



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Job and Workforce Development Workgroup Minutes
June 24, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
via Zoom

Meeting Objective: Determine scope of information required to identify gaps in services of local workforce development/workplace readiness programs.

Attendees: Lisa Driskel-Hawxby, facilitator (REDI), Austin DeHaven (City of Columbia), Brooke Eskridge (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Lisa Buxman (Love Columbia), D’Andre Thompson (City of Columbia), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome
 - a. Enola opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.
2. Follow up from last meeting
 - a. Gina Jenkins and Lisa Driskel-Hawxby provided a review of the discussion from the previous workgroup meeting. Based on the feedback received from employers the workgroup shifted to coordinating existing efforts rather than creating new programs starting with gathering a list of shared resources.
3. Workgroup collaboration
 - a. The workgroup spent time in the shared spreadsheet adding additional context to their individual workplace readiness/workforce development programs. Additionally, members identified opportunities for outreach to other partners. Drafts of language for outreach can be found on the “Outreach” tab of the shared spreadsheet. Workgroup members not in attendance are encouraged to review their programs, adding additional information identified in the spreadsheet.
4. Summer meeting schedule
 - a. The workgroup will meet virtually July and August from 3:00pm – 4:00pm to continue working on the shared resource list during the meetings.
5. Partner Updates
 - a. Lisa Driskel-Hawxby shared that REDI has hired their new Vice President, Kaylee Paffrath will start on Monday, June 29.
 - b. Workgroup members with partner updates can add their updates to the shared document “Partner Updates” tab. Those updates will be included in the next workgroup email.
6. Next Steps
7. Closing
 - a. The meeting closed with a reminder to invite additional partners who work with jobseekers and employers to future meetings.

Next Workgroup Meeting: July 22, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:00pm via Zoom

Next All Workgroup Meeting: July 29, 2026, 4:30pm – 6:00 pm Boone Electric Community Building