



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.

HOUSING-HOUSING-HOUSING

Robert Snarr and Chris Nguyen presented "General Guidelines, Helpful Hints and Delightful Details"

Three aspects of housing discussed included rental, home ownership and accessibility/energy assistance.

Across the state, there are 19 Housing Authority offices. Each is creative in pursuit of HUD funding.

It is crucial to make certain people are not only on the waiting list(s) but also that they verify they are maintained on the waiting lists. Lists are occasionally purged, it was recommended that individuals

check their status every nine months or so. Though administered separately, you can be on multiple waiting lists at one time.

Most Federal programs charge 30% of adjusted gross income for rent.

Household size also factors into housing assistance.

Types of housing assistance include Public Housing, Moderate Rehabilitation Program, Section 8, Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS.

Section 8 has the longest waiting list most likely be-

cause the housing is portable, "attached to the person". Homeless or near homeless individuals should contact the Road Home, Community Action Program or Catholic Community Services.

Final note of importance is that any letters of request are dated and ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS require a quick response, typically just ten days.

See the Minutes for more details. Also contact Christine Nguyen (801) 538-4436 or Robert Snarr (801) 538-4080 for further information.

BRIEF UPDATES

Watch for the 2011 "Life in Utah". Work Ability Utah has a full page Think Beyond The Label ad!

Medicaid Work Incentive evaluation report is ready for release. See www.workabilityutah.org

The "Going to Work Social Security Guide" has been dis-

tributed to secondary special education teachers across the state.

Changes in leadership at Social Security, DSPD, UDOH and USU all reported today.

Don Beckwith from Easter Seals spoke briefly about their employment related senior services

LEGISLATIVE

LCPD Legislative Reception February 2. Watch for more info to come.

Committee restructuring has resulted in a new committee, the Social Services Committee, which will hear UDOH, DHS, USOR and DHS.

Follow the session at www.le.state.ut.us

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
- Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Easter Seals
- 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
- Work Ability Utah

Employment Partnership

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Outdoor Retailers Winter Market January 19-22
- * Alliance for Full Participation to increase employment in Utah, January 25
- * LCPD Legislative Reception, February 2 Be sure to RSVP early to
- * Customized Employment February 23 Logan RSVP to (887) 246-9675
- * Employer Workshop ,March 8. Contact Leah Lobato at (801) 538-7964
- * Save the date! Family Links Conference, March 25-26, 2011.
- * Job Fair, April 12
- * Customized Employment April 20 Price RSVP
- * 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, www.workabilityutah.org.
- * **Next Employment Partnership meeting, February 3rd.**