



Workforce and Employer Support Update

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JOB & CAREER FAIRS

Work Ability Career Exploration & Job Fair

The Department of Workforce Services' USOR team hosted a successful spring Work Ability Career Fair, connecting 420 job seekers and youth with disabilities to 21 local businesses offering current openings and future career exploration. By partnering with regional employers, the event provided a dual-track experience in which job seekers connected with employers about open roles, while youth engaged in meaningful networking to learn about long-term professional possibilities. To further support attendee growth, specialized workshops were provided that focused on essential job development skills and career readiness activities.

Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce Job Fair

Approximately 20 employers and 150 job seekers attended this event to explore local employment opportunities and connect with local businesses. Workforce Services hosted a booth to provide information on resources for job seekers, employment services, training opportunities and additional community support programs.



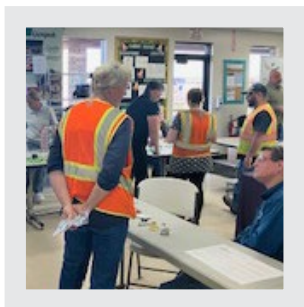
Chamber West Job Fair

Workforce Services partnered with Taylorsville High School to hold the Chamber West Job Fair, with just over 50 employers present. Attendees learned about our job search tools, employment data, available workshops and were given information on creating and managing a job seeker account. Staff also networked with several attending businesses to learn more about their current needs and provided invitations to join our future Virtual Job Fairs.

EMPLOYER SUPPORT

Facility Closure - Employee Transition Services

Following Genpak's announcement that it will close its Cedar City facility, resulting in the loss of 203 jobs, Workforce Services and the Workforce Crisis Response Team (Southern Utah University, Southwest Technical College, Iron County Economic Development, Cedar City Chamber of Commerce and local government partners) mobilized extensive support for affected employees. Staff maintained daily coordination with Genpak and community partners, providing on-site assistance, resume workshops, unemployment and supportive services enrollment and access to jobs.utah.gov through



laptops supplied by the Iron County School District. Multiple on-site career fairs and recruitment events were held, including participation

from more than 20 employers and manufacturers with active job openings in Iron County and surrounding areas. Approximately 150 employees received individualized career assistance during the initial events, and the majority of impacted workers have engaged with available resources.

Basin Business & Leadership Symposium

Workforce Services participated in the recent Basin Business and Leadership Symposium (Vernal). Approximately 80 local community members, including elected officials and employers, attended the event. Our senior regional economist presented an economic overview of the Uintah Basin, covering topics including the projected employment impact of the future Uinta Basin Railway construction.

Small Business Resource Panel

Workforce Services participated with Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Resources Panel with a presentation. Local businesses learned about the available economic data and reimbursement programs, such as youth internship or on-the-job training. The department's main objective was to increase awareness of resources available to businesses statewide.

EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Provo Family Resource Night

Workforce Services participated in the Utah County Children's Justice Center's recent Family Resource Night. Upon entry, attendees' needs were assessed, and they were referred to appropriate community partners based on those needs. Staff answered questions and provided referrals to Workforce Services programs that provide employment support, basic medical and child care for families.

Wasatch Alternative High School

Workforce Services hosted an employer panel at the Park City Employment Center for a group of alternative high school students from Wasatch High School. Approximately 30 students heard from employers representing the hospitality, health care and construction industries to learn about their hiring and

onboarding processes. Staff facilitated a series of questions with the employer panel, after which the students and teachers asked their questions. Students left the event with a greater awareness of how to apply for jobs, what to include on their resumes and helpful points to emphasize in interview settings.

Rural Parent Resource Event

Workforce Services participated in the Union High School (Roosevelt) Parent Resource Event, sharing information and resources available for local families with 14 other community partners. Approximately 100 parents and students attended this event, and the school plans to make this an annual event, hoping to have more organizations present so the community can increase awareness of local services available to families.

VETERANS & MILITARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Richfield Veterans Resource Fair

Workforce Services, in partnership with the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, R6 and local community partners, participated in a recent Veterans Resource Fair. More than 40 attendees were present who were provided information regarding our suite of veterans services and local office points of contact.



APPRENTICESHIPS

New Apprenticeship Programs

The Department of Workforce Services apprenticeship team supported the registration of nine new Registered Apprenticeship programs in five distinct industries (personal care, construction, manufacturing, meat cutting and information technology & security), directly addressing diverse workforce needs and opening new talent pipelines for local employers. These nine new programs are projected to create high-quality career launchpads for 60 new apprenticeships, fostering economic growth and robust workforce development across the state.

Apprentice Recognition

Representatives from the Workforce Services apprenticeship team and the U.S. Department of Labor attended an event held to recognize an outstanding apprentice whose quick thinking recently saved a coworker's life. This apprentice, sponsored through the department's apprenticeship grant, used critical training from the apprenticeship program to successfully intervene during a workplace emergency.



WHAT'S NEXT



View all Workforce Services events by scanning the QR code.

- July 9 - Statewide Workforce Services Virtual Job Fair
- July 15 - Disability:IN Utah Reasonable Accommodation (Disability Law Center)
- August 4 - Disability:IN Utah Special Education Process: Helping the Struggling Student (Utah Parent Center)
- August 25 - Utah Valley Job Fair
- September 1 - Employer Workshop: Hiring & Retaining Individuals with Disabilities
- September 23 & 24 - Uintah Basin Energy Summit (Vernal)
- September 24 - Golden Keys and Disability:IN Utah Summit (Zions Technology Center)
- October 6 - Fall Work Ability Career Fair

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES STATEWIDE

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