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ACE Expo at Phoenix Center Will Offer Career Education Info, Job Fair

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) is hosting a career education expo and job fair Tuesday, September 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Expo Trade and Event Center in Ft. Smith. The address is 4600 Towson Avenue, Ft. Smith, AR, 72901. The public is invited, and free hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Staff members from each of ACE's three divisions – Career and Technical Education, Adult Education, and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – will help area residents learn more about the agency's services in order to improve their employment outlook. For job seekers, local employers will be at the expo ready to accept applications. The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services will have its mobile unit on site, which provides free computer and internet access to those seeking jobs.

The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division will provide assistance and information to people with disabilities seeking academic and vocational training, vocational counseling, job placement, workplace accommodations, or guidance in transitioning from high school to further education. There will also be information about assistive technology devices to aid individuals with disabilities at home, school, or work.

Career and Technical Education representatives will offer information on the Arkansas Works program and apprenticeship programs, as well as career and technical education programs in high schools.

Adult Education staff will provide information to adults who want to pursue a General Educational Development (GED) diploma and to those who are unemployed or underemployed and wish to improve their employability skills. Information on English as a Second Language classes and civics education classes to prepare for the U.S. citizenship test will also be available.

Related organizations will also have booths: the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities, the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission, Supported Housing Network, Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Arkansas Career Training Institute.

"This event will give citizens in the Ft. Smith area an opportunity to learn firsthand about services offered by the Arkansas Department of Career Education. Our programs can help them reach their education and career goals, as well their quality-of-life and independent living goals," said ACE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr. "This is the seventh time our agency has held this kind of community expo. It's been extremely successful in connecting people to our services, which in turn gives them some important keys to success." For more information and a downloadable flyer about this event, please visit the News and Events area of the agency's website: <http://ace.arkansas.gov>.

The Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) has the mission of providing leadership and contributing resources to serve the diverse and changing career educational needs of Arkansas youth, adults, and persons living with disabilities.