



## **Agenda**

Southwest District Advisory Council Meeting  
VA DARS – Real Pay for Real Jobs: EPIC Approach  
DRS Wytheville Office, Carroll Hall, Suite 233  
1000 East Main Street  
Wytheville, VA 24382  
Tuesday October 17, 2023  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Overview of VA DARS EPIC Approach**

- Understanding the goals of EPIC the approach
  - Education
  - Partnership
  - Individualized Services
  - Capacity-Building

#### **Adapted Community-Based Participatory Framework**

- Role of the Advisory Council
- Expert Panels - Feedback from EPIC Population
  - Community Conversation or Town Hall Model

#### **Group Discussion**

- Challenges and Opportunities in working with targeted EPIC population(s)
  - What support and/or professional development would your program/agency benefit from in order to feel more prepared in supporting the EPIC population?
- Current status of partnership(s)
  - How is it working? What works? What does not work?
  - What would enhance current partnership(s)?
  - Who else should be at the table? Is anyone missing?

#### **Moving forward**



- Establish meeting schedule
- Identify initial professional development needs and priorities
  - Community Academy
- Strengthening existing partnerships and developing new ones