



THE WORK SHEET

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.

Employment happenings in Utah for our peeps.

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL: TRANSPORTATION PROJECT NEWS

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is a partner in the Wasatch Front Mobility Management Project studying transportation issues that affect consumers including people with disabilities. The group is working to coordinate transportation resources.

Driver training and fuel purchases are 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/>.

USOR: BUDGET, BUILDING, VR CHANGES

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation budget cuts were not as much as expected this year, but the cuts have been millions since 2008. A current concern is the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, approximately 20% of their budget that is matched with

80% federal funds. If state funds are cut, USOR risks losing federal funds. As part of cost-saving measures, USOR is building two apartment buildings for DSBVI that will house trainees rather than pay a local motel monthly rental. 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.

BRIEF UPDATES

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

DSPD 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.

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
 - USU Center for Persons with Disabilities
 - Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
 - Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow
 - Work Ability Utah

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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://blt.cpd.usu.edu/>.
- * 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.
- * Got an event for the Work Sheet? Email Carol Ruddell.