



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.

EREP: THE ELECTRONIC RESOURCE & ELIGIBILITY PRODUCT—DWS'S NEW SYSTEM!

Steve Cuthbert, Assistant Deputy Director at the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) discussed eREP. This web-based electronic system replace a 20-year-old DOS system. One key benefit is it applies the policies to determine if the customer is eligible for any of the 70 possible

services. Other improvements include automated reminders and mailings for customers. Staff received long hours of training to be able to use the web-based system. But as with any new and complex multi-product system, there

are still bugs to be worked out. With difficult economic times and fewer staff, challenges exist with longer wait and benefits processing times. Efforts are being made to improve accuracy and quality. Watch for more next year!

PARTNER'S ROUNDTABLE

The Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) received new funds for Supported Employment (SE). Data matches found individuals on the DSPD waiting list and in Vocational Rehabilitation services, who may be eligible for SE.

Utah State University submitted a grant for a Family Support Center and recently provided employment training. DSPD service brokers are working with Globus Relief Fund help make equipment available for purchase.

DWS is working to replace their representative on the Employment Partnership. A special Mass will be September 4 at 2 PM at the Cathedral of the Madeleine to celebrate the gifts and contributions of people with disabilities. All are welcome to attend.

WORK GROUPS

The interagency Self-employment Work Group is looking at agency forms to improve consistency and correctness for clients. They are finding supports for book-keeping and tax preparation. The interagency Mental Health Work Group is devel-

oping more options for mental health centers to become job coaches, employers, and employment networks through Ticket To Work. In related news, the PASSAGES mental health grant covers San Juan and Tooele Counties and deals with youth transition to adulthood issues.

LEGISLATIVE

Before elections this fall, learn about the candidates and vote for those that support the ideas, services, and values that you support. Budgets, philosophies, and government services will be decided by those public servants that you elect in November. Your vote counts!

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

Employment Partnership

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * October is Disability Awareness Month. What events do you want? What events are you offering? Call Carol at (801) 887-9388 to get on the calendar!
- * August 19, 2010. Join the ADA Celebration and Reception for Senator Hatch. Call (877) 246-9675.
- * August 25, 2010. Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow Healthy Lifestyles event .
- * September 14, 2010. The Employer Workshop.
- * October 5, 2010. Brain Injury Association of Utah Conference. (801) 484-2240
- * October 8, 2010. Golden Key Awards. Nominate and attend. Call Leslee at (801) 887-9392.
- * October 12, 2010. Work Ability Job Fair.
- * October 21, 2010. Disability Mentoring Day. Call Leslee at (801) 887-9392.
- * The Utah Parent Center has more upcoming events at: www.utahparentcenter.org.
- * Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell.
- * Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events.
- * Next Employment Partnership meeting September 2.