

Making Connections: Support Systems for Increasing Rural College Access

August 20, 2014

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- 3:15–4:00 p.m.** **Arrival and Registration**
- 4:00–4:03 p.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- *Julie Kochanek, Ph.D., REL Midwest*
- 4:03–4:08 p.m.** **Event Overview**
- *Moderator: Bob Stonehill, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research*
- 4:08–4:23 p.m.** **Discussion of the Importance of Support Systems for Increasing Rural College Access**
- *Research expert: Dr. Hobart Harmon*
 - *State expert: Mr. Jerry Fiene*
 - *State expert: Ms. Sharon Wendt*
 - *Local practitioner: Ms. Dawn Nordine*
- 4:23–4:38 p.m.** **Discussion of the State and Local of Support Systems for Increasing Rural College Access Across the Nation**
- *Research expert: Dr. Hobart Harmon*
 - *State expert: Mr. Jerry Fiene*
 - *State expert: Ms. Sharon Wendt*
 - *Local practitioner: Ms. Dawn Nordine*
- 4:38–4:53 p.m.** **Discussion of Next Steps in Improving Support Systems for Increasing Rural College Access**
- *Research expert: Dr. Hobart Harmon*
 - *State expert: Mr. Jerry Fiene*
 - *State expert: Ms. Sharon Wendt*
 - *Local practitioner: Ms. Dawn Nordine*
- 4:53–4:55 p.m.** **Concluding Remarks**
- *Julie Kochanek, Ph.D., REL Midwest*
- 5:00–6:00 p.m.** **Mix and Mingle With Panel Members**