



# 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.*

## Partnership In Employment Systems Change

PARC with NISH is writing for a new 5-year grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. This grant focuses on transition aged youth. At first read this it appears to mesh the Employment First initiative in Utah. NISH will do the evaluation piece. Mandatory partners

include UDDC, DSPD., USOE and USOR. Other agencies who have signed on include DWS, DLC, and CPD through USU. The application deadline is 8/15/11. Look for additional details soon.

For further information contact Ken Naegle

## Accessible Parking PSA's

The Disability Rights Action Committee in collaboration with KUTV Channel 2 have produced three 15-second clips on appropriate use of accessible parking and maintaining access to vehicles utilizing accessible parking spaces. View their website at <http://www.disabledrightsaction.org>

## MANY, MANY UPDATES

Thanks to everyone who helped bail Leah out of jail! Leah raised over \$1500 for MDA!!

**Employment First Priority Work Group**—The Work Group has come to an overall agreement among stakeholders about the plan. There's still more work "in the weeds" for implementation.

**USOE** is working on a state strategic plan for special education transition. Top priority on survey of educators was for more professional development. Areas of greatest concern are job development and availability of training.

**LCPD** has new officers.

**Golden Key Awards** [www.goodworkutah.com](http://www.goodworkutah.com) Carol will send out nomination forms.

**Mental Health Work Group**—VMH Tooele is working to be a Community Rehabilitation Provider. Next stop for the Work Group is San Juan Mental Health in October!

**TracFone** is a legitimate offer—Max of 250 minutes per month with rollover and other options. <http://www.tracfone.com>

**PARTNER WITH 501 C (3) NEEDED** for Outdoor Retailer Show this Winter. Unless you are a non-profit, they are now

## PWDNET

Since July 2005 a focused effort to "build the business side" of PWDNET has brought a steady increase in partners. Job postings in CY11 Q2 alone totaled 12,896 jobs! Sources in the listserv include, AJE, federal jobs, Maximus, NET, PWDNET. Additional postings come via the DWS job postings. See Leah for more info!

charging to be in "Advocate Alley" where Business Relations Specialists distribute information about the NET and PWDNET to Utah business. Call Sharon to help!

**Michigan VR and MIG** colleagues visit 8/15 -16. to learn about partnering in Utah and PWDNET

## 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* 8/11 10 a.m. Hayden Rhudy from Senator Hatch's office at DSBVI 250 N 1950 W, SLC
- \* 9/13 Employer Workshop Leah and Sharon
- \* 9/28 and 29 Rocky Mountain Conference on Access and Functional Needs—Rich Foster

- \* **OCTOBER—DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**—Send Carol ideas!!
- \* 10/7 Golden Key Awards
- \* 10/11 Work Ability Job and Career Preparation Fair, Partners, donors and supporters needed Leah and Sharon
- \* 10/27 Ogden Disability Men-

toring Day at the Ogden Standard Examiner, SLC date TBA

- \* Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events, [www.workabilityutah.org](http://www.workabilityutah.org).
- \* Next Employment Partnership meeting, Sept. 1, 2011

## Employment Partnership

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