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Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting - 9/4/13 and 9/6/13

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
18000 International Blvd.
Sea-Tac, Washington

The PAC will review and discuss the monitoring policy framework and draft guidance on policy definitions.

WCDD will also discuss observations shared by the DOL during the recent data validation review exit conference. Included in the discussion will be future policy projects regarding data integrity and common measures.

Policy/Guidance

WCDD plans to issue guidance on Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options in the first half of September.

We've moved!

The Workforce and Career Development Division (WCDD) is relocating from its current Lacey facility to the 4th floor of the Employment Security headquarters building at 212 Maple Park SE, Olympia WA 98501 at the end of August. [Read more...](#)

WorkFirst Contract Update

In the wake of budget cuts imposed on the state's WorkFirst program by Third Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (3ESSB) 5034, Employment Security (ESD) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have been negotiating a new contract reflecting a 12.5 percent cut that will be retroactive to July 1, 2013. [Read more...](#)

SKIES Service Catalog Shrinks Again!

In response to a request from the field, recent changes were made to the SKIES Services Catalog to reduce the number of core services from 13 to six services. For a summary of the changes and helpful desk aids, click [WIN - 0010 Change 1](#).

Environmental Learning Scan

The ESD Technical Support and Training team (TST) is working with the System Training Practitioner group (WCD/ESD representatives) to develop an environmental learning scan. [Read More...](#)

FFY 2013 Foreign Labor Certification Grant

Washington submitted its FFY 2013 Foreign Labor Certification grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) by the August 15 deadline. [Read more...](#)

We've moved (continued from page 1)

As a result of the move, staff phone numbers will change. Staff email addresses and the mailing address (P.O. Box 9046, Olympia, WA 98507-9046) remain unchanged. For a list of new staff phone numbers, click [here](#).

WorkFirst Contract Update (continued from page 1)

The PY 2013 contract is shaping up as one that establishes a single pay point of \$350 for each participant served. The caseload projection forecast a monthly average caseload of 3,671 for ESD, which would equal to \$15,418,200, though there would be a caseload range of 3,120 to 4,220 within which ESD could operate. Supportive services, in the meantime, could be limited to supports needed to accept employment as opposed to supports needed to pursue employment. Even then, WorkFirst job coaches would need to watch the amount of support provided to individual participants in order to assist as many as possible with the limited funds available.

Environmental Learning Scan (continued from page 1)

The scan is an electronic survey that will assess staff workforce development competencies, system capacity and future needs. Partner and ESD staff, supervisors and managers will have an opportunity to take the survey. We are targeting an early October launch for the survey with responses due two weeks later. The team will then compile the data and prepare a report to share results with the Practioner group. This information will used to develop the system-wide training and technical assistance plan and prioritize development.

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In our state, that activity encompasses H-2A and H-2B application processing done by WCDD, prevailing wage surveys done by LMEA, and housing inspections conducted by the Department of Health and Department of Labor and Industries. Ironically, FFY 2013 covers the period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, which is nearly over. DOL is mindful of this and intends to better align the timing of the award and plan going forward. In the meantime, H-2A activity, in particular, has been strong in Washington with 61 applications (mostly tree fruit, but also vegetable, berry, nursery, sheep, and bees) collectively requesting more than 6,300 temporary foreign workers. There have also been nine H-2B applications for non-agricultural workers to date in this fiscal year.

Rapid Response/WARN Staff Changes

Bob Hughes transitioned from the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program to his former role as a state Rapid Response and WARN coordinator effective August 1. Bob is now flying "solo" as the unit was trimmed to one FTE during the agency restructuring. Bob succeeds Dennis Birge, who retired at the end of June and whose duties were temporarily assumed by Randy Bachman. Sliding in behind Bob as the state TAA coordinator is Sue Keltner, who returns to her former role after a brief assignment with the Re-employment Services Unit.



We want to hear from you!

Send us your comments, concerns or questions. We want this newsletter to reflect our system and welcome your suggestions for future articles. Let us know what you'd like to see!

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