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WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Announcements & Updates

Updated Dashboards Online Now!

The statewide and local area dashboards for first quarter, PY11 are now available on [Inside WorkSource](#). The previous quarters' dashboards have been [archived](#).

Coming Soon: NEG Basics Webinar

Kathy Chatwood will be leading a webinar on National Emergency Grants (NEGs) on January 10th, 2012 from 10-11:30 a.m. This webinar will provide an overview of NEGs in Washington and the process by which they are initiated. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Volunteer Beta Tester Opportunity!

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) is working on some very exciting changes and enhancements to the [Career Bridge website](#) and are looking for case managers to volunteer as site testers for their project! If you or someone you know might be interested in briefly participating in this project near the end of January, please contact Marina Parr at mparr@wtb.wa.gov or 360-586-8679.

Rapid Response Mitigation Information Now Online

The recently-released WorkSource Information Notice (WIN) #0011 regarding the formula distribution of statewide rapid response set-aside funds to the WDCs to support service delivery to dislocated workers in the local areas is now available on the [Statewide Guidance](#) page on Inside WorkSource.

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With this challenging year drawing to a close, we in WSID wish you and yours much joy, peace and success in the New Year!

Highlighting Our State Monitor Advocate: Alberto Isiordia

Migrant seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs) are the backbone of our state's agricultural economy. Their hard labor brings us sustenance – fruits, vegetables, meat, and poultry – all of which we likely will enjoy with family and friends during this holiday season.

Here in WSID, we are often reminded by Alberto Isiordia, our State Monitor Advocate, of the important role MSFWs serve in the vitality of our state and the barriers they face. The U.S. Department of Labor mandates that every state ensure that equitable services are provided to MSFWs in a way that is sensitive to their unique needs. Alberto supports our MSFWs by serving as a liaison between ESD and farmworker advocacy groups, federal agencies, state agencies, and WorkSource System partners.

Alberto recently visited apple orchards around Omak, Wenatchee and Mattawa with the North Central WDA's WorkSource MSFW outreach staff and noted that labor conditions and housing have improved when he compared his observations to what he experienced working in the fields fifteen years ago. Despite the improvements witnessed, Alberto noted, "There is a lot of work that remains to be done. Thankfully, we have great partners that continue to help advance farmworker issues and that remain committed to providing valuable services."

You can read about the [role of the State MSFW Monitor Advocate](#) on the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website. The 2012 MSFW monitoring schedule is available at <http://www.wa.gov/esd/1stop/monitoring.htm>.

Changes to the Chart of Services

This month, the System Performance team released [WorkSource Information Notice \(WIN\) #0010](#), which pertains to the new Services Catalog. This new catalog replaces the Chart of Services and will be the official reference guide for all SKIES services going forward. It will include information about how to use the services, when and how to appropriately record them in SKIES and how the service hierarchy is structured. For more information, visit the new [Services Catalog page](#) on Inside WorkSource.

FISCAL TIP: With quarter's end upon us (December 31, 2011), remember to turn in your required quarterly narrative, expenditure, and participant status reports to your WIA contract manager no later than January 31, 2012.

For your convenience, all three required pieces are now posted on [Inside WorkSource](#).