

Arkansas Opportunity to Learn SUMMIT

The Arkansas Opportunity to Learn (OTL) Campaign is a coalition of statewide organizations, community leaders, parents, students, educators, policy-makers and others who are committed to public education in Arkansas and dedicated to ensuring its viability.

Tentative Agenda

THURSDAY, NOV. 29th

6 pm Dinner & Dialogue for State OTL Leaders (*by invitation only*)

FRIDAY, NOV. 30th

8:30 Summit registration opens

9 am ARC Organizing Training on Racial Justice (*by invitation only*)

4pm Welcome & Purpose

- Richard Hutchinson

4:15 Introductions with a Purpose

- Bernadette Devone

5 pm Panel – “No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Waiver: What This Means for Arkansas”

- Takema Robinson
- John Hoy or Laura Bednar (Asst. Commissioner, ADE)
- Jerri Derlikowski?

6 pm Dinner and Speaker

- Sherece Y. West

7pm Town Hall – “Poverty Funding & Opportunities for Progress”

- Bill Kopsky - facilitator
- Rich Huddleston
- Gloria Majors (possible conflict with 3A football game)
- Senator Johnny Key?

8pm Next Steps & Adjourn

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

7am Registration opens

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Welcome & Purpose of Summit

- Regina Von Tungeln

Youth Writing Contest Winners – “Why an Opportunity to Learn is Important to Me”

8:45 Overview of Arkansas OTL Campaign

- Bill Kopsky

9:00 Panel Discussion – “Empowering Parents for Student Achievement”

- Facilitator – Lavina Grandon
- Dr. Mallette from ADE
- Latino parent (Margarita identifying)
- RCA parent (Lavina identifying)
- Fannie Fields

9:45 Break

10:00 Concurrent Workshops – Exploring the OTL Priority Issues:

1. Discipline

- Facilitator – Kim Reeve
- Jerri Derlikowski
- Tina Dove
- David Saarnio, ASU Positive Behavior Intervention Specialist
- Linda Walker? (Ashdown New Traditions School)

2. Special Education

- Facilitator – Vera Austin

- Latanya Fanion
 - Disability Rights Center representative
 - Regina Von Tungeln
3. Afterschool & Summer Programs
- Facilitator – Laveta Wills-Hale
 - Laveta is still identifying her folks
 - Ermer Jean Preston
4. Arkansas DREAM Act
- Juan Mendez – Facilitator
 - AR Dreamer rep
 - Rosa identifying others
- 10:45 Panel Discussion – “Collaborating with Educators, School Board Members, & the Community to Ensure Opportunities to Learn”**
- Richard Hutchinson – facilitator (confirmed)
 - Angela Sewall (trying to rearrange her schedule)
 - Local teacher – Lillie Miller from Marvell
 - Local school board member – Pat Blake from Prescott
 - Administrator – Connie Whitfield (Arkansas School Boards’ Study Circles)
- 11:30 Lunch & Entertainment**
- 12:00 Panel Discussion – Post-Election Political Landscape**
- Bill Kopsky – Facilitator
 - Jay Barth
 - Senator Joyce Elliot
 - Mireya Reith
 - Susana O’Daniel?
- 12:45 Open Discussion**
- Facilitator?
- 1:45 Break**
- 2pm Concurrent Workshops – Exploring the OTL Priority Issues:**
1. Expanding Access to PreK
 2. Campaign for Grade Level Reading
 - Facilitator – Angela Duran
 - Jerri Derlikowski
 3. Parent, Student, Community & School Partnerships
 - Geraldine Mallette (ADE) – facilitator
 - Keturah Rucker
 - Evelyn Thomas
 - RCA parent (Lavina)
 4. Teacher & Administrator Preparation and Development
 - Richard Hutchinson – facilitator
 - Alyce Love
 - Kathy Pillow-Price (Richard)
- 2:45 Break**
- 3:00 Panel Discussion – “Developing the Next Generation of Youth Leadership”**
- Facilitator – Brittney Banks
 - Jazzmin Nash
 - RCA youth
 - Lio Ibarra
 - CAR youth
- 3:45 Open Discussion**
- Facilitator?
- 4:45 Next Steps & Adjourn**