Transportation Project News

Big Changes at DSPD—Work Ability Job Fair April 13, 2010

Upcoming events:

People with Disabilities

The Legislative Coalition for people on the waiting list. Supported employment for 400 attendees. Was a great success with over 400 attendees.

Driver training and fuel purchases areas where resources could be shared. A Mobility Manager will be hired in the next few months to work with the Council to develop strategies. Individuals who want to access paratransit are encouraged to contact the Utah Transit Authority for testing or a local group to determine rural resources. Fixed route buses should be accessible for wheelchairs. For more details about this long-term project, visit http://www.wfrc.org/.

Brief Updates

The Family Links Conference was a great success with over 400 attendees.

DSDP received $150,000 for supported employment for people on the waiting list.

The Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities (LCPD) is available for advocacy workshop training.

The Transition Action Guide is being used by educators, see: www.schools.utah.gov/sars/.

Got an update for the Work Sheet? Email Carol Ruddell.

Effective April 1, 2010, an administrative change allows Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to place students in an interrupted status while they serve humanitarian or religious missions. Enrolled students stay enrolled and resume their cases when they start school again.

HB 17 Passed

House Bill 17 established the Alternative State Application Program (ASAP) to allow appointing qualified persons with disabilities to open, State hard-to-fill jobs. An examination period is included before the standard probationary period begins.

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
ISU Center for Persons with Disabilities
Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
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Work Ability Utah

Upcoming Events:

* Work Ability Job Fair April 13, 10 am to 2 p.m., Sanderson Center; workshops on SSI/SSDI/Medicaid, interviewing, and more; see: www.workabilityutah.org.

* Big Changes at DSPD—Update meetings April 21 Vernal, April 22 Price, call: 801-538-4182.

* USOR & Work Ability Health Care and Working webinars. Part 1: Medicaid April 22, 3:00 p.m. Part 2: Medicare and More May 19, 3:00 p.m., RSVP: 801-887-9529.

* USOE Elements of Transition Conference April 29 & 30 in Provo; BLT Young Adults provide keynote panel; see: http://bit.cpdu.us.gov/.

* LCPD’s Heroes on the Hill Luncheon May 18, 1:00 p.m., see: www.lcpdut.org/

* Utah Assistive Technology Foundation’s Business Planning Webinars May 19 & 26, 2010, 3:00 p.m., contact: lois.summers@usu.edu, 435-797-2025, toll free 800-524-5152.

* Special Olympics is looking for volunteers for an event. Contact michaelg@usdb.org.

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