



Workforce Strategies for a Thriving Region: Healthcare

September 24 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Collaborative in Bentonville

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Networking, Check In, & Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Tara Dryer of the University of Arkansas</i>• <i>Dr. Chett Daniel of Crowder College</i>
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	AI and the Healthcare Workforce: What Does the Data Tell Us? <p><i>Nicole Summers-Gabr of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis</i></p>
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	The State of Healthcare Workforce Panel <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Matuschka Lindo Briggs of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis</i> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Richard Schooler of Kansas City University</i>• <i>Jeremy Drinkwitz of Mercy Joplin Communities</i>• <i>Dr. Pearl McElfish of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</i>• <i>Stefanie Pawluk of the NWA Council</i>• <i>Dr. Sarah Bemis of the Heartland Whole Health Institute</i>
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Spotlights in Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Edie Stewart of Goodwill Arkansas</i>• <i>Carol Moralez of UpSkill NWA</i>
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Group Work: Identifying Gaps and Current Resources
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Networking