

Apprenticeship in

<u>Arkansas</u>

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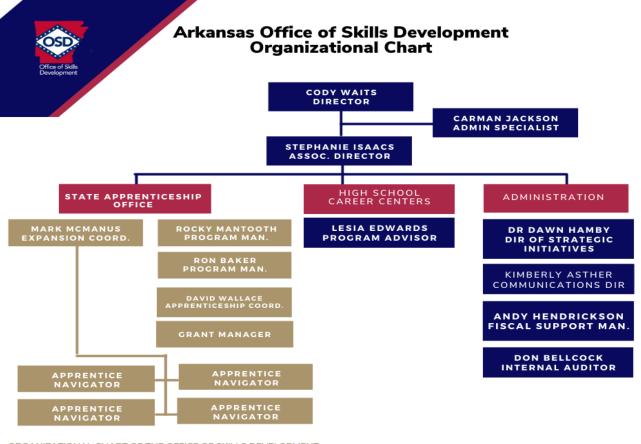
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Apprenticeship In Arkansas

- **Apprenticeship Laws in Arkansas**
 - Act 1079, 2019 OSD named Comprehensive Apprenticeship Office
 - Act 1047, 2019 Expanded Apprenticeship Tax Credit
 - Act 647, 2021 Revised State Apprenticeship Committee, Required to submit list of employers, ability to use CT Fund for Secondary Education Programs at Career Centers
 - Act 811, 2021 Earn & Learn Act (R&D from Alabama)
- Annual Operating Budget = \$2,845,886
 - Grants and Aid = \$1,611,456
 - Operating Ex = \$434,430
 - Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund = \$800,000

State Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee

- 8-member council
- Meet Monthly
- Hybrid Committee with oversight of rulemaking











Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee

				Jan Barris	
Current Member	Sex	City/County	District	Expires	Qualifications
Andrew Aleshire	М	Mena (Polk)	4	12/01/22	Aleshire Electric
1235 Polk 74					
Mena, AR 71953					Representing Employers of Members
Tele: 479-234-3041					
Bill Roachell	М	Conway (Faulkner)	2	12/01/22	Associated Builders & Contractors of Arkansas
3119 Windcrest Drive					
Conway, AR 72034					Representing Employers of Members
Tele: 517-7577					
Kathy Fulks	F	Perryville (Perry)	2	12/01/24	Arkansas Construction Education Foundation
3047 Hwy 60 West					
Perryville, AR 72126					Representing minority & female workforce
501-231-5579					
Nanci Caillouet	F	Ft. Smith (Sebastian)		12/01/22	Fort Smith Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training
2612 S Street					
Fort Smith, AR 72901					Representing minority & female workforce
Tele: 479-420-0764					
Karen Breashears	F	Arkadelphia (Clark)	4	12/01/22	National Apprenticeship Training Foundation
325 Melugin Road					
Arkadelphia, AR 71923					Teach or immediately supervise preparatory
870-403-1614					instruction supplementary or related courses
Office: 870-246-0320					
Kelly Sharp	М	Farmington (Washington)	3	12/01/22	NWA Plumbing School, UA Facility Mainenance
284 Greenfield Avenue					Teach or immediately supervise preparatory
Farmington, AR 72730					instruction, supplementary or related courses
Tele:					
David Stephens	М	Greenbrier (Faulkner)	2	12/01/22	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
209 Wolf Branch Road					
Greenbrier, AR 72058					Representing bargaining agents for members
Tele: 501-581-7108					

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Office of Skills Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee

- **One Member Representing Employer Organizations**
- One Member Representing Unions or Bargaining Agents
- One Member Representing the Minority or Female Workforce
- Two Members Supervising RTI Providers

Development

- Three Members who Represent Employers
- One Member who Represents Career & Technical Education
- One Member Representing Institutions of Higher Education
- One Member Representing the WIOA system
- One Members Representing the OSD-OA

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Apprenticeship Expansion in Arkansas

of Active Apprentices



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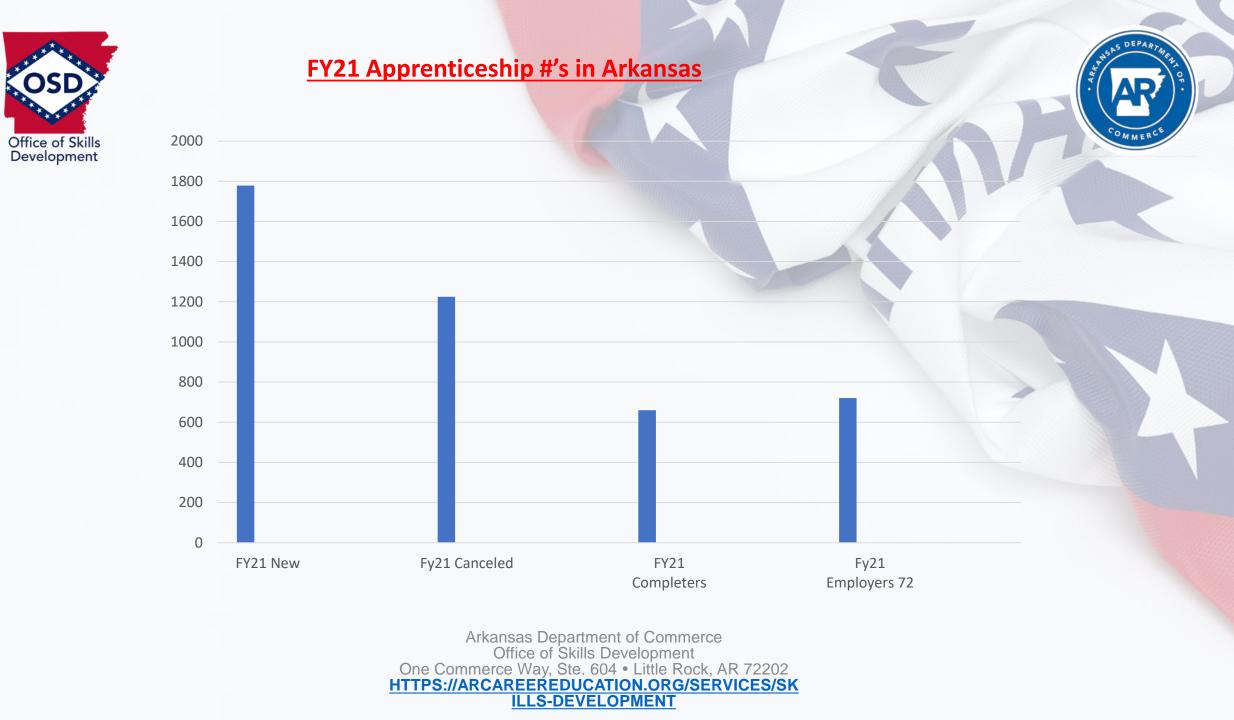


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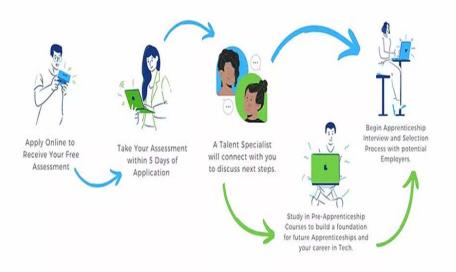
Certified Pre-Apprenticeships



Future Fit Schools



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Strategic Goals for Arkansas Apprenticeship

- Establish a pre/youth apprenticeship program in 1/3rd of the Secondary Career Centers in Arkansas by FY23.
- Draft more specific language around certified pre-apprenticeships
- Hire apprenticeship navigators to assist with expansion of apprenticeship
 - Community Colleges
 - Local Workforce Boards
- Office of Apprenticeship \rightarrow State Apprenticeship Agency



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- Data Integrity
 - Accuracy of data in RAPIDS
 - Registration & Deregistration of Programs
 - Program approval w/o comms to state office
 - Inability to cancel programs that are not active
 - Program w/ unknown employer partners
- <u>Monitoring/Reporting/Compliance</u>
 - Wage Progressions Rates
 - EEO & AAP
 - Lack of Info from USDOL to employers



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- Integration of Apprenticeship into Arkansas Workforce System
 - Inefficiencies created w/ USDOL-OA
 - More efficient process w/state staff
 - Lack of communication
 - Programs brought by OSD
 - Programs brought by OA
 - Involvement of IHEs and LWDBs w/ apprenticeship navigators
 - Technical Assistance offerings
- Personnel
 - Current staff would be transitioned into apprenticeship roles
 - Federal Investments in apprenticeship Increasing
 - ARPA funding

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- Unknown Information
 - Long-term personnel support from USDOL-OA
 - # of employers engaged in apprenticeship
 - Act 647
 - Access to information
- USDOL-OA
 - Neutral on states decision to run state system vs. OA system
 - Actively working with Tennessee & Colorado



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- <u>Myth-Busters</u>
 - State wants to run its own apprentice programs
 - Impacts licensure and reciprocity agreements
 - Disallows work on Davis Bacon Projects
 - National Credential is no longer recognized nationally
 - Cost to programs switching from OA → SAA
 - Move away from Program Sponsors in Construction Trades



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