



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.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND UTAH

Nate Checketts, Assistant Division Director of the Division of Medicaid and Health Financing at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) provided an overview of how health care reform laws will impact Utah.

As new rules take effect, peo-

ple under age 65 and below 133% of federal poverty level will be Medicaid eligible. In January 2014, mandatory expansion of Medicaid begins and includes foster care children being covered until age 25. By 2021, Utah is expected to provide the match of approximately \$150 million.

Incentives will support more community services to go with long term care services.

Utah's Health Exchange will be impacted. A new Money Follows the Person grant is being investigated.

For more information contact Mr. Checketts at 801-538-6043.

ANNUAL POST HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Susan Loving, Transition Educational Specialist in Special Education at the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) provided an overview of the 2010 survey of students who exited high school in 2008-09.

The survey examined a sample of youth that had IEP's

and asked about employment or enrollment in post secondary education. The survey included all school districts. The low rate of 10% response, unfortunately, doesn't allow for generalization of the results.

About 60% of former students

have been employed for 90 days in the year since leaving school; 88% in integrated settings. Those who aged out were least likely to be employed. 36% are involved in some type of education or training. To view the survey: www.utahposthighsurvey.org

BRIEF UPDATES

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Attend events and show your support.

Look for the Think Beyond the Label Campaign digital ads on websites including KSL news, Fox 13 and others.

The Utah State Office of Reha-

ilitation reported that 3,486 of their clients became employed in Fiscal Year 2010 (up 10% from 2009).

When you send out the Work Ability Newsletter and list of events, please let Carol know how many people received them.

LEGISLATIVE

Get out and vote in November. 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. 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:

- * Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together, October 19th.
- * Legislative Advocacy, October 20th.
- * Disability Mentoring Day, October 21st.
- * AgrAbility Workshop, October 22nd to 23rd.
- * Transition Round Tables October 26th in Salt Lake City and October 28th in Cedar City.
- * Nuts and Bolts of Social Security, October 26th.
- * Alliance for Full Participation's Real Jobs, Real Lives, October 27th.
- * People First Regional Conference, October 28th.
- * Davis County Transition Fair November 4th
- * The Utah Parent Center has more upcoming events at: www.utahparentcenter.org. Save the date for Family Links Conference, March 25-26, 2011. Sessions and sponsorship are still available.
- * Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell. Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events, www.workabilityutah.org.
- * Next Employment Partnership meeting, November 4th.