

2025 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference

Feb. 19-21, 2025

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center | Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Agenda

Feb. 19, 2025

- 10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. **Pre-Conference Training** – Optional Technical Assistance Guide training for local Construction Committee members.
- 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. **Early Registration**
- 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **Welcome Reception**

Feb. 20, 2025

- 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. **Registration**
- 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. **Coffee & Networking**
- 8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **Opening Ceremony**
Welcome
Keynote Speaker: Brad Gingras
Leadership Trainer and Speaker, [Superior Strategies](#)
- 10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. **Break**
- 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. **Concurrent Workshops I**
 - Youth Apprenticeship for All: Promising Practices from the Field on Serving all Eligible Youth
 - Youth Apprenticeship Employer Recruitment: No Apprenticeship Without the Job
 - Degrees, Credentials and Licenses in Healthcare Apprenticeships
 - Mentoring 101 in Registered Apprenticeship
 - Discrimination and Harassment Training
- 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **Lunch**

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1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

Concurrent Workshops II

- How Apprenticeship Programs Can Leverage the GI Bill
- Attract, Support and Retain Apprentices from Diverse Communities
- Steering the Course: Utilizing a Steering Committee in Your Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Youth Apprenticeship Student Recruitment and Career and Employer Matching
- Bridging the Gap: Youth Apprenticeship to Registered Apprenticeship

2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Break

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Concurrent Workshops III

- Workplace Safety and Youth
- Diversity and Affirmative Action Success in Apprenticeship
- Wisconsin Technical College System Degree-Aligned Apprenticeships
- Youth Apprenticeship Related Instruction: Ensuring it's Related and Valuable

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Break

3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

General Session: Dennis Winters
Chief Economist, Labor Market Information Director,
& Director, Bureau of Workforce Information and
Technical Support, Wisconsin Department of
Workforce Development

Hall of Fame Banquet (optional)

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Reception

6:30 P.M. Dinner and Program

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7:00 A.M. – 8:00A.M. **Breakfast**

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. **Concurrent Workshops IV**

- Best Practices for Establishing Registered Apprenticeship in Non-Traditional Occupations
- Technical College Student Services Available to Apprentices
- Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Regulations in Apprenticeship
- Youth Labor Market Information: Tools to Use Today

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9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **Concurrent Workshops V**

- Disability Accommodation Resources with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Pipeline Building through Certified Pre-Apprenticeship
- Youth Apprenticeship and Military Service: Resources and Credit
- Youth Apprenticeship Program Monitoring to Compliance and Beyond
- Apprenticeship and Post-Secondary Alignment (national level)

10:15 A.M. – 10:30A.M. **Break**

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M **General Session:** Speakers to come

11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. **Wrap-Up and Thank You**