

**21th Annual Texas Workforce Conference**  
**Cohosted with the Texas Chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals**  
**Together We Make Texas Stronger**  
**November 29 – December 1, 2017**  
**Sheraton Dallas Hotel**  
**Dallas, Texas**

Together We Make Texas Stronger — Texas Workforce Solutions! Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards), workforce and vocational rehabilitation partners, and educational partners stand ready to fulfill the needs of both employers and job seekers. Texas Workforce Solutions supports Texas communities in the development and facilitation of state-of-the-art programming that enhances the potential for success of businesses and job seekers. Join us in Dallas at the Sheraton Downtown for the 21st Annual Texas Workforce Conference, co-hosted with the Texas Chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals, as we present an information-filled conference that will reinforce our strength of partnerships, because Together We Make Texas Stronger!

The united strength of Texas Workforce Solutions and partners is what stimulates the Texas workforce system to work hard throughout the state and ensure impactful programs for businesses and job seekers. The conference supports this by offering conference goers the chance to hear nationally renowned speakers, attend informative workshops, and enjoy numerous networking opportunities that will enhance the knowledge and relationship base of all those who inspire the notion – Together We Make Texas Stronger. The conference gives employers, Boards, economic development professionals, educators, federal partners, and partners from other states the chance to learn about workforce issues that affect us locally, statewide, and nationally.

**AGENDA**

**Monday, November 27, 2017**

3:00 p.m.  
Pre-Conference Training Registration

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

7:30 a.m.  
Pre-Conference Training Registration

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

7:30 a.m.  
Conference Registration

1:00 p.m.  
Opening Ceremony and Welcome

2:00 p.m.  
Adult Education and Literacy Awards

## Partnership Awards

3:00 p.m.  
Break

3:30 p.m.  
Keynote Address  
No Excuses!

4:45 p.m.  
Board Performance Awards

6:00 p.m.  
Awards Reception and Exhibitor Displays

## **Thursday, November 30, 2017**

7:30 p.m.  
Conference Registration

8:00 a.m.  
Morning Refreshments

8:00 a.m.  
Exhibitor Hours

9:00 a.m.  
Super Session

- Heart-Centered Leadership: Lead Well, Live Well

### Workshops

- Customer Solutions Using Career Navigators
- Disclosing Disability: Considerations for Employment Success
- Registered Apprenticeship: Structured for Success
- The Department of the Army's Investment in Preparing Soldiers for Transition to the Texas Workforce System
- Human Trafficking: Texas Workforce System Helping Victims
- New Board Member Orientation

10:15 a.m.  
Break

10:30 a.m.  
Super Session

- Future Work/Technology 2050 Global Scenarios and Implications for Today

### Workshops

- Innovative Student Transition Programs
- LMCI Tools for Success
- How to Conduct a Rapid Process Improvement Project
- Successful Partnerships Create Winning Project Development

- Foster Youth Dropout Prevention and Recovery: Pilot Program Updates
- 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

- Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy: Together We Can Build the World

Workshops

- Improving Your Workforce Solutions Office's Workshops and Orientations: Tips and Tactics for Promotion and Delivery
- Prekindergarten Child Care Partnership Grants
- Diversity and Inclusion in Today's Business
- Building a Crosswalk of Support: Adult Education and Literacy and Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Update on Texas Operation Welcome Home
- Tools and Resources for Serving Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

Workshops

- Making the Customer Connection: Quality Referrals for Quality Services
- Moving beyond Veteran Friendly to Veteran Ready!
- Mental Health Conditions in the Workplace
- Using Research-Based Content with Integrated Data for High-Quality Child Care
- How to Engage Banks in Workforce Development
- Labor Market Trends and Education Plans
- Digital Accessibility Legal Update

5:15 p.m.

Exhibitor Networking Reception

### **Friday, December 1, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

Morning Refreshments

7:30 a.m.

Exhibitor Hours

8:30 a.m.

Workshops

- Lessons Learned from Summer Earn and Learn
- Building Partnerships: Integrating Organizational Cultures for Integrated Service Delivery
- Adult Education and Literacy Service Integration with Community Colleges

10:00 a.m.

Closing and Keynote Address

Harnessing Your Power to Create Change

WIOA Exemplary Performance Recognition Awards

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.