



Workforce and Employer Support Update

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2026

JOB & CAREER FAIRS



Eagle Mountain Career and Resource Fair



In response to the recent announcement of the upcoming closure of the Tyson Foods facility in Eagle Mountain, Workforce Services partnered with Eagle Mountain City, the Valley Crossroads Chamber of Commerce, Alpine School District and Tyson to hold a career and resource fair. The event was held at Cedar Valley High School and featured 24 employers and 11 community organizations. Approximately 180 attendees connected directly with hiring companies to explore new employment opportunities. Numerous employers reported they found potential candidates for their positions and provided them with hiring packets on the spot or connected them to complete their online applications. In addition, attendees were able to connect with programs and services from various partners, including food pantries, educational institutions, English as a second language programs, mental health providers and financial wellness resources.

Onsite Recruitments

Recently, Smithfield hosted an onsite recruitment at the Beaver Employment Center. Staff supported the event through advertising and day-of coordination. Smithfield interviewed several individuals for multiple positions. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held an onsite recruitment at the Vernal Employment Center. The onsite recruitment team hosted sessions showing individuals how to create an acceptable federal resume and navigate the federal hiring website. Additionally, over 20 individuals successfully interviewed for the posted vacancies.

Utah Valley Job Fair

Held at the Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo, this event connected 114 employers, representing a variety of industries and employment

opportunities, to approximately 3,600 attendees. Employers could meet directly with job seekers, promote current opportunities, collect resumes, conduct initial screenings and build applicant pipelines. Staff from the Lehi, Provo, and Spanish Fork Employment Centers provided significant employer outreach and engagement leading up to the job fair, including employer recruitment, registration assistance, event logistics, booth coordination and communication.



EMPLOYER SUPPORT

Tyson Foods Layoff Assistance

Rapid Response workshops were held for employees affected by the upcoming Tyson Foods layoffs occurring in October. Two sessions were provided to accommodate the approximately 100 attendees, including one session conducted primarily in Spanish. These sessions provided affected employees with information regarding unemployment benefits, veteran services, employment resources, job opportunities and upcoming events designed to assist them in their transition to new employment. Flyers highlighting current employment opportunities, upcoming job fairs and the physical location of the Lehi Employment Center were provided for additional assistance.

Employer Workshop Highlights Disability Hiring

The Business Relations and Choose to Work team, in partnership with Disability:IN Utah, hosted a successful fall employer workshop on September 1, 2026, at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI) building. This

workshop focused on hiring and retaining individuals with disabilities and brought together 57 business partners from public and private organizations across 29 industries statewide. These workshops serve as a valuable platform for educating employers who are committed to expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Better Your Business Breakfast Seminar



Approximately 70 employers and business professionals attended the “Future-Proof Your People: An Upskilling Playbook for AI-Enabled Companies” presentation on how artificial intelligence is changing the workplace. Workforce Services hosted the event in partnership

with Mountainland Technical College and Central Utah SHRM. It was held at the Payson Campus of Mountainland Technical College. Participants shared practical strategies for identifying workforce skill needs, developing effective upskilling plans, improving employee performance and productivity and helping employees adapt successfully to an AI-enabled workplace.

EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Utah Native American Tribal Consultations

A number of our leadership staff, representing workforce and temporary assistance specializations, participated in the 2026 Native American Summit. Consultation meetings were held individually with tribal leadership from seven tribes. These meetings were designed to hear their needs and provide an overview of available resources and services. Workforce Services will follow up on tribal requests and facilitate handoffs to peer liaisons to assess and assist as available.

Bridgerland Technical College Economic Update

Local leadership and economist staff met with the college president’s administrative team to review opportunities to enhance collaboration. Workforce Services provided a presentation tied to high-growth industries, economic

trends and career projections. The team also demonstrated how to explore workforce data resources at jobs.utah.gov. Apprenticeship prospects for current and emerging fields were discussed as potential partnership connections.

Youth Work Based Learning Experience

A tour with Wheeler Machinery for several Pre-Employment transition students gave them a behind-the-scenes look at how the company operates. They learned how heavy equipment is maintained and repaired and to explore the different career paths and job opportunities available. Experiences like this are a valuable way for students with disabilities to see careers in action and learn about opportunities they may not have considered before.



VETERANS & MILITARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Workforce Services Veterans Conference

Workforce Services recently held its annual Veterans Conference at the State Capitol, with the two-day event providing enhanced training to our state team providing case management and employer support for our military veterans. Five employees were awarded the prestigious Eagle Award in recognition of their services to veterans over the past twelve months, with David Miller receiving the Stars & Stripes Award, the highest honor bestowed, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication in their service to military veterans.

Veterans Coalition (Cedar City Employment Center)

Cedar City Employment Center staff facilitated the Veterans Coalition meeting bringing together representatives from the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA), the American Legion, National Cemetery, Homeless Veterans Fellowship, Southern Utah University, Southwest Technical College, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Marine Corps League and Combat Veterans Motorcycle

Association. Each organization shared updates on current initiatives, upcoming events and available services while also identifying needs where the group's collective expertise and resources could provide support. This collaboration aims to ensure full wraparound services are available to support veterans throughout Southern Utah.



APPRENTICESHIPS

New Apprenticeships Created

Seven new apprenticeship programs have officially registered in Utah, including three supported directly by Workforce Services. This rollout expands local career

opportunities by introducing a brand new state occupation (modular home builder) and securing the headquarters for a newly registered National IT Apprenticeship Program.

Rocky Mountain Gas Association Educational Summit

At the Rocky Mountain Gas Association Educational Summit, our team connected with over 85 HVAC and gas industry employers. The presentation shared how Workforce Services supports local businesses through tailored, no-cost employer services and guides them in establishing and managing Registered Apprenticeship Programs.



WHAT'S NEXT

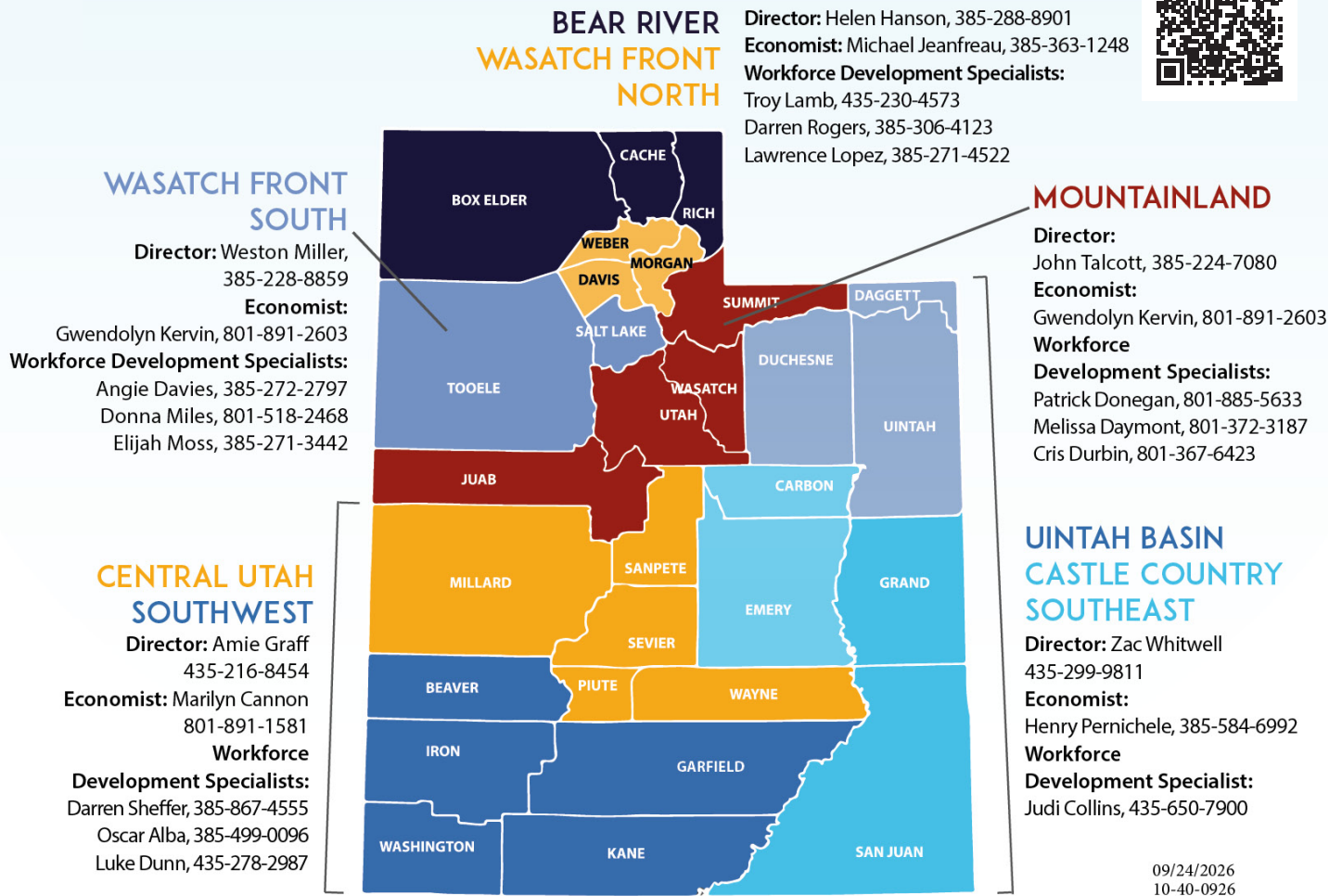


View all Workforce Services events by scanning the QR code.

- October 27, 2026 - Youth Mentoring Event (Goldman Sachs)
- November 5, 2026 - Workforce Services Statewide Virtual Job Fair
- November 13, 2026 - Mission Ready Veterans Benefits Fair (Vernal)
- November 24, 2026 - Carbon High School Career Day (Price)
- January 8, 2027 - Raising Kane Business Summit (Kanab)
- January 14, 2027 - Workforce Services Statewide Virtual Job Fair
- January 14, 2027 - What's Up Down South Economic Summit (St. George)
- February 2027 - Emery High School Career Day (Castle Dale)

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