



## Jobs and Workforce Development Workgroup Agenda

January 22, 2025, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Boone Electric Community Building (1413 Rangeline, Columbia MO) and virtually via Zoom

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**Meeting Objective:** Continue to Plan 2025 Jobs and Workforce Development Workgroup Efforts

**Results Statement:** Boone County is a flourishing community where everyone can live, learn, and grow.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Follow up from last meeting
3. 2025 Workgroup Plan Review and Updates
4. Next Steps
5. Closing
  - a. Partner Updates
  - b. Comments and Questions

**Next Workgroup Meeting:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 1:30 – 3:00PM at Regional Economic Development Inc. (REDI) Training Room (500 E Walnut St #102, Columbia, MO 65201) or via [Zoom](#)

**Upward Mobility** is the idea that everyone deserves the chance to improve their lives and economic well-being, to be valued and feel like they belong, and to have power and autonomy. Thriving communities are those that support opportunities to boost upward mobility and aim to narrow inequities for children, youth, and adults.

**Upwardly mobile business practices** encompass holistic strategies, policies, and actions to create the conditions and pathways for advancement, skill acquisition, and livable wage employment opportunities for all--especially for those who have been historically marginalized. Upwardly mobile business practices provide employees with a sense of power, autonomy, dignity, and belonging.

Ground Rules (*Adapted from University of Michigan Guidelines for Discussing Difficult or High Stakes Topics*)

Listen respectfully. | Listen actively and with an ear to 'understanding others' views. | Commit to learning, not debating. | Comment to share information, not to persuade. | Discuss ideas. | Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language. | Avoid assumptions about any member of a social group. Do not ask individuals to speak for their (perceived) social group. | Allow everyone the chance to speak if they choose to do so.