



Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments

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Areatha Clark is the Director of Workforce Development at Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments (SLRCOG).

As the leader for the Workforce Development department, Clark is currently responsible for providing staff support services as the fiscal and administrative agent for over \$2.1 million in federal funding for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs that serves Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth. As the Director, Clark fulfills the responsibilities of Workforce Development by organizing this department and its resources in support of the County Chief Elected Officials (CEOs), Workforce Development Board, and any Contractors providing services to one or all of the above agencies and organizations. She also directly oversees bi-annual monitoring/auditing reviews of all contractual agreements implemented to provide WIOA services to ensure compliance with all federal rules and regulations. Clark supervises

staff who are directly responsible for oversight and implementation of contractual agreements and program operations for WIOA. On behalf of the Santee-Lynches COG and Workforce Development Board, she is also directly responsible for overseeing SC Works Operations in all four counties of the Santee-Lynches region.

She has served at the SLRCOG since May 1993 and has served in various capacities prior to assuming the role of Workforce Development Director seven years ago.

Clark's work experience at SLRCOG also includes programmatic and financial auditing of federal programs, provision of case management services to Adults and Dislocated Workers served in federal funded programs to assist them with career counseling and employment opportunities, and data review/reconciliation and program integrity related to the administration of federally funded programs in the Santee-Lynches region.

Additionally, Clark became the Local Equal Opportunity (EO) Officer for the Santee-Lynches Local Workforce Development Area in 2017. This position also serves as local liaison to the State WIOA EO Office. This position ensures equal opportunity and non-discrimination practices/policies are implemented for all customers served through SC Works and Youth programs operated under WIOA.

Prior to coming to Santee-Lynches Regional COG, Clark worked in the Graduate Studies Department of the University of South Carolina – Sumter for 1 year after graduating from college.

Clark is a lifetime resident of Sumter. She has one daughter and is a lifelong member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she is an Elder and advisor with the Children/Youth Ministry. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration (Finance Focus) from the University of South Carolina – Aiken, an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) (Management Focus) from Troy University, a Master of Science Degree in Management (International Business) from Troy University, and is a Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) certified.