

2025 NE Kentucky Regional Workforce Conference

Day 1

7:30AM	Registration Begins
7:30AM to 8:30AM	Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by
8:30AM	Presidents Welcome, Jason Slone
8:40AM	Welcome Message by Mayor, Laura White-Brown
9:00AM	The Data Driven Leader: Harnessing People Analytics to Shape Culture and Drive Engagement Mark Storrs, CMI Consulting, Inc.
9:45AM	A Message from our Signature Sponsor: Kentucky Career Center - TENCO
9:55AM	Strengthening Appalachian Communities: Remote Talent Attraction and Economic Revival. Latasha Friend, Shaping Our Appalachian Region Erin Winkler, Shaping Our Appalachian Region
10:40AM	Kentucky Chamber Foundation: Disability Academy Ryan Bowman, KY Chamber of Commerce
11:00AM	A Message from our Sponsors: CMI Consulting, Inc.
11:15AM	Hiring for Success: The Business Case for Hiring Individuals with Disabilities. (Panel) Johnny Collett, University of Kentucky Human Development Institute. Katie Whaley, University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute Jason P. Jones, University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute Christina Espinosa, University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute

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12:00PM	Lunch: A Word from our Sponsor
12:30PM (60-Minute)	Keynote: Voice, Value, Vision: The Keys to Positive, Transformative Leadership. Beth Keller, CMI Consulting, Inc.
1:30PM	Talent Acquisition Strategies Heather Stevenson, KY Rural Water Association
2:15PM	A Message from our Sponsors:
2:25PM	Beyond Reviews: A Roadmap to Performance Management and Talent Acquisition Sam Stapleton, SPHR, Morehead State University. John Musgrave, Morehead State University
3:10PM	Closing Statement of Day 1: Jason Slone, Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce

Day 2

7:30AM	Registration Open
7:30AM to 8:30AM	Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by:
8:30AM	Presidents Welcome, Jason Slone
8:40AM	Thriving In the Virtual Era: Understanding Workforce Differences and Building Engagement Strategies. Mark Storrs, CMI Consulting, Inc. Beth Keller, CMI Consulting, Inc.
9:25AM	A Message from Our Sponsors:

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9:35AM	Supporting Inclusive Workplace Mental Health Practices Kristen Dahl, University of Kentucky Human Development Institute
10:20AM	The Evolving Workforce: A Roundtable Discussion With local and regional Human Resource Professionals
11:05AM	A Word from Our Sponsors:
11:15AM	The AI Workforce: Challenges and Opportunities for Human Resources John Nash, University of Kentucky
12:00PM	Lunch: A Word from Our Sponsor:
12:30PM	The Great Detachment: Understanding Modern Workplace Trends Leslie Jarvis, CMI Consulting, Inc.
1:30PM	A Word from Our Sponsors:
1:40PM	Talent 2030: Building the Workforce for Tomorrow. Sam Keathley, KY Center for Workforce Statistics Denise Dials, TENCO Workforce Development Board Desarae Perry, Maysville Community Technical College Robin Harris, Ashland Community and Technical College Dr. Jonathan Nelson, Morehead State University
2:25PM	Workforce Forward: An Open Dialogue on Solutions Serenity Wright, University of Kentucky Candra Bryant, Hannah Resource Group
3:10PM	Closing Statement of Conference: Jason Slone, Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce