



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.

RESOURCES: GETTING TO THE RIGHT PLACE WITH THE FEWEST CALLS

Leah will lead a team to review existing resource lists. The goal is to provide a quick reference sheet to front-line staff of contacts related to disability and employment. The team will evaluate these to determine if they meet the need we've identified. No list

will have everything, but the goal is to get consumers to the best place in the fewest number of calls. The team will work to reduce duplication. To join this project team, call Leah at (801) 538-7964. Email your lists to cruddell@utah.gov.



Info and fun items for business!

ACRONYM MANIA JEOPARDY

Do you ever think that government employees speak a different language when they talk about EPAS, IPEs, OJT, PWDNET, and WIPA? Well, Work Ability Utah has a fun and informative game to help you learn about all those acronyms: Acronym Mania

Jeopardy. The Employment Partnership members played a fun round of the game at the March meeting and learned a few things. Double Jeopardy is in April! Contact Carol to schedule a fun training session for your organization, staff, and consumers.

TAG'S A HIT!

Parents and teachers are praising the TAG project from the Partnership! USOE and other agencies report it's being widely used. See the USOE website for the most current version. Plans include developing an accessible version for people who are blind or visually impaired.

UPDATES FOR ALL

Several bills are in various stages in the legislative process, including HB 17 Amendments to Programs for People with Disabilities. A summary will be provided after the legislative session. To find more bills or contact a legislator, visit www.le.utah.gov.

The Utah State Office of Education is monitoring American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Funding as local school districts use the funds for technology, training, and other projects. For details, see the menu at <http://schools.utah.gov>.

Work Ability Utah has a work group working to improve employment options for individuals with mental illnesses. Progress is being made on a pilot project to provide greater opportunities using existing resources including Ticket To Work.

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
- 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
- Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow
- Work Ability Utah

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Representative Payee SSI Training continues with the March 18th session in Cedar City. RSVP to 801-887-9529.
- * Miss Wheelchair Utah is available for presentations. For details, see: www.mswheelchairutah.org.
- * The Family Links Conference, hosted by the Utah Parent Center, will be on March 19-20, 2010. For details and registration, see: www.utahparentcenter.org.
- * The Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow Project will have an event for youth/young adults on March 31, 2010. For details, see: <http://blt.cpd.usu.edu/>.
- * Work Ability Utah and USOR will host a Job Fair on April 13, 2010. For details, see: www.workabilityutah.org.
- * Utah Career Days for students will be on April 14-15, 2010. For details, see: www.workabilityutah.org.
- * Special Olympics is looking for volunteers for an event. Contact michaelg@usdb.org.
- * A 6-week course on Living With Autism is open for limited enrollment. Contact Rick Cobia for details.
- * USOE Transition Conference: April 29, 2010 in Provo.

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