



# 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.*

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE UPDATES!

### Legislative Updates

Get ready for the session . . . to end

HB240 Employment First Priority Sponsored by Ronda Menlove—Passed. Involves DWS, USOR and DSPD

HB211 Community Service

Medicaid Pilot Program Sponsored by Ronda Menlove—Passed.

SB67S01 Annual Eye Exam for Children in GK-3 Sponsored by Luz Robles—Passed Senate and House . Increases age from 7 to 8 for screening

HB230S01 Disability Amend-

ments sponsored by Paul Ray—Passed

HB459 Education Interpretation Svcs. For Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students — Abandoned

Follow the progress of these (and /or any other) bills at <http://le.utah.gov>

## AND THE REST OF THE UPDATES . . .

The Self Employment Work Group reports increased momentum as they remove road-blocks especially with respect to necessary forms that may not be asking correct questions.

Updated HEAT information with reduction in benefits call 2-1-1 for your local HEAT office or visit the website at <http://housing.utah.gov/seal/>

Think Beyond the Label—Carol is now the first point of contact for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant TBTL national marketing campaign. They are working to build a better response system to businesses.

March 8th Employer Workshop at DSBVI is at capacity for the event with employers from Logan to Provo attending.

Leah Lobato told us about her trip to Washington DC where they met with Kareem Dale, special assistant to President Obama on disability affairs and the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Utah received very positive feedback.

Kathy West Evans, Business Relations Specialist for the Council State Administrators for Vocational Rehabilitation will be in Utah later this month. She will meet with

local leaders of national businesses and provide VR staff with a greater understanding of their vision.

DWS South County (Taylorsville) is opening a Job Ready Customers Boutique. Needed items include interview and business/casual professional clothing for men and women (good condition and clean), accessories and hangers. Will help customers who are job ready and serve as a Tier 2 worksite for job training. Fun clothing is also welcome. Contact Linda 801-269-4857 or Annie 801-269-4731 at the Workforce Service Office for drop off locations or more details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* March 17 & 18 Symposium on Transition for Students with Autism Utah State Office of Education. Contact Susan Loving at [susan.loving@schools.utah.gov](mailto:susan.loving@schools.utah.gov)
- \* Family Links Conference is almost here. March 25 & 26. For details on this and more upcoming events from

the Utah Parent Center: [www.utahparentcenter.org](http://www.utahparentcenter.org).

- \* April 12 Work Ability Job Fair at the Sanderson Center. Contact Leah Lobato at [leahlobato@utah.gov](mailto:leahlobato@utah.gov)
- \* Upcoming Customized Employment Trainings April 20 in Price and May 18 in St. George RSVP to [esimon@utah.gov](mailto:esimon@utah.gov)

- \* Next Employment Partnership meeting, April 7.
- \* **Visit to Runway Ruby's postponed til May 5!**
- \* Have an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell.
- \* Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events. [www.workabilityutah.org](http://www.workabilityutah.org)

### 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

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