



**Memorandum of Understanding**

between

Shorter College (SC)

and

Arkansas Department of Human Services  
Division of Youth Services

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Shorter College (SC) and Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services to create opportunities for minority and under-served students of Arkansas to receive a 21st century education through the use of technology.

**Background**

Shorter College seeks to partner with Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services to increase student access to 21st century tools and resources and help students to develop leadership abilities, life skills and to increase their highest potential.

**Purpose**

This MOU outlines how the partnership can assist Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services in closing the achievement gap while expanding the pool of college-ready students for Shorter College.

The partnership will accomplish the above goals by undertaking the following activities:

(Shorter College)

- Provide on-site recruitment
- Work with facility staff to assist in the residents attaining their education and training goals.
- Provide access to early college/dual enrollment (High School)
- Provide enhanced student support services
- Provide facility residents with the opportunity to receive education and training on site.
- Prepare students to meet the requirements for career choices
- Prepare students to become self-sufficient and economically independent
- Help students develop proper work habits

(Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services)

- To allow Shorter on site access to teach students the required courses
- Place Shorter College (EC-ICE) in its Title I Technology Plan submission

**Reporting**

Shorter College and Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services will agree on the success criteria and reporting periods for evaluation during a joint planning session.

**Funding**

This MOU is not commitment of Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services funds. Foster students will have be utilizing Pell Grants or Education & Training Vouchers (EVT) to fund their educational efforts.

**Duration**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Shorter College and Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the Shorter College and Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent (with thirty days notice).

**Modification, Entire Agreement:**

This community partnership agreement represents the entire agreement and may be modified by a written amendment signed and dated by both parties. Disputes concerning the implementation or interpretation of this agreement shall be resolved through discussion between key staff of the two parties, and shall be the sole remedy for resolutions of such disputes.

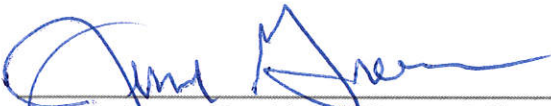
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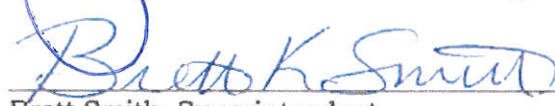
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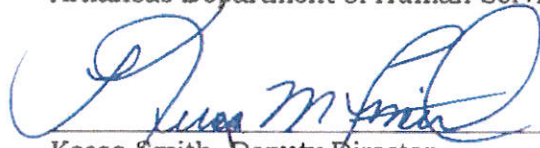
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