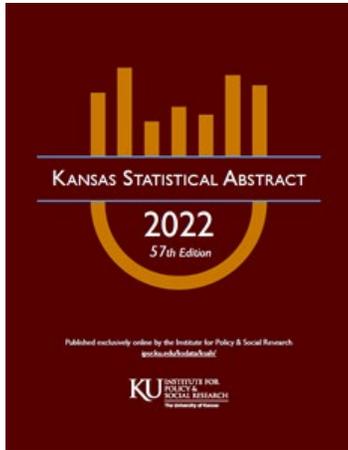




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Burge Union, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

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AGENDA

8:15 Registration Burge Union, first floor

8:45 Welcome & Introductions

Barbara A. Bichelmeier, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, The University of Kansas

9:00 Morning Keynotes

State of the Kansas Economy and the Kansas Workforce

Donna K. Ginther, Director, Institute for Policy & Social Research and Roy A. Roberts and Regents Distinguished Professor of Economics, The University of Kansas

Childcare Access and the Kansas Workforce

Misty Heggeness, Associate Researcher, Institute for Policy & Social Research and Associate Professor, School of Public Affairs & Administration, The University of Kansas

10:15 Break

10:30 Conversation: Workforce Development at State and Local Levels

Introduction

Arash Mafi, Executive Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, The University of Kansas

John Clark, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union #441, Kansas Apprenticeship Council Member

Scott Smathers, Vice President, Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents

Amanda Duncan, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Diane DeBacker, Director, Center for Certification & Competency Based Education, The University of Kansas

Moderator

Madeline Fox, News Editor, KCUR

11:25 Break

11:35 Conversation: Employer Perspectives on the Kansas Workforce

Introduction

Simon Atkinson, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas Office of Research

Sheri Gonzales, Senior Director of DEI, Evergy

Neelima Parasker, President and Chief Executive Officer, SnapIt Solutions

Kristen Walters, Vice President of Human Resources, Panasonic Energy

Moderator

Teri Finneman, Publisher, Eudora Times and Associate Professor, William Allen White School of Journalism, The University of Kansas

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Conversation: Policy for the Kansas Workforce

Introduction

Chancellor Douglas A. Girod, Chancellor, The University of Kansas

Rep. Stephanie Clayton, Kansas House District 19

Rep. Brandon Woodard, Kansas House District 30

Rep. Jesse Borjon, Kansas House District 52

Moderator

Tim Carpenter, Senior Reporter, Kansas Reflector

3:00 Closing Remarks

Donna K. Ginther, Director, Institute for Policy & Social Research and Roy A. Roberts and Regents Distinguished Professor of Economics, The University of Kansas