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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM
THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Department of Transformation and Shared Services (TSS) Division of Information Systems (DIS) is excited to begin releasing quarterly newsletters for our customers to provide IT upgrade and project updates, different services that DIS provides, and additional information that can benefit you and your Department.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

The theme of Cybersecurity Awareness Month this year is [Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart](#)

Below are four tips to staying Cyber Smart:

- Double your login protection. Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all accounts and devices to ensure you are the only person with access to your account.
- Shake up your password. Consider using the longest password permissible.
- Never click and tell. Limit what information you share on social media.
- Keep tabs on your apps. Your mobile device could be filled with suspicious apps running in the background you never realized were approved. These apps have potential to gather your personal information without your knowledge.

DONUTS WITH DIS

On September 23rd, DIS hosted Donuts with DIS. This was an opportunity to get technical teams from the Department of Labor and Licensing and the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism together with DIS staff to get to know one another. It is common for technical staff to only know each other by name and only communicate via phone call or email. This gave the staff a chance to meet face-to-face and interact with one another. DIS plans to host more of these events over time with all departments.





EMPOWERING ARKANSANS THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING



The ARData team at the Division of Information Systems hosted the first Data and Transparency Panel (DTP) since the reorganization occurred in the 2021 general legislative session. The panel went over the ARData initiative and how it can help better serve Arkansans and other departments.

ARData strives to use data to help make Arkansas more efficient and effective. Using data-driven decision making requires the ARData team to develop a continuous and routine problem-solving process.

One of the first projects that ARData completed was the **Economic Security Report (ESR)** that is required by law to be published and distributed to students. In coordination with the Department of Education (ADE) Division on Higher Education and the Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Services, the ARData team **put together one of the most comprehensive reports** to give students an idea of the salary range for a particular degree program, and the percentage of Arkansas **graduates who get a job** in the studied field within the state. For more information visit <https://www.ARData.arkansas.gov>.

Employee Spotlight

FRED GRIGG

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Fred is a native Arkansan and grew up in Springdale. He has been with DIS for a little over six months and Fred is the lead architect and strategist for the Data Center Modernization (DCM) project. Prior to DIS, Fred spent over twenty-six years working at Axiom where he held numerous roles in the IT landscape. In his free time, Fred enjoys playing music and volunteering for his son's Boy Scout Troup. He resides in Conway with his wife Andrea, and children, Katherine and Caleb.



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