



**Southwest DARS EPIC
Local Advisory Council Meeting
Agenda
July 16, 2024
Location: Abingdon DARS Office
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. DARS' EPIC Approach**
 - A. Building a sustainable model for employment in CIE for individuals with significant disabilities including opportunities to grow and advance in employment
 - 1. Individuals currently working in Subminimum Wage
 - 2. Individuals who were recently working or previously employed in subminimum wage who are no longer working
 - 3. Students who are at risk of entering non-integrated settings
- III. Community Academy Planning**
 - A. Tentative Date: October 8, 2024
 - B. Tentative Location: Wytheville Meeting Center
 - C. Attendees – who was not there last Dec. who should be?
- IV. Local Area Organization Training Needs Discussion**
 - A. Topics
 - B. Format/Structure
- V. SSA Benefits Myth-Busting**

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