

Western Oklahoma Regional Planning Organization

Governor's Council for Economic and Workforce Development

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Western Oklahoma Facts

- **33 Counties**
- **33, 153 Square Miles**
- **Population - 741,680 (April 2016)**
- **3 Military Bases (Ft. Sill, Altus AFB & Vance AFB)**

Four Year Outlook

- **Reduce Overhead Costs**
- **Focus on Regional Training Strategy (Healthcare)**
- **Capitalize on Infrastructure Cost Sharing Opportunities**
- **Regional Career Pathways methodology**
- **Western Oklahoma's Bright Future**

Reduce Overhead Costs

- **Establish a Viable Business Model for Operations**
- **Market Fiscal Agency Costs**
- **Market Employee Management & Accounting Costs**
- **Market Service Provider Costs**
- **Governor's 40% Goal for Training**
- **Share Expenses with Partner Agencies***

Regional Training Strategies

- **Focus on the Healthcare Complementary System**
- **Apply Career Pathways Methodology to Programs**
- **Reduce Non-Focused Training options**
- **Mandatory Self-Sufficiency Wage Baseline**

Infrastructure Cost Sharing

- **Pending State Guidance on Actual State Agency Sharing Policy**
- **Based on above, apply to Workforce Centers and Programs**
- **Cost reduction based on volume calculus**

Career Pathways

- **Infuse Career Pathways into all Formulas for Success**
- **Ensure Training / Education Sector is compliant**
- **Ensure Workforce Counselors apply to customer casework**
- **Ensure Business & Industry participation (Their Need)**
- **Ensure Customer understands the process**
- **A Philosophy, not a Program**

Western Oklahoma's Bright Future

- **Job Candidate Hubs**
- **Healthcare Apprenticeship Programs**
- **Higher Employer Engagement**
- **Ensure Access across the spectrum of services**
- **Meet or Exceed all WIOA Goals and Objective guidelines**
- **Meet or Exceed State Amendments to WIOA**

Best Practices

- **Oklahoma's First Career Pathways Pilot – Duncan, OK**
- **Careers & Cookies – Ponca City, OK**

QUESTIONS?