

Outline of Workgroup Reports

Workgroup areas: (1) education and workforce development, (2) community/economic development and citizen engagement, (3) individual economic/work supports and income security, (4) tax policy, and (5) health.

For each workgroup area, answer the following questions:

1. What is Arkansas Currently doing to mitigate poverty and promote economic opportunity? Include an inventory of existing state programs, state policies, and activities of state agencies, the populations being served, how much is being spent, and their impact on reducing poverty and promoting economic opportunity.
2. What are the biggest barriers to success or obstacles that need to be overcome to make progress in this area?
3. What are the best practices and exemplary programs, both within Arkansas and in other states?
4. What are the gaps in services, programs, and populations being served?
5. What are the 3-6 most important or most effective things we can do in this area, e.g. our 3-6 most important recommendations? Include in this discussion a rationale, time horizon, and projected cost for each recommendation. As part of your recommendations, don't forget to consider "low hanging fruit," things more short term in nature but that could have the biggest bang for the buck.
6. How will we know if we are making progress in this area? What should be our benchmarks for success, including timeframes?

Format of Workgroup reports - as long as the information is there, bullets are acceptable