring about change, which results in unmatched job-related training and assistance that affects Texas employers and workers. The 2019 conference, cohosted with the Texas chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals, serves as the hub for information exchange, groundbreaking concepts, and state-of-the-art methods that affect the entire state. Join us in Grapevine at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center for the 23rd Annual Texas Workforce Conference, as we present an information-filled conference that will reinforce our strength of partnerships, because we are Agents of Change!

AGENDA

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

4:00 p.m.
Early Registration

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

7:30 a.m.
Conference Registration

1:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremony and Welcome

2:00 p.m.
Adult Education and Literacy Performance Quality Improvement Awards and Partnership Awards

2:45 p.m.
Break

3:15 p.m.
Keynote Address
The Hero Effect®—Being Your Best When It Matters the Most!

4:30 p.m.
Board Awards and Performance Incentive Awards

6:00 p.m.
Awards Reception and Exhibitor Displays
Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:30 a.m.
Conference Registration

8:00 a.m.
Morning Refreshments

8:00 a.m.
Exhibitor Hours

9:00 a.m.
Super Session
  • Holding On To Texas’ Award-Winning Streak

Workshops
  • Tools, Techniques, and Technologies for Creating Inclusive Workplaces
  • Aspiring Workforce Leaders—An Inside Job!
  • Take Advantage of the New Perkins Act to Deepen Partnerships and Improve Alignment with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
  • Promising Practices in Youth Services and Partnerships from TWC’s Foster Youth Conferences
  • Discover How Education Outreach Training-of-Trainer Sessions Can Help You
  • New Board Member Orientation

10:15 a.m.
Break

10:30 a.m.
Super Session
  • Agents of Change: Highlighting Game Changers

Workshops
  • Work Ethic: The Building Blocks for the 21st-Century Workforce
  • TXR3: Combining Early Childhood Data Systems to Support School Readiness
  • Austin’s Lessons on Upskilling Entry-Level Workers
  • Bridges from School to Work: 30 Years of Practice and Perspective
  • Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act: Introduction to Reasonable Accommodations, Diversity, and Inclusion
  • Open Meetings Training for Public Officials

11:45 a.m.
Break

12:00 p.m.
Employer Awards Luncheon

1:30 p.m.
Break

1:45 p.m.
Super Session
  • Game-Changing Initiatives for Our Future Workforce
Workshops
- Seven Secrets to Become the Leader You Never Thought You Could Be
- Businesses Helping Build a Health Care Talent Pipeline
- Transition Programs: Best Practices and Lessons Learned
- Business Services 6.0: The Business Development Model for Maximized Employer and Community Partner Engagement
- Not Your Grandfather’s Strategic Plan
- US Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service Audit Lessons Learned

3:00 p.m.
Break

3:30 p.m.
Workshops
- WIOA Out-of-School Youth Staff Motivation and Consulting
- High-Leverage Strategies to Speed the Development of College and Career Pathways for Underskilled Workers
- Child Care: No Small Matter in Texas
- The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow
- Successfully Connecting Workforce, Economic Development, and Education
- What’s New with Apprenticeship?
- Take Your Facebook Page to the Next Level
- Games and Tools That Will Change the Way You Work

5:15 p.m.
Exhibitor Networking Reception

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

7:30 a.m.
Morning Refreshments

Exhibitor Hours
7:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.
Workshops
- Changing Minds and Changing Lives with Disability Solutions
- Addressing Opportunity Youth in Houston and Southeast Texas
- How to Become a Leader of Influence

Closing Keynote Address
10:00 a.m.
The Bucket-List Life: Create More Experiences, Share More Stories, and Live More Fulfilled!

11:15 a.m.
Texas Rising Star Child Care Awards
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The Commissioners may attend events together or individually throughout the conference. The Commissioners may participate in conference related activities including activities necessary to coordinate speakers, events, workshops, exhibitors and related activities in conjunction with the federal, state, and local workforce partners at the conference.