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Professional Qualifications

Jonathan Faris joined Thomas P. Miller and Associates in 2005. Jonathan serves the TPMA team by assisting clients on a variety of projects. He utilizes policy and best practices research, data analysis, and qualitative inputs to design plans, strategies, and initiatives for workforce development, higher education, and economic development clients.

Selected Project Experience

- The WorkPlace Inc. (CT); developed a regional workforce plan for the CT-NY Talent for Growth WIRED Region (Southwestern Connecticut; Putnam County, Westchester County, and City of Yonkers in New York); organized School-to-Career Forum that brought together over 100 regional educators, employers, and community organizations to learn about national and regional best practices and discuss ways to develop and/or strengthen school-to-career programs. Metro Denver (CO); developed a sustainability model for the WIRED initiative linking education, workforce development, and economic development partners.
- Northeast Pennsylvania; completed an asset map for the Wall Street West WIRED region.
- Steuben County Economic Development Corporation, (IN); wrote county economic development strategic plan for Steuben County, Indiana.
- Greenwood County (SC); created a workforce development strategy for the Partnership Alliance for Greater Greenwood County and Economic Alliance in South Carolina.
- North Dakota Legislative Council; completed research and analysis to design workforce development policy recommendations for the State of North Dakota.
- Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board (SC): facilitated county input sessions, developed a five-year strategic plan.
- Workforce Board of Southeast Missouri; co-authored a successful \$5 million WIRED grant application for the Southeast Missouri region from the US Department of Labor.
- Alvernia College (PA); constructed report linking role of university in community development.
- Hamilton County Alliance (IN); developed initial vision and framework for collaborative higher education model on behalf of the Alliance.
- Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development (OK); coordinated input sessions with employers throughout Oklahoma, developed and deployed a statewide survey to provide recommendations on how to strengthen the state workforce system.
- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board (NC); research, analysis and facilitation of county-based input sessions to develop a State of the Workforce Report for Eastern Carolina.

Education

- Master of Public Affairs, Indiana University –Purdue University, 2006
- Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science, Indiana University, 2004