



THE WORK SHEET

Employment happenings in Utah for our peeps.

The Employment Partnership results in agencies collaborating and coordinating their policies, resources, services, and training to more effectively serve individuals with disabilities to achieve their employment goals.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT MONTH

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Many activities are planned for young adults, families, employers, and community partners.

The Work Ability Career Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 8th to recruit for jobs.

The Medicaid and Working event will be held on October

10th to help families learn how to maintain benefits.

The Golden Key awards, on October 11th honor businesses who employ people with disabilities.

The Disability Etiquette panel on October 15th will answer questions about interacting with people with disabilities.

The What Business Expects

session on October 24th will feature business leaders sharing tips for interviews, resumes, dress, and more.

The From No Where to Know Where training on October 24th will help families prepare for the transition to adulthood.

For details, and to RSVP to attend events, visit <http://www.workabilityutah.org/>.

PROMISE

Utah is part of a six-state consortium to be awarded \$3.2 million through the Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) initiative. In this experimental-design demonstration project, Utah will lead efforts among several agen-

cies in the states to improve employment and other outcomes for youth on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as they prepare for transition to adulthood. Four federal agencies collaborated to provide funding and direction for the initiative.

HEAT

With cooler temperatures, families may need assistance to keep their homes warm. The Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) Program eligibility is up to 150% of the poverty level. For details, visit <http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/seal/heat.html>.

BRIEF UPDATES

- * The Utah Legislative session is approaching. Find out who your representatives are and let them know the issues that are important to your family.
- * The government shutdown has affected WIC,

national parks, contractors for military bases (including people with disabilities), and other employers. Social Security is doing intakes but other services, such as issuing replacement Social Security cards are on hold.

- * The open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act is different and separate from Medicare Open enrollment.
- * Welcome to Ann Silverberg Williamson, the new Executive Director of the Department of Human Services.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE UPDATES

- * Tell the Employment Partnership how the government shutdown is affecting your organization or family.
- * Catholics Can celebration of gifts and contributions by people with disabilities on October 12th, 2:00 pm at St. Ambrose Parish in Salt Lake City.
- * Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together on October 9th 3:30 to 5:30 pm in Brigham City at Bridgerland ATC.
- * Plan for the Future: Transition Workshop on Employment and Education on October 22nd from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Canyons Technical Education Center.
- * The Transition Action Guide workgroup is meeting to update the document.
- * The Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities Reception with Legislators will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Capitol. Details and RSVP at www.lcpdut.org.
- * Congratulations to the Utah Parent Center on their successful 30 Year Celebration and fundraising event.
- * Emergency Preparedness Tips: Keep fuel in your car and have sturdy shoes in case of an evacuation.
- * Next Employment Partnership meeting November 7th.

EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS:

In case you wondered...

- Individuals with disabilities
- Parents and Advocates
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
- USOR Employer Relations
- USOR Benefits Planning
- Department of Workforce Services
- Utah State Office of Education, Special Education
- Division of Services for People with Disabilities
- Division of Medicaid and Health Financing
- Utah Independent Living Council
- Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Division of Community and Family Health Services
- Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Easter Seals
- Utah Parent Center
- Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
- Utah Association of Community Services
- UBET/Chamber of Commerce
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
- USU Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
- Work Ability Utah

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