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WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Announcements & Updates

Policy and Guidance Update

WSID recently released WIN 0023, which outlines the requirements related to the management of medical records and disability-related information. Other guidance topics that are currently undergoing research are: Incident Reporting (Fraud and Abuse), Protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), and the Use of Federal funds for Political Activities (including lobbying restrictions). WSID is also developing a plan to update and archive ARRA policies and references listed on Inside WorkSource. If you have any questions please contact WSIDpolicy@esd.wa.gov.

High Skills High Wages Forums

The Workforce Board will be in Spokane on August 1 and in Yakima on August 2 to hold public discussions on its proposed High Skills High Wages 2012 - 2022 strategic plan for Washington's workforce development system. To review the draft plan and comment, see: www.wtb.wa.gov/highskills2012.asp

Demand Decline List on Career Bridge

A regional look at which occupations are in-demand, and which are not, is now available on Career Bridge. The state's Demand-Decline list, maintained by the Employment Security Department in consultation with Workforce Development Councils, provides job counselors and jobseekers an easy way to see what the labor market looks like. The link is: www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Page.aspx?nid=ExploreCareers

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On the Job Training National Emergency Grant (OJT NEG)

The U.S Department of Labor (DOL) awarded Washington with \$1.925 million in two-year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014) supplemental OJT NEG funds. It was less than the \$3 million the state requested. We believe the reduction was due to the Assistant Secretary's concern about recent natural disasters (floods, droughts). WSID Grants Administration and ESD Specialized Accounting Services will host a technical assistance teleconference for local partners to provide guidance on DOL's new NEG budget planning forms. Details on the session will be made available soon.

2012-16 State Integrated Workforce Plan

The State Plan was out for public comment from July 9 – July 23 and was subsequently recommended for Governor approval by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) at its retreat on July 25. The month of August will be spent working with the Governor's staff and US DOL ETA Region 6 courtesy reviewers before securing the Governor's signature and submitting the final plan to the U.S. Department of Labor by September 15.

Data Integrity Visits

WSID's System Performance team, led by Scott Wheeler, visited several workforce development areas around the state in June to discuss program performance and data integrity in the WorkSource System. The team presented information on the use of SKIES in each local area, the impact of various processes on local staff workload, and the performance impacts of providing clients with local services only. The team also shared some ideas around proposed SKIES changes that might help staff more efficiently capture the data they need with fewer errors.

These visits provided valuable insight as the System Performance team works to reduce the list of available statewide services in SKIES from a current high of 145 to a more manageable goal of 50-75. This will also help guide the team in creating data integrity guidelines while longer-term SKIES programming changes are considered by the agency.

If your office would like to schedule a visit or request technical assistance from the System Performance team, please contact [Scott Wheeler](mailto:Scott.Wheeler@esd.wa.gov).

Career Bridge Tip of the Month

Q: How do I view a school's programs in alphabetical order on the Career Bridge website?

- Go to Find Education.
- Click [More Search Options](#) (below main search box).
- This takes you to Advanced Education Search.
- Select a school from the "School/college" drop down box.
- Click the blue "Search" button and view your results.

Got a Career Bridge question? Contact Marina Parr at mparr@wtb.wa.gov