



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.

UTAH POOLED SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

Turn Community Services took over administration of the Utah Pooled Special Needs Trust from the ARC of Utah, when it closed its doors. One advantage of belonging to the special needs trust, or having a trust, is that the trust funds are not counted as assets by Social Security or Medi-

caid and do not affect benefits. The benefits of the Pooled Trust are that the trust already exists and the legal work has already been done, making for a much faster process at great cost-savings. Initial deposits can be as little as \$1,500 and fees depend on the deposit amount. Funds

are distributed directly to a vendor, not the individual, and pay for supplemental needs such as medical equipment or education. Funds do not pay for room, board, or medical costs covered by other benefits. For more information, visit <http://utahpooledtrust.org>.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides food with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Utah Dept. of Health subcontracts with local food banks for distribution. CSFP covers children from ages 1 to 6 to cover the gap between age 5 and up to

starting school. Individuals on WIC are not eligible. Individuals on food stamps meet income eligibility. Seniors and pregnant women are also eligible. Citizenship is not an eligibility factor. Food is provided in a monthly food box. A person may designate a proxy to pick up the food box,

so staff for a person with a disability may pick up the box. The box includes foods staples such as canned fruits, vegetables and meats; cheese; rice; spaghetti; peanut butter; and dried beans. For more details, call Maureen Richardson at 801-538-6026.

BRIEF UPDATES

Vocational Rehabilitation is funding two new positions for benefits planning with one in Brigham City and one in St. George.

A Ticket-To-Work Summit will be provided on September 28th in St. George with the morning for employers and

the afternoon for beneficiaries.

A new process is being developed for job postings through Vocational Rehabilitation that will enable better searching.

The Utah Parent Center has a survey for families at www.utahparentcenter.org.

LEGISLATIVE

Before elections this fall, talk to the candidates and learn about their platforms and plans. Their support for government services makes a difference since budgets for services for people with disabilities will be decided by the 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Watch for the annual Work Ability Utah Newsletter (electronic and hard copy) and Events for October Disability Employment Awareness Month!!
- * Employer Workshop, September 14th.
- * Brain Injury Conference, October 5th.
- * WISE Seminars, October 5th and 12th.
- * Golden Key Awards, October 8th. Nominations are still needed.
- * Work Ability Job Fair, October 12th.
- * Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together, October 19th.
- * Legislative Advocacy, October 20th.
- * Disability Mentoring Day, October 21st.
- * AgrAbility Workshop, October 22nd to 23rd.
- * Nuts and Bolts of Social Security, October 26th.
- * People First Regional Conference, October 28th.
- * Alliance for Full Participation's Real Jobs, Real Lives, October 27th.
- * Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell. Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events, www.workabilityutah.org.

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