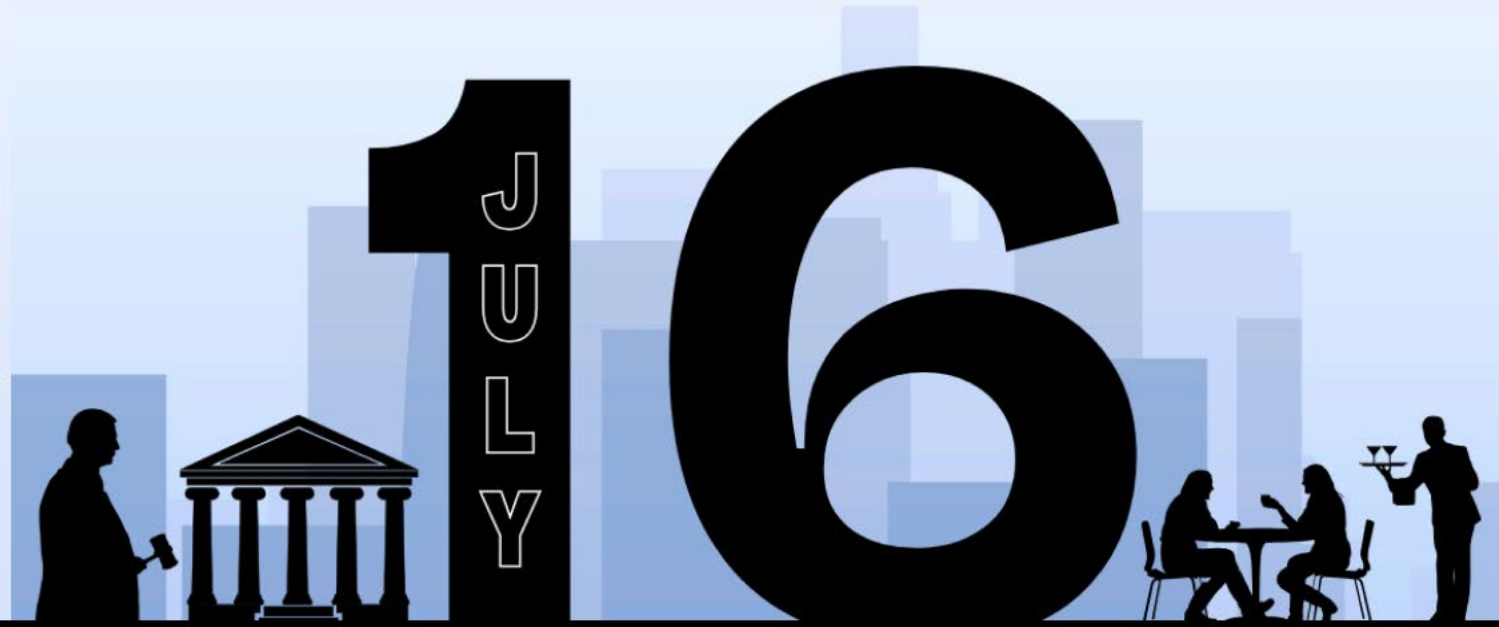


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# Attracting And Retaining Top Talent In Hospitality

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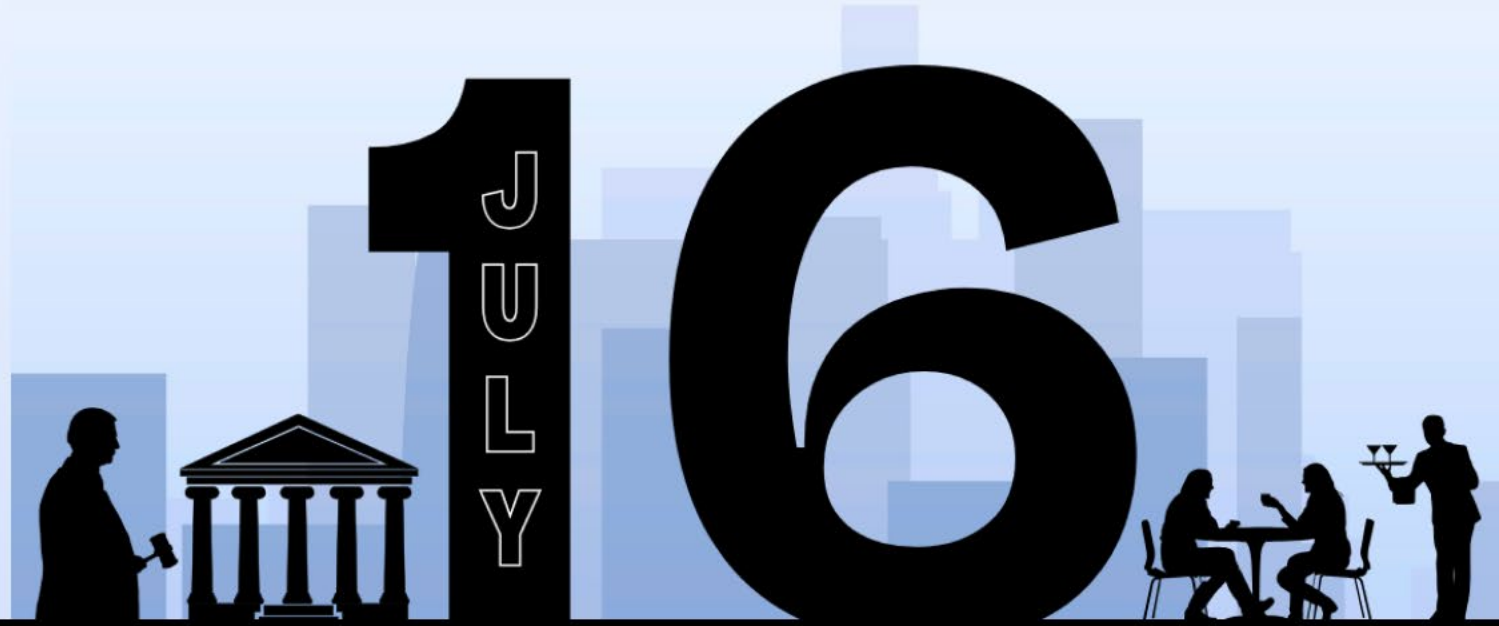
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# **Building Future-Ready Teams: Upskilling & Career Pathways in Hospitality**

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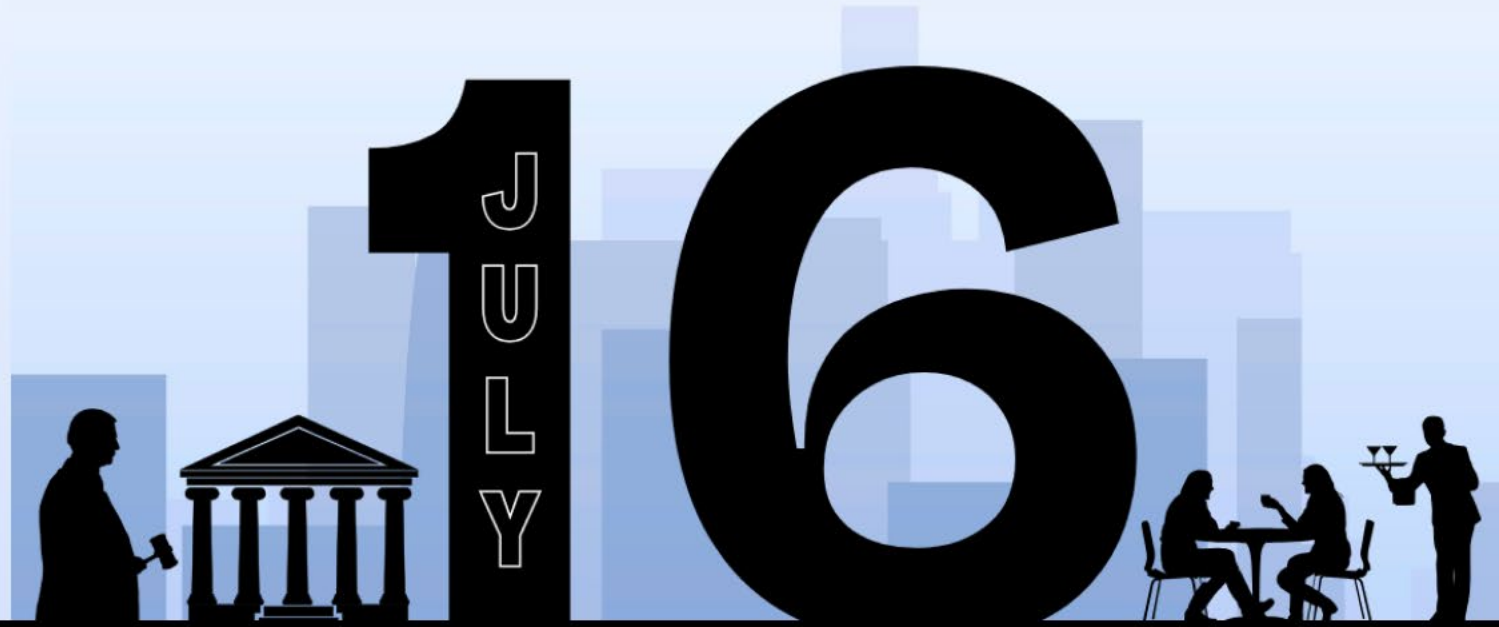
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# Breaking Down Hiring Barriers in Hospitality

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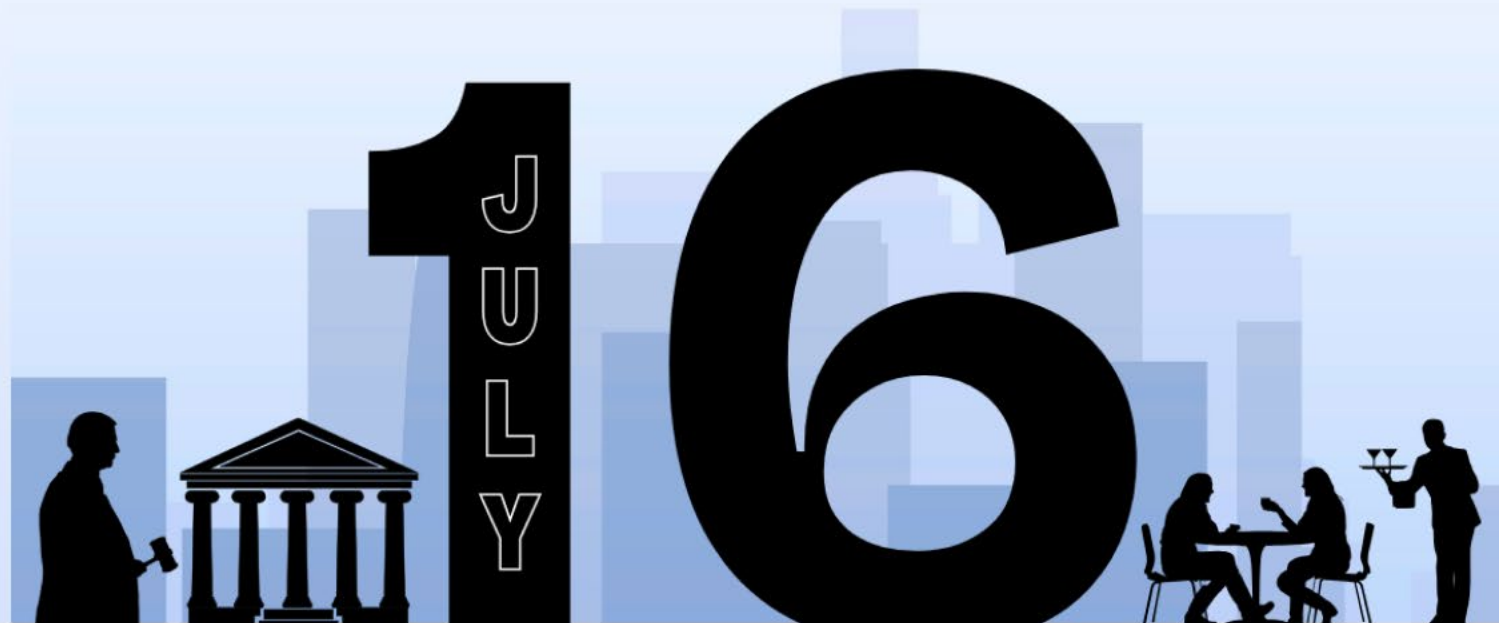
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# **Building Tennessee's Hospitality Talent Pipeline- Employer Resources and Workforce Connections**

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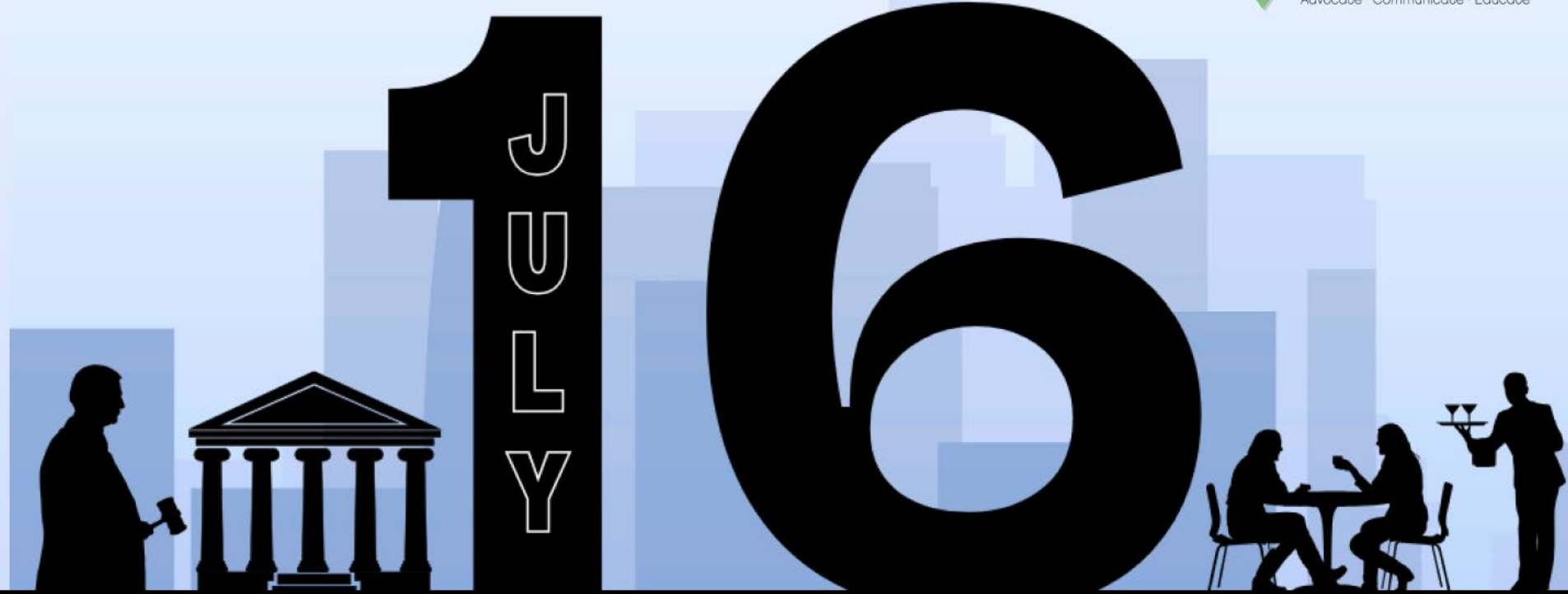
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