



**Agenda**  
**Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs**  
**2024 AFOP Leadership Conference**  
**January 30 - 31, 2024**  
**Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans Hotel**  
**New Orleans, LA**

(All events in the Astor Ballroom unless indicated)

**Tuesday, January 30**

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| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Board of Directors Meeting (Astor Ballroom 1 & 2)   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Leadership & Emotional Resiliency Training for Senior Staff (Astor Ballroom 3) – Jeanne McKenna, Education and Workforce Development Director, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative (BHSSC) |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | President’s Reception (Astor Ballroom Foyer)  |

**Wednesday, January 31**

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| 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.   | Breakfast Buffet   |
| 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.   | Welcome – Steve Rietzke, Division Chief for National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Employment & Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL)   |
| 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | ETA Policy Updates – Laura Ibañez, Unit Chief for the Specialty National Programs, ETA, USDOL  |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | DHS Helps Hold Exploitative Employers Accountable – Anna Hinken, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Sheila Solaimani, Policy Advisor to the Chief and Deputy Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Break  |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | NFJP Performance and Equity Updates – Andrew Wiegand, President and Chief Executive Officer, Social Policy Research Associates (SPR)   |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Plated Lunch – “What I Hope for Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Graduates,” Cleofas Rodríguez, Jr., Executive Director, National Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Association (NMSHSA)  |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.   | Best Practices in Partnering with Your One-Stop – Nypheteria Clophus, Louisiana Region V One-Stop Operator Manager   |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | NFJP Policies & Procedures – Ronald Vargas, Federal Project Officer, ETA, USDOL, Region IV   |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.   | Break  |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   | NFJP Fiscal Policy Updates – Brian Johnston, Program Analyst, ETA, USDOL, Region IV  |
| 3:30 p.m.               | AFOP President Clevon Young Closes Training Day  |